

CHRIST CHURCH

VERO BEACH

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The Ascension
June 1, 2025

10:30 A.M.

Voluntary Trumpet Tune H. Purcell

Call to Worship

1. We thank You for Your kindness, we thank You for Your love, we've been in heav'nly places, felt blessings from above; we've been sharing all the good things, the fam'ly can afford, let's just turn our praise t'ward heaven and praise the Lord.

Refrain: Let's just praise the Lord,
praise the Lord!
Let's just lift our hands t'ward heaven
and praise the Lord;
Let's just praise the Lord,
praise the Lord!

Let's just lift our hands t'ward heaven and praise the Lord.

2. Just the precious name of Jesus is worthy of our praise,
Let us bow our knee before Him, our hands to heaven raise;
when He comes in clouds of glory, with Him to ever reign,
let's lift our happy voices,
and praise His dear Name.

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Processional Hymn (sung by all, standing)

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
- 4. Crown him of lords the Lord, who over all doth reign, who once on earth, the incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing

their songs before him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King.

5. Crown him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns, as thrones before him fall, crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is King of all.

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Opening Acclamation

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before: who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

16. As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. 17. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." 18. And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. 19. But when her owners saw that their hope of gain was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers. 20. And when they had brought them to the magistrates, they said, "These men are Jews, and they are disturbing our city. 21. They advocate customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to accept or practice." 22. The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders

to beat them with rods. 23. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. 24. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26. and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27. When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29. And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30. Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31. And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32. And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 (sung)

Refrain: Clap your hands all you people

Shout unto God with a voice of triumph

Clap your hands all you people
Shout unto God with a voice of praise
Hosanna hosanna
Shout unto God with a voice of triumph
Praise Him praise Him
Shout unto God with a voice of praise

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- 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.
 - 3 He shall subdue the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loved. (*Refrain*)
- 5 God has gone up with a shout of triumph, * the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
- 6 O sing praises, sing praises unto our God; * O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. (Refrain)
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; * think upon his mighty acts and praise him with a song.
 - 8 God reigns over the nations; * God sits on his holy throne. (Refrain)

Epistle

- 10. And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." 12. "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." 14. Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.
- 16. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." 17. The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. 18. I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19. and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. 20. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (sung by all, standing)

- his the scepter, his the throne;
 Alleluia! his the triumph,
 his the victory alone;
 Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
 thunder like a mighty flood;
 Jesus out of every nation
 hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2. Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how: though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Holy Gospel

John 17:20-26

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

20. Jesus said, "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21.** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22.** The glory that you

have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23. I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them." (ESV)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(sequence continues)

4. Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

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Sermon

The Exhortation

The Celebrant then says to the People

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that this Candidate, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to this Candidate that which by nature she cannot have.

The Presentation

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Then the Candidates who are unable to answer for themselves are presented. individually by their Godparents and Sponsoring Parents, using full names, as follows

I present Ava Marie Szatmary to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

When the following promises are made by Godparents and Sponsoring Parents of infants or young children, the Celebrant addresses them

Today, on behalf of this child, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that this child is taught, as soon as she is able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. Shee must come to put her faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When she has embraced all these, she is to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that she may publicly claim the Faith for her own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents

I am, the Lord being my helper.

Profession of Faith

The Celebrant then examines the Godparents and Sponsoring Parents who will speak on behalf of infants or young children, saying

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces

of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly

deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the

creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that

draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

The Celebrant prays over the Candidate and may anoint the Candidate with the Oil of Exorcism, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your

Lord and Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in

the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer I do.

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and

commandments, and walk in them all the days of

your life?

Answer I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Celebrant then addresses the Congregation, first inviting them to stand.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

The Congregation responds

We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with this Candidate to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

People I do.

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I do.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Litany for the Candidate

The Deacon may say

Let us now pray for Ava who is to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

That Ava may come to confess his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That Ava may continue in the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That Ava may continue in the apostles' teaching

and the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That Ava may walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which she has been called, ever growing in faith and all heavenly virtues.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That Ava may persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever she falls into sin, repent and return to the Lord.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That Ava may proclaim by word and deed the Good News of God in Christ Jesus to a lost and broken world.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That as a living member of the Body of Christ, Ava may grow up in every way into him who is the head.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

That, looking to Jesus, Ava may run with endurance the race set before her, and at the last receive the unfading crown of glory.

