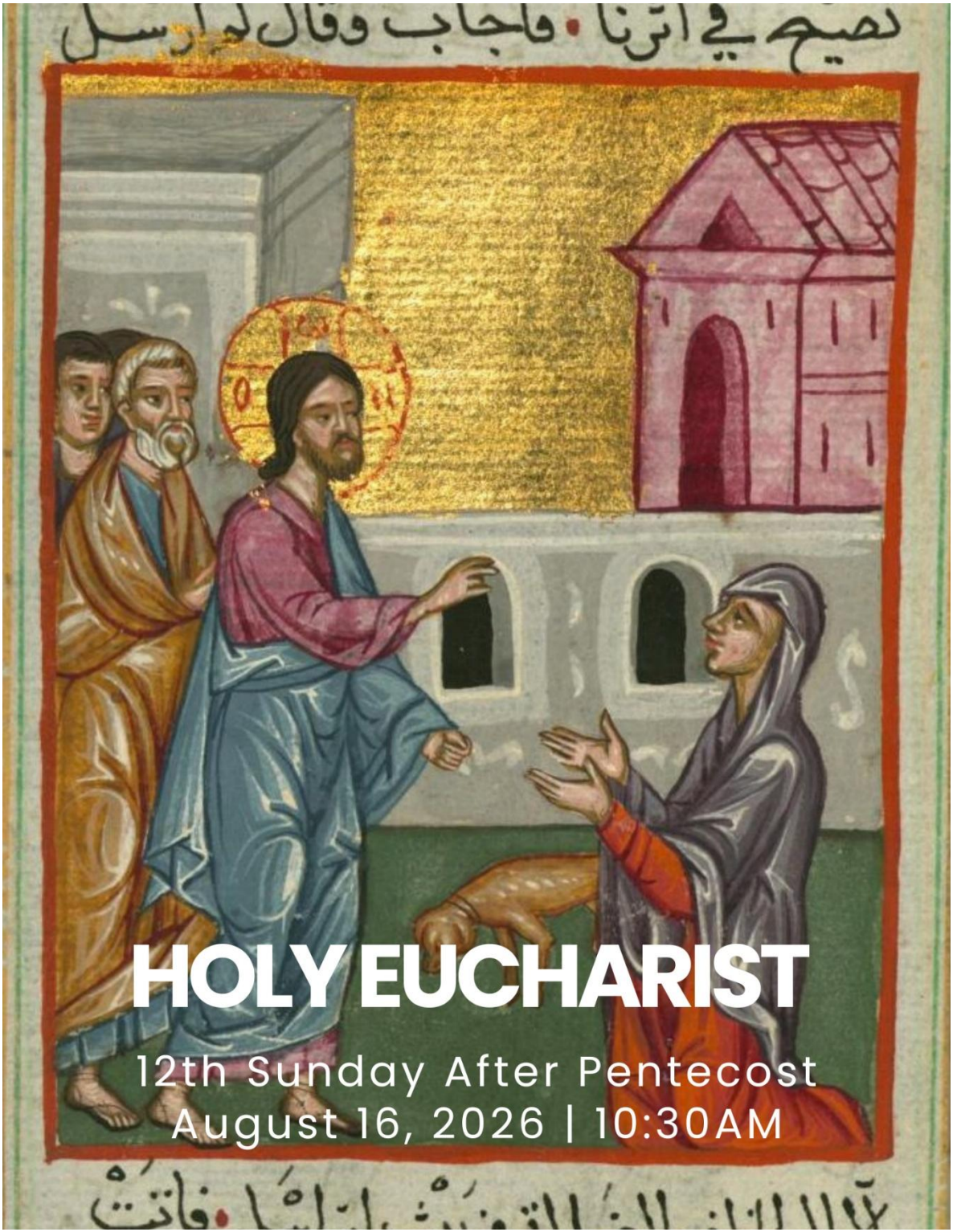

HOLY EUCHARIST

12th Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 2026 | 10:30AM

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About the liturgy: *The Holy Eucharist Renewed Ancient Text is taken from the ACNA Book of Common Prayer 2019 and begins on page 123 of the Prayer Book. Prayer books are available in the 37th Street Narthex.*

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

CREATION
All of creation was made good, with humanity as its very good crown - created in the image of God, the delight of His heart.

