



CHRIST CHURCH
VERO BEACH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

November 16, 2025 | 10:30AM

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Please observe a prayerful silence before the service.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The liturgy provided here is from the *ACNA Book of Common Prayer* 2019.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Glorify Thy Name

1. Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name. Glorify Thy Name.
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
2. Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name. Glorify Thy Name.
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
3. Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.
Glorify Thy Name. Glorify Thy Name.
Glorify Thy Name in all the earth.

words: Donna Adkins
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon, and stars of light, (*Refrain*)
3. For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight, (*Refrain*)
4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, (*Refrain*)

words: F. S. Pierpoint, alt.
music: *Dix*, Conrad Kocher;

THE ACCLAMATION

The People standing:

CELEBRANT	Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
PEOPLE	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Jesus said: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

THE KYRIE

CELEBRANT	Lord, have mercy upon us.
PEOPLE	Christ, have mercy upon us.
CELEBRANT	Lord, have mercy upon us.

SONG OF PRAISE

Give Thanks to a Grateful Heart

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A Reading from **Malachi 3:13-4:6**

Pew Bible pg. 802-803

¹³ “Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷ “They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

^{4:1} “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the

wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts. ⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.” (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

A responsive reading of **Psalm 98**

BCP pg. 397

¹ O sing unto the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.

² With his own right hand and with his holy arm, *
he has won for himself the victory.

³ The Lord declared his salvation; *
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight
of the nations.**

⁴ He has remembered his mercy and truth toward the house
of Israel, *
**and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation
of our God.**

⁵ Show yourselves joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

⁶ Praise the Lord with the harp; *
sing with the harp a psalm of thanksgiving.

⁷ With trumpets also and horns, *
O show yourselves joyful before the Lord, the King.

⁸ Let the sea make a noise, and all that is in it, *
the round world, and those who dwell therein.

⁹ Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills be joyful
together before the Lord, *

for he has come to judge the earth.

¹⁰ With righteousness shall he judge the world, *
and the peoples with equity

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from **2 Thessalonians 3:6-16**

Pew Bible pg. 990

⁶ Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹ It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹² Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴ If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵ Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother. ¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. (ESV)

READER The Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Higher Ground

I'm pressing on the upward way,
new heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground,"

*Refrain: Lord, lift me up and let me stand
by faith on heaven's tableland;
a higher plane that I have found.
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

My heart has no desire to stay
where doubts arise and fears dismay;
tho' some may dwell where these abound,
my prayer, my aim is higher ground. *(Refrain)*

I want to live above the world,
tho' Satan's darts at me are hurled;
for faith has caught the joyful sound,
the song of saints on higher ground. *(Refrain)*

THE GOSPEL

DEACON The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
PEOPLE **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Luke 21:5-19

Pew Bible pg. 880-881

⁵ And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ⁷ And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "See that

you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them. ⁹ And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹² But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives. (ESV)

DEACON The Gospel of the Lord.
PEOPLE **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn continues

4. I want to scale the utmost height
and catch a gleam of glory bright;
but still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, lead me on to higher ground." (*Refrain*)

*Refrain: Lord, lift me up and let me stand
by faith on heaven's tableland;
a higher plane that I have found.
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.*

words: Johnson Oatman, jnr.
music: Charles H. Gabriel

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying “hear our prayer” following each petition read aloud.

LITANIST	Lord, in your mercy,
PEOPLE	hear our prayer.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution over the People

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

CELEBRANT The peace of the Lord be always with you.

PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

OFFERTORY

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Doxology (*Old Hundredth*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CELEBRANT All things come from you, O Lord,
PEOPLE **And of your own have we given you.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CELEBRANT The Lord be with you.
PEOPLE **And with your spirit.**
CELEBRANT Lift up your hearts.
PEOPLE **We lift them up to the Lord.**
CELEBRANT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
PEOPLE **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People sing

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might, (repeat)
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (repeat)
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest (repeat).

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

CELEBRANT Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

PEOPLE Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

1. He is Lord

He is Lord, He is Lord. He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

You are Lord, You are Lord. You are risen from the dead, and You are Lord.
Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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2. Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Refrain*)

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THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

CELEBRANT Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Great is the Lord

- 1 Great is the Lord, he is holy and just;
by his power we trust in his love.
Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;
by his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,
now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord (*repeat*)

Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are you, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

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DISMISSAL

DEACON Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

PEOPLE **Thanks be to God.**

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