We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

Prayer for the Candidate

The Celebrant now prays for the Candidate as follows

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, refiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon this your servant. Wash and sanctify her through your Holy Spirit, that she may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, she may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

If there is a procession to the baptismal font, a psalm, anthem, or hymn may be sung.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, pours the water for Baptism.

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

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are made regenerate by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Here the Celebrant touches the water and says

Now, Father, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit. May all who are baptized here be cleansed from sin, be born again, and continue for ever faithful in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Celebrant may say to the Sponsors

Name this Child.

Then the Celebrant immerses the Candidate or pours water upon the Candidate three times, saying

Ava, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Celebrant makes the sign of the Cross upon the forehead of the newly baptized (and may use the Oil of Chrism to do so), saying

Ava, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When the candidate has been baptized and signed the Celebrant says

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, received her as your own child by adoption, made her a member of your holy Church, and raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that she may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Celebrant continues

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and **People**

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.

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

Offertory Let all the world in every corner sing Calvin Hampton

Doxology

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

Celebrant: All things come from you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.

Great Thanksgiving (Remain standing)

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.

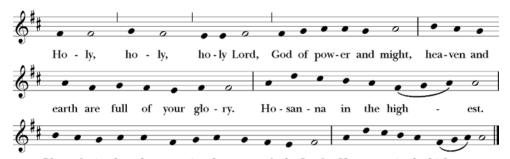
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory.

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



Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

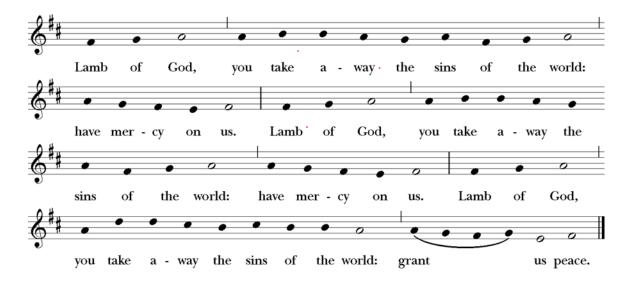
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 (sung by all)



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.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the new that God is in our land. (Refrain)

We will work with each other, We will work side by side, we will work with each other, We will work side by side, and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. (Refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, and all praise to the Spirit who make us one. (Refrain)

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2.

Refrain: Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways everlasting.

Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand. Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, Keeping me from harm. (Refrain)

Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heavens you are there; If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, Still I'd find you there. (Refrain)

You know my heart and its ways, You who formed me before I was born in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun in my mother's womb. (Refrain)

Marvelous to me are your works; How profound are your thoughts, my Lord, Even if I could count them, They number as the stars, you would still be there. (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

- 1. All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
- 2. Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3. Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!

6. Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of

the Holy Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

Toccata in F

D. Buxtehude

Worship Team

Ushers: Jim Reamy, III, Tim Longden, Fred Malik, Jr., Chuck Shippee

Lector: Deacon Debra Gordon

EMs: Ingrid Young
Organ/Piano: Brady Johnson

Choir: Dcn. Kim Allen, Mary Earman, Charles Hansen, Rudolf Radocy,

Wanda Lathom-Radocy, Paul Skaggs, Harriet Yemm

Guitar: James Westberry

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CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Lord, Savior and Chief Shepherd Jesus Christ Ministers Every Member of Christ Church

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Announcements and Information June 1 – June 7, 2025

CONNECT WITH CHRIST CHURCH

Use the Connect and RSVP cards to provide updates and sign up for events, request information, or contact the clergy. Please place them in the offering plate or leave them with an usher. The Communicator is our parish newsletter sent via email; let us know if you wish to subscribe. For other ways to connect with our parish family and find a place to belong, contact Deacon Deb at DGordon@christchurchvero.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

- 1. Adult Sunday School: Comfortable Words: To June 8, Sundays, 9:00am in the Community Center with Fr. Hunter Van Wagenen.
- 2. Summer Bible Study: Prayer Portions: June 4 Aug. 27 (13 weeks). Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am in the Community Center. Melissa McCullough will lead the class. Register in the Narthex and/or contact Melissa for more information.
- 3. Adult Bible Study: Will resume in the Fall, on Thursdays, 7:30am in the Community Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 1: Annual Baby Bottle Campaign. Through to Father's Day. All donations go to the Care Net Pregnancy Center. Bottles are available in the Welcome Center.