FALL
Humanity rebelled, seeking to be god rather than to submit to God, and began to live life selfishly rather than according to His goodness. In this rebellion, we have bound ourselves under sin, evil, and death. This results in alienation from God, from one another, from creation, and even from ourselves, and brings us under God's righteous judgment.

REDEMPTION
God, in His mercy and great love for us and for all of creation, entered into the world to save people and to renew his creation: Jesus Christ, God in flesh, came to free us from sin, evil, and death. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for our sins, conquered evil and death, and was exalted as King over all.

INVITATION
We are invited to be reconciled to God and participate in the renewal of all creation. This requires repentance from our old way of life, having faith in Christ's act of love and mercy, and having a new life of grace and love with the Holy Spirit. This can begin now. Join with us in worship, as we come to God in our need, confess our sins, receive His forgiveness, hear His word, and are nourished by His self-giving love in the bread and wine. Please speak to one of our pastors if you'd like to learn more about forming a relationship with this God who loves you already.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Christ Church Anglican was founded in 1733 and maintains its historical heritage as the first church in Georgia and as a member of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA).

Parking can be found in our lot on 37th Street and is also available at the Library next door on Bull St. or at the Georgia Infirmary on 36th St. or The Whitefield Center at Drayton and 37th St.

Nursery Care is provided on Sundays beginning at 8 a.m. for children 3 and under, downstairs in the Wesley Wing.

Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the service. Children's activity bags and books for use during the service are available at the 37th Street entrance. Please leave the activity bags and books in the pew or return to the Narthex. Little Church for children ages 4-10 takes place during the 10:30 a.m. sermon.

Weekly Newsletter scan the QR code to access and sign up for our weekly newsletter. Parish news and events are featured in our Thursday release.

NEWSLETTER

CONNECT

Visitors, we are happy you are worshiping with us today!

Please consider completing this online connection card located on our website. We look forward to seeing you in the future.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Please kneel or sit in silence as you prepare your heart to worship the Living God.

PRELUDE — *The Perfect Wisdom of Our God* — *Townsend and Getty*
Nele Edwaldsen, piano — *arr. Lloyd Lawson*

PROCESSIONAL — *Hymnal* #450
"Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus!" — *In Babilone*

THE ACCLAMATION

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 FOR PURITY — *All say together*

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.

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

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

A SONG OF PRAISE CANTICLE 13 — *Hymnal #859*

Glory to You, Lord God of our fathers; You are worthy of praise; glory to You.
Glory to You for the radiance of Your holy Name;
we will praise You and highly exalt You forever.

Glory to You in the splendor of Your temple; on the throne of Your majesty, glory to You.
Glory to You, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise You and highly exalt You forever.

Glory to You, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to You.
Glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise You and highly exalt You forever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

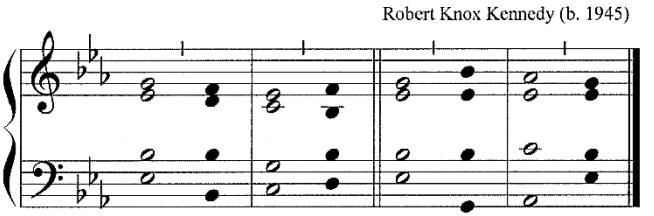
The Celebrant continues

Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 56:1-8 *Pew Bible*, p 732

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

PSALM 67 (*Harvest song)*



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1 May God be merciful unto us, and ˈ bless us, |
and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful ˈ unto us. ‖

