



CHRIST CHURCH

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*The Third Sunday
of Easter
Sunday, May 4, 2025*

10:30 A.M.

Voluntary

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

J. Pachelbel

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain;
Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits on
heaven's mercy seat.

*Refrain: Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
With all creation I sing
praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything
and I will adore You.*

Clothed in rainbows of living color
flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor strength, and
glory and power be
to You, the only wise King. (*Refrain*)

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder,
at the mention of Your Name;
Jesus, Your name is power, breath and living water,
such a marv'lous mystery. (*Refrain*)

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Processional Hymn (*sung by all, standing*)

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.
2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,

Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.

words: Latin, 1632; tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.
music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Opening Acclamation

All standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect of Purity *(said by all)*

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the 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)

Kyrie eleison

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.

Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

setting: Betty Pulkingham

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with your spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his inestimable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Acts 9:1-19a

1. But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest **2.** and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3.** Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light

from heaven shone around him. **4.** And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” **5.** And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6.** But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” **7.** The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. **8.** Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. **9.** And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. **10.** Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” **11.** And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, **12.** and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” **13.** But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. **14.** And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” **15.** But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. **16.** For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” **17.** So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” **18.** And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; **19a.** and taking food, he was strengthened. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 33

1 Rejoice in the Lord, O you / righteous; *
it is fitting for the just to be / thankful.
2 Praise the Lord with the / harp; *
sing praises unto him with the ten-stringed / lute.
3 Sing unto him a / new song; *
make skillful melody and cry aloud with / joy.
4 For the word of the Lord is / true, *
and all his works are / faithful.
6 By the word of the Lord were the / heavens made, *
and all the hosts of them by the breath of his / mouth.
9 For he spoke, and it was / done; *
he commanded and it stood / fast.
10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to / naught; *
he makes the devices of the peoples to be of no effect,
and casts out the counsels of / princes.
11 The counsel of the Lord shall endure for / ever, *
and the thoughts of his heart from generation to gener / ation.

Epistle

Revelation 5:6-14

6. And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8. And when he had

taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9.** And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
10. and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and
they shall reign on the earth.”

11. Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, **12.** saying with a loud voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

13. And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

14. And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn (*sung by all, standing*)

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia!*
 Give thanks to the risen Lord.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Give Praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 He is the King of creation. (*Refrain*)
2. Spread the good news o’er all the earth:
 Jesus has died and has risen. (*Refrain*)

Holy Gospel

John 21:1-14

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

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

1. After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. 2. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. 3. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. 4. Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 5. Jesus said to them,

“Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” **6.** He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. **7.** That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. **8.** The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. **9.** When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. **10.** Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” **11.** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. **12.** Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. **13.** Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. **14.** This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. (ESV)

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

(sequence continues)

Refrain: *Alleluia, alleluia!*
 Give thanks to the risen Lord.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Give Praise to his Name.

4. Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. (*Refrain*)

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Charles Mallory (b. 1950) and George Mims (b. 1938)
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Sermon

Canon Keith Allen

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

Following each petition:

Litanist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Concluding Prayer

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God. *(Silence)*

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.***

Comfortable Words

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

Hallelujah Today!

Betty Pulkingham

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! 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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)*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us Thy peace.

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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.

I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

*Refrain: And I will raise them up,
 and I will raise them up,
 and I will raise them up on the last day.*

The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)

Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you. (*Refrain*)

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)

Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world. (*Refrain*)

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2.

In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light.
'Til from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

*Refrain: Praise the Father, praise the Son,
praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, Majesty.
Praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.
(*Refrain*)

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered
death.
And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His Blood and in His Name in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me. (*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. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.

5. Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

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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 *March on a theme by Handel* A. Guilmant

Worship Team

Ushers: Andy Bowler, Bill Adamany, Kyle Groothuis, Larry Lauffer

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Organist: Brady Johnson

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Lord, Savior and Chief Shepherd Jesus Christ

Ministers Every Member of Christ Church

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Announcements and Information

April 27 – May 3, 2025

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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 Bible Study:** Our study of *Hebrews* resumes weekly on Thursday's at 7:30am, now held in the Community Center.
2. **Sunday School:** *Comfortable Words*: May 4 – June 8 (5 weeks), Sundays, 9:00am in the Community Center with Fr. Hunter Van Wagenen; For adults. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is held for children.
3. **Bible Study:** *Prayer Portions*: June 4 – Aug. 27 (13 weeks). Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00am in Community Center. Melissa McCullough will lead the class. Register and/or contact Melissa for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 8: *Christ Church Academy Mother's Day Breakfast.* Thursday, at 9:00am in the Community Center. All are welcome.

May 9: *Special Mission Dinner.* Mission is to raise awareness and support for Dynamic Life. Christ Church has 8 seats available at our table. Dinner is paid, and venue is the new Pillar Church Grove.

2025 ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATIONS:

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

The Children's Ministry area is open at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings for nursery care. During the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service, we offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for ages 3-6 years in addition to nursery care for the first part of the service, after which the children may join their families in the Nave for Holy Communion. Please see Fr. Hunter or Stephanie Van Wagenen for more information. Children age 7 and older are encouraged to worship with their family.

NURSERY CARE:

Nursery care opens on Sundays at 8:45 am for ages 2 and under. The Atrium is open for ages 3-6 from 8:45-10:15 am. Children ages 3 and up will worship with their families at 10:30 am 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:

The parish office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. The church office is closed on Friday. Please note, the telephone number for Christ Church has changed. Please visit us or call **772-646-0920** during these hours if we may help you. Staff and clergy email information may be found at ChristChurchVero.org under the "What We Do" tab, or via the Church Center app directory. The number for CCA has also been changed to **772-646-9650**.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY 10:30am, Eucharist Service
MONDAY-THURSDAY 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
 Matthew Buehrig
 ****Jonathan Clement
 Vetson Derisse
 Doug Fritz
 Michael Gallahue
 Gracie Gordon
 Caleb Guthmann
 Biz GuthmannJoseph
 Guthmann
 Brian Hart

Regan Jones
 Martha Kester
 ***Dale Kridlo
 Garrett Kulczycki
 Joseph Guthmann
 Brian Hart
 Regan Jones
 Martha Kester
 ***Dale Kridlo
 Garrett Kulczycki
 Richmond McCloud

*Trane McCloud
 David RosanesDavid Segalla
 Marin Sentence
 Melinda Sentence
 Bryce Saint-Vincent
 Aaron Spera
 Ben Spera
 G Joshua White
 George Voyles
 Keith Zeuner
 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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