Ongoing: Occasional Drivers Needed: We are still in need of church drivers. There are a few members who wish to attend church on Sunday mornings but have no transportation. They live nearby the church (less than 10 minutes). If you can provide a monthly ride, contact Stephanie Toperzer in the Parish Office.

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATIONS:

The Church altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bob and Elaine Hameister, from Larry and Jan Lauffer

To donate altar flowers as a dedication, please contact Shari in the Church Office, including the date, honoree, and any flower preferences (subject to availability). People may sponsor the altar flower arrangements on specific Sundays for a suggested donation of \$35. The funds are used by the Flower Guild to purchase the supplies and flowers needed each week. To make your donation, dedication, and payment, or for more information, contact Shari.

NURSERY CARE:

Nursery care is available during the 10:30am service for infants through age 3. Children ages 3 and up will worship with their families at 10:30am and be excused for a children's lesson during the sermon. Parents who need to tend to a child's needs during the service are welcome to use the cry room in the back where you can still watch and hear the service; the room is accessed from the narthex.

ANGLICANS FOR LIFE:

Anglicans for Life at Christ Church offers real help and support for pregnant mothers whose preborn baby is diagnosed with a medical problem. Please call CareNet at 772-569-7939 for an appointment to discuss resources specific to this special situation Monday through Wednesday 9-4 and Thursday 1-8.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians are welcome to the Table of Christ to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will guide your row to the altar rail, and a wafer will be placed in your hand; you may intinct (dip) the edge of the wafer into the wine chalice, or sip from the common cup, or abstain. Anyone wishing to not receive the sacrament is welcome to come forward for a spoken blessing only, signified by crossing your arms over your chest.

CONTACT US:

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursdays 8:00am to 5:00pm (closed on Fridays)

Telephone: Church: 772-646-0920; **CCA:** 772-646-9650

Email: Staff and clergy email information may be found at www.ChristChurchVero.org, under the

About Us tab or via the Church Center app directory.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MONDAY-THURSDAY 10:30am, Eucharist Service 8:30am, Morning Prayer

BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGES

Contact the Parish Secretary 60 days in advance of the Baptism to set up an appointment with the Rector and at least four months in advance of your proposed wedding date to set up an appointment with a Priest.

Prayers for the sick

Christ Church continues to pray for all those that are sick and hurting and asks that through the week, you continue to pray by saying: We humbly ask you, gracious Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who, in this earthly life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially:

Andrea Adamany Curtis Hatch Ed & Barbara Jeffreys Bill & Judith Lund Mary Beth Malik Paul Miller Steve McCullough Ashley Stock Debra Watkins

Prayers for Missionaries

Christ Church actively sponsors the following International Missionaries. We invite your continuing prayers in support of their faithful ministry in our Lord's name:

Bp. Andudu, Sudan Alison Barfoot, Uganda Marcia Baugh, Uganda Loren & Linda, Asia Becky Locuson, AFM Mobilizer Will & Becky, SE Asia Matt & Katie, France Luke & Abby, North Africa Maggie & Etzer Thomas, Haiti Almed & Amira, Middle East Zachariah & Alissa, Iraq Christ Church prays for the safety of the men and women serving on active duty to protect and defend our nation against terrorism. We have listed below the names of those persons known to us who are serving in this role. We ask for your special prayers for them and for their families, both at our Sunday services and throughout the week. Because the list is lengthy, we will not pray for each person by name out loud during the services, but they and their families are included in our prayers:

Chris Boltz Regan Jones *Trane McCloud

Matthew Buehrig Martha Kester David Rosanes David Segalla

Gracie Gordon Regan Jones Ben Spera
Caleb Guthmann Martha Kester G Joshua White
Biz Guthmann Joseph ***Dale Kridlo George Voyles
Guthmann Garrett Kulczycki Keith Zeuner
Brian Hart Richmond McCloud Alex Zook

*Died in the war zone in Iraq, December, 2006.

**Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, 2008.

***Died in the war zone in Afghanistan, November, 2010.

****Died in training, July 2018



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