2 Let your way be known upon ˈ earth, |
your saving health among all ˈ nations. ‖

3 Let the peoples praise you, O ˈ God; |
indeed, let all the peoples ˈ praise you. ‖

4 O let the nations rejoice and be ˈ glad, |
for you shall judge the peoples righteously, and govern the nations upon ˈ earth. ‖

5 Let the peoples praise you, O ˈ God; |
let all the peoples ˈ praise you. ‖

6 Then shall the earth bring forth her ˈ increase, |
and God, even our own God, shall give us his ˈ blessing. ‖

(*Repeat second half of chant*)

7 God shall ˈ bless us, |
and all the ends of the world shall ˈ fear him. ‖

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 11:13-24 *Pew Bible,* p. 1125

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God**.

At this time young children are invited to "Little Church".
Children will follow the crucifer (cross) out of the Nave and downstairs to the Wesley Wing.
Parents of very young children are asked to accompany their child.

GOSPEL HYMN *Standing*

"O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines" *Hymnal* #661
Jersualem

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 15:21-28 *Pew Bible*, p. 976

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

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

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON The Very Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector

The congregation is invited to pray and reflect in silence for a time following the sermon.

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 the 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.

The reader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

For Steve, our Archbishop, Julian our Provincial Dean, Alex our Bishop and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregation especially, St Barnabas Church, Jacksonville, FL & City Church, Savannah.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially the Bishop Qampicha Wario & the Kenyan Christian Education Partnership and Kairos Prison Ministries.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer**.

For all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you, especially those working in education including teachers, students, school administrators, and homeschool parents.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, especially those in the country Morocco.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer**.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially Donald, our President; Brian, our Governor; and Van, our Mayor.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Reader Lord, in your mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Your additional prayers are invited at this time.

Celebrant

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

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN *Kneeling*

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence is kept. *All say together*

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, 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 COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE *Standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

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

PARISH LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER MEMORIAL

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Cela and Michael Somers by Maryann Cela.

THE OFFERTORY

The people give their tithes and offerings as the bread and wine are prepared. Online donations may be made at ccasav.org or through Venmo (@CCASAV).

OFFERTORY HYMN *Standing*

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" *Hymnal* #312
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Celebrant *All stand*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord,

People **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*SURSUM CORDA*) *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 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*THE SANCTUS*)

Celebrant and People

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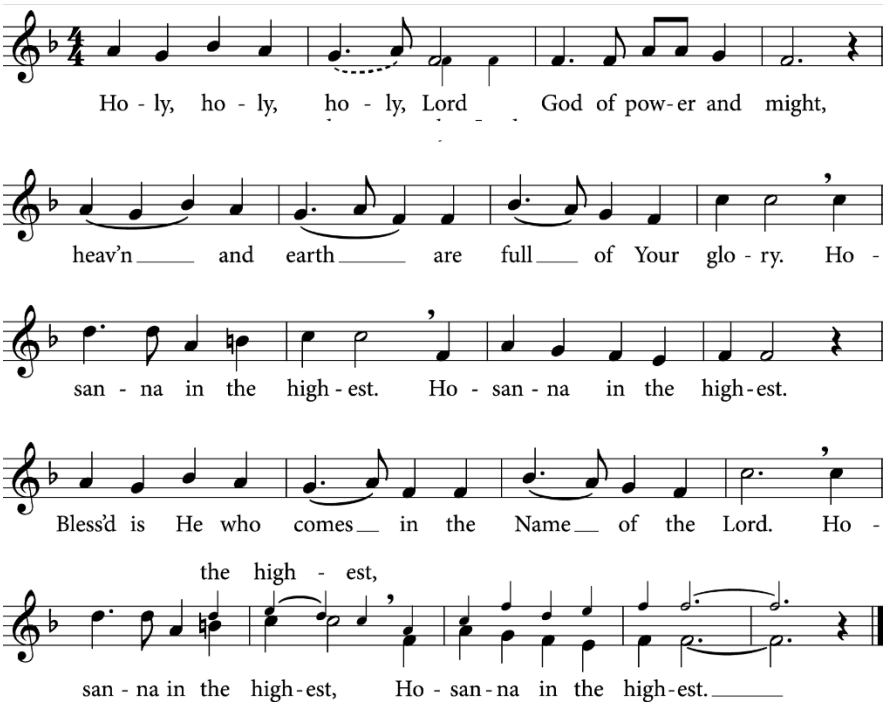

