

## **Christ Church at Serenata Beach**

**May 2, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

A second site worship center for Christ Episcopal Church  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

# Opening Hymn

## *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

# Welcome Guests and Newcomers

*We welcome all people to this worshipping community and encourage all to receive the Holy Communion. We kindly ask you to **please keep your masks on and the appropriate social distance during the service.** Not only for your own safety but for sake of those who are more vulnerable.*

*We are informal and quietly focused in our worship. Our multi-denominational make up shapes our liturgy to be as open and “visitor friendly” as possible. This young community of faith feels called to serve the people in this community, to celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ, and to reach out to all as God’s grace empowers us.*

**Servant Board:** Steve Harrison, warden; Paula Allman, Mike Cleary, Mike Jenkin, Jenny Johnson, and Deborah Pearsall.

**Celebrant:** Rev. Sandy Tull

**Contact clergy** at 904-982-9557

**Musician:** Boril Ivanov

**Singer:** Claire Heusinger

*We encourage our guests to fill out a welcome card today!*

*We are glad you are with us and look forward to worshipping with you often.*

## Holy Eucharist

**Prelude** *Medley*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**Opening Sentences**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**The Collect for 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.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy  
**People** Christ, have mercy  
*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Psalm 22:24-30

- <sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.**
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
**"May your heart live for ever!"**
- <sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
**and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.**
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
**he rules over the nations.**
- <sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
**all who go down to the dust fall before him.**
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
**they shall be known as the Lord'S for ever.**
- <sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

### The Reading

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury.



Homily Rev. Sandy Tull

## Meditative Interlude

### The Prayers of The People

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for our ministry partners: St Gerard's Campus, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm, South Woods Elementary, Learn to Read, Pie in the Sky and Council on Aging. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them, and in all things they do.

**That they may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### The Confession

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Please share the Peace of the Lord in a manner that respects appropriate social distancing.*

### **Birthday Prayer**

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever he may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

*To make an offering online visit [christepiscopalchurch.org/give](http://christepiscopalchurch.org/give).*

*Thank you for your support.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

### **Offertory Hymn**

### **The Presentation**

**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.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, 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 sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*All* **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant continues*

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.

## Distribution of Communion

*All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive Communion.*

## Communion Music

*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 born my peoples 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*

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Holy, gracious, God, Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.

## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn** *Lift High The Cross*

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*Please keep social distance as you exit the worship space.*

**Postlude** *Medley*

# Announcement

## SERVICE TIME CHANGE - Sunday May 9

To accommodate club activity, our service next week will begin at 8:30 AM.

## Pentecost - Sunday May 23

We will celebrate Pentecost (the traditional birthday of the Church!) during our service on May 23. Wear red to symbolize the fire of the spirit, special music and more surprises! Come to church ready to celebrate!

Closing Hymn

Lift High The Cross

*Descant*



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*



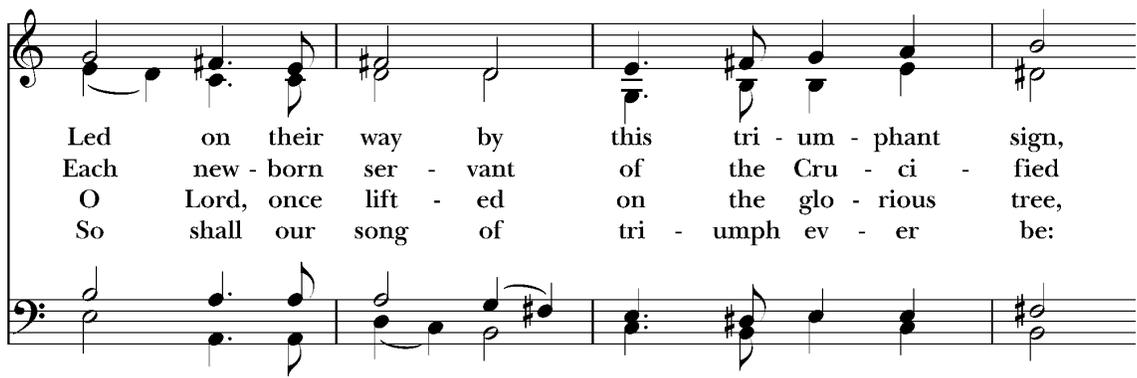
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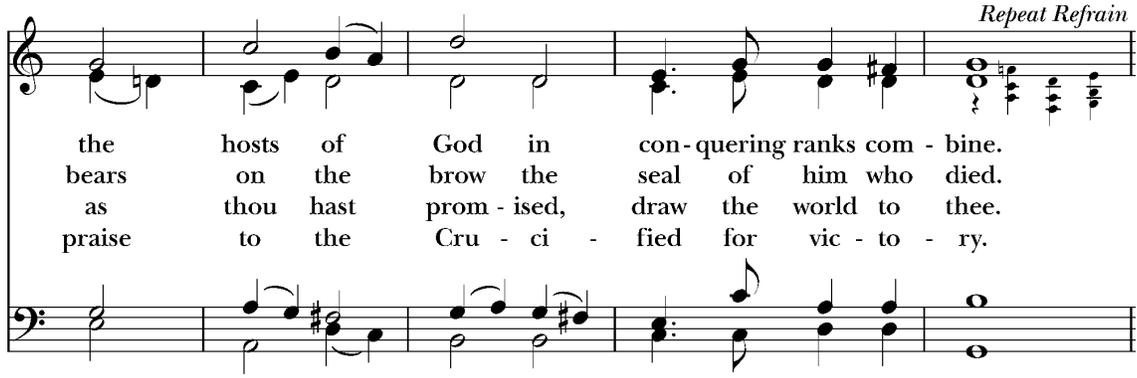


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Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*



the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

# Our Outreach Liaisons

## **Learn to Read**

Improving literacy for over 200 individuals each year at no cost to the student. Improved reading skills lead to better paying jobs, higher levels of education, healthier lifestyles, and a better overall community.

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## **St. Gerard's Campus**

A non-profit maternity home and Christian high school for pregnant teenagers, promoting empowerment through education and strong Christian values.

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## **St. Francis Housing Crisis Center / Port in the Storm**

Engaging those experiencing homelessness to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and a viable plan for their future by providing a safe, stable environment, access to essential services, and supportive connections.

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## **Council on Aging**

Provides the opportunity for every person in St. Johns County to enjoy wellness, longevity and quality of life choices within a strong, healthy community.

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## **Pie in the Sky**

Connecting people with resources and facilitate long term solutions to problems that affect the lives of the elderly, the poor, the historically underserved, and the disenfranchised people of our community.

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## **South Woods Elementary**

Creating a secure community that will instill in all students a desire for academic excellence, fostering the development of caring, productive citizens.

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