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION *Kneeling*

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

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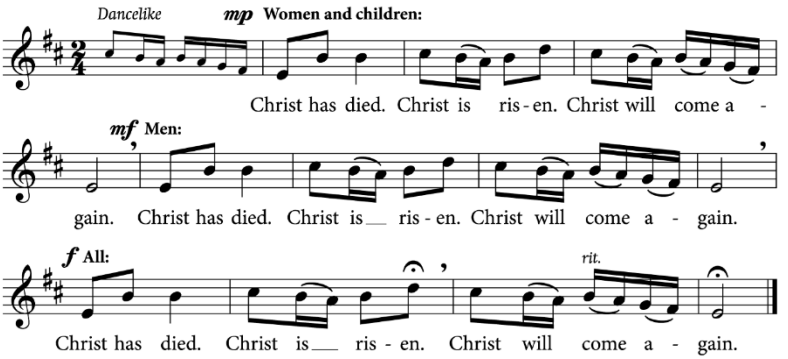

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray: *All say together*

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 FRACTION

If the consecrated Bread was not broken earlier, the Celebrant breaks it now. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS *All say together*

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.

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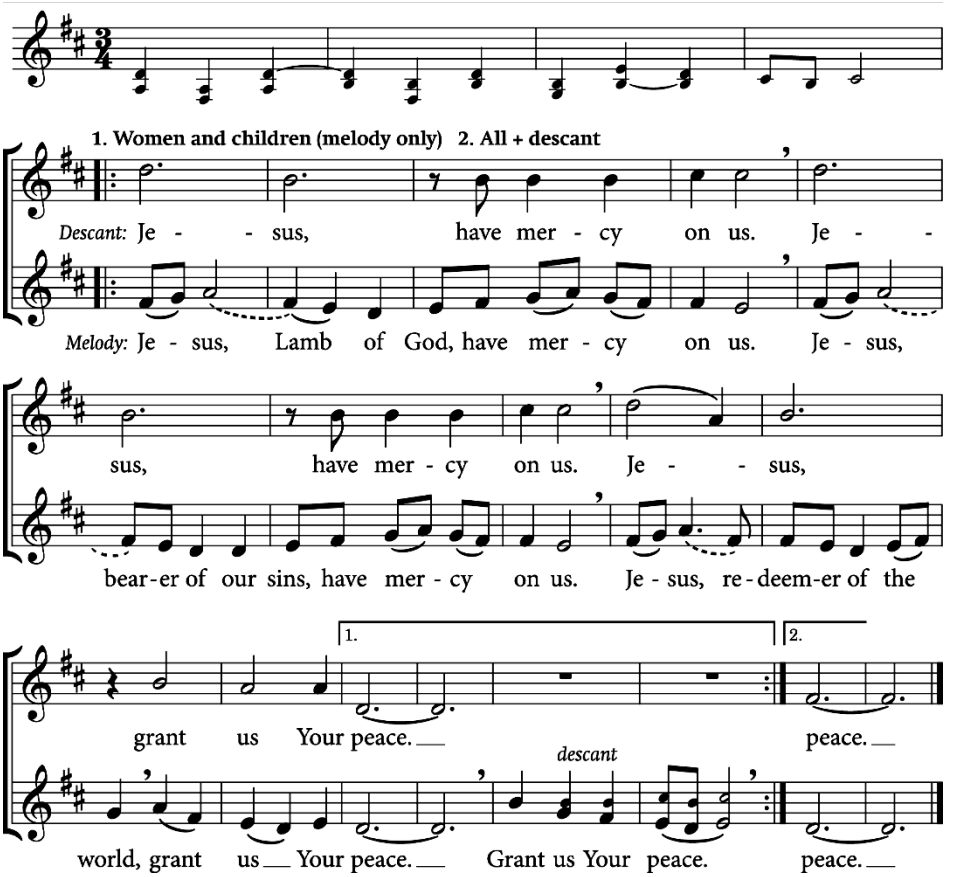

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

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.

We invite you to come forward to kneel or stand at the railing to receive Communion or a blessing in the following ways:

All baptized Christians may receive both the bread and the wine by either eating the bread and drinking from the cup or by leaving the bread in your palm for the minister to take and intinct (dip) in the wine and place back in your palm for consumption.

To receive only the bread, after you eat the bread cross your arms over your chest as the wine is offered.

To receive a blessing without the bread and wine, come forward and cross your arms over your chest, and the minister will offer a prayer of blessing.

If you are unable to come forward for Communion, inform an usher and the ministers will come to you.

Gluten free wafers are available by request on the Epistle side of the altar near the Eagle lectern.

Intercessors are available for prayer in the corners of the nave.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" Page 18

Glory to You

Words and Music by
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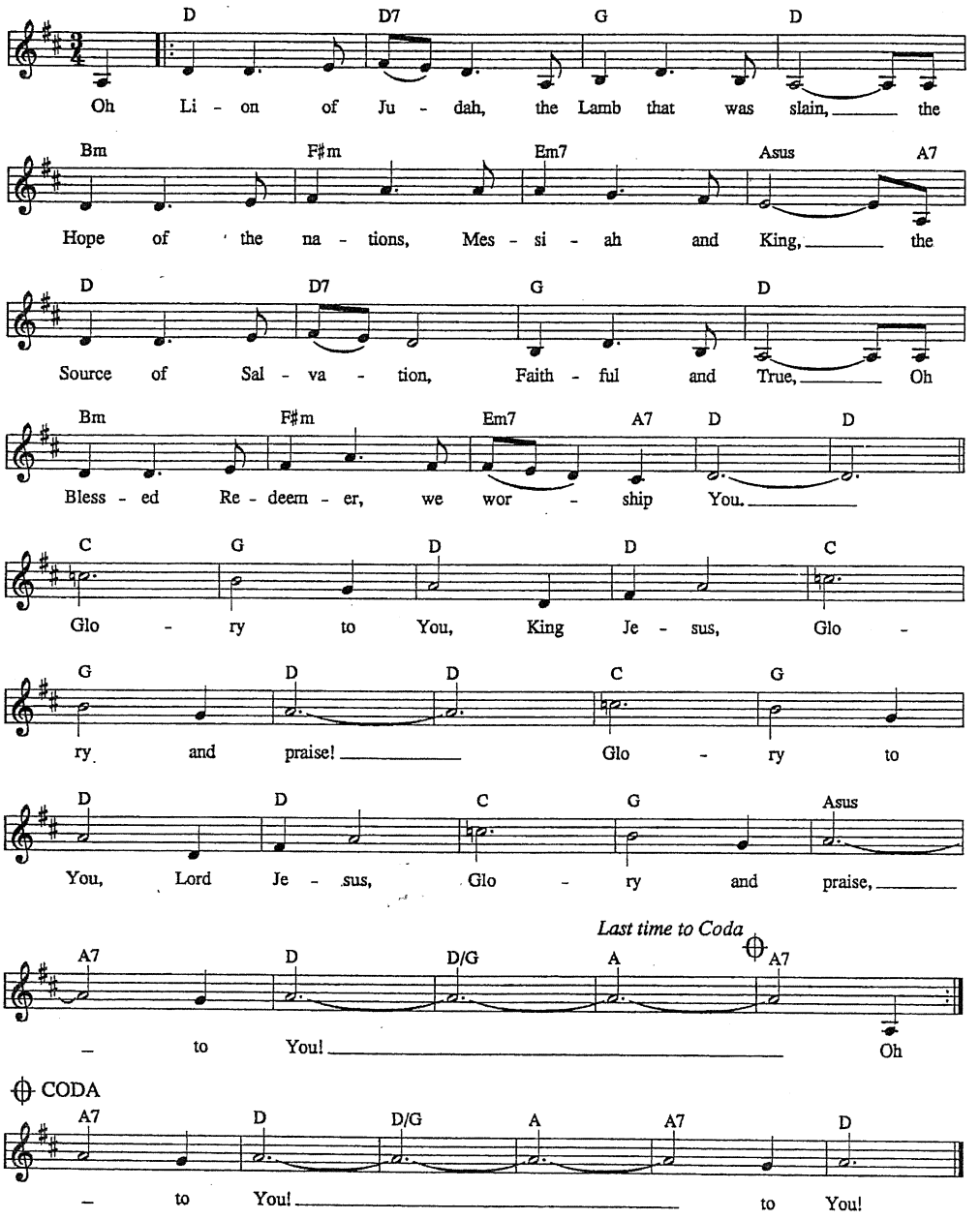

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Ancient Words

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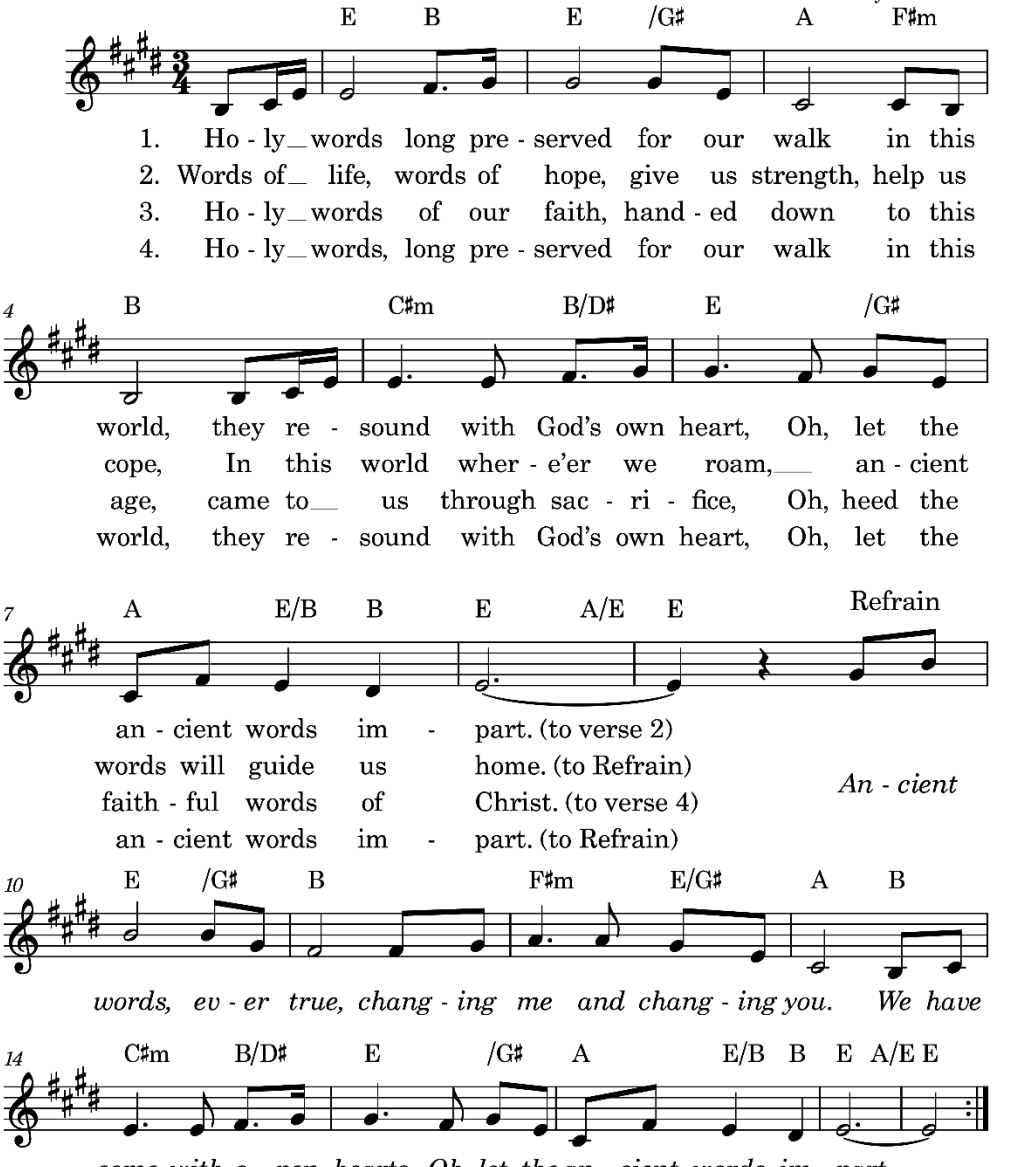

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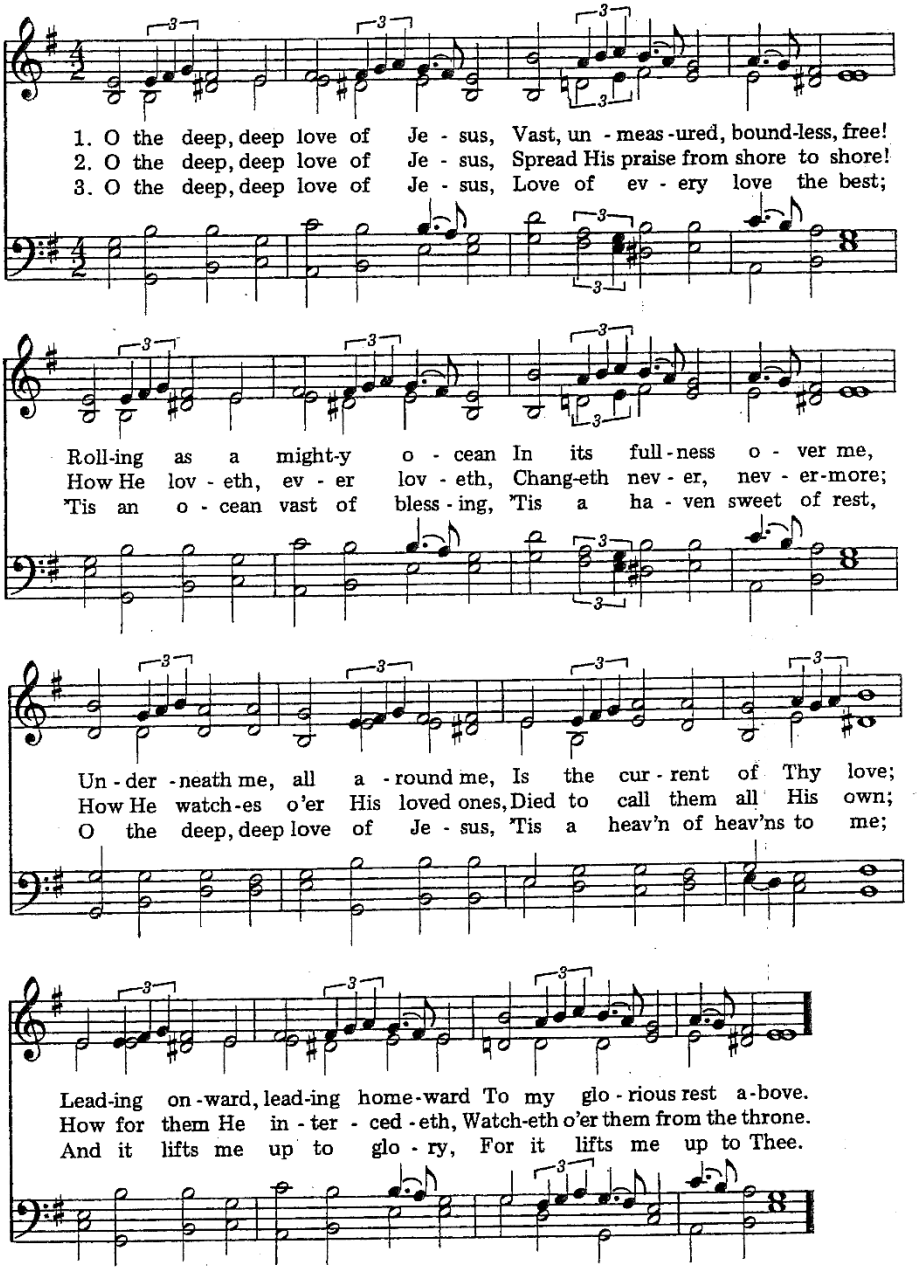

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER *Remain Standing*

All say together

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.

THE 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.**

PROCESSION OUT *Hymnal* #361

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies" *Lasst uns erfreuen*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

Time of Prayer for Healing of Broken Bodies, Souls and Spirits

August 20 | 6 – 7 PM | Hebron Hall

Come and join us to receive healing prayer for areas of your body, soul and spirit that need God's touch. He is the Lord our Healer who hears and answers prayers. We will have a brief message from Scripture and then offers prayers together and for one another inviting the Lord to bring his healing to our lives.

All are welcome. Contact Fr. Craig if you have any questions.

Membership Class Begins Today

Are you interested in making Christ Church Anglican your church home? Join Fr. Craig, Fr. Bryan, and Valerie for our Membership Course. Over the course of three-weeks, we will cover:

- Beliefs and Vision (August 16)
- Governance, Membership, Calling, and Gifts (August 23)
- Nuts and Bolts of Liturgy (August 30)

Following the 10:30am service, we will gather in The Gathering Place (youth room) located downstairs in the Wesley Wing.

Confirmation Course 2026 – 2027

Begins Sunday, September 13, 9 – 10 AM

2025-2026 Schedule

- Creed: September 14 - October 25, 2026
- Prayer: November 1 - December 20, 2026
  (skip Thanksgiving Weekend-November 29th)
- Commandments: January 3 - February 14, 2027
- Anglican Tradition: February 21 - May 2nd, 2027
  (skip Easter Sunday, March 28th)

Scan the QR Code to Register and learn more about this 4-part course

Coming in September

As fall approaches more events are being added to the church website. Events are available through this QR Code or by visiting ccasav.org and clicking on the Events at the top of the page.
Check out these events and others

- Sharing Jesus: An Evangelism Conference
- Movie Night: A Great Awakening
- Youth Kickoff

Featured Events

Savannah Steel

Saturday, August 22 4 PM

Support the new Women's Professional Basketball team, The Savannah Steel by attending a game with your church family at Enmarket Arena on Saturday, August 22 at 4 pm.

Cheer on the Savannah Steel as they play the Jacksonville Waves!! What better way to celebrate the end of summer?

Scan the code to purchase tickets

FALL Kick Off

Sunday, September 13 at CCA

Music Ministries	Children & Youth Sunday School Classes	New Members Joining
Bible Studies	Ministry Teams Fair	Confirmation Class

COOK OUT & Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 13, Noon - 1:30 PM

The Whitefield Center, 106 E 37th Street

The celebrations continue with a Ministry Fair and Cook Out!

At the Ministry Fair learn about our small groups and ministry teams.

The Feastmakers are grilling burgers and dogs.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name.

A-G : Salads; H-M: Dessert; N-Z Sides

Wear your favorite sports team gear!

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Schedule

Morning Prayer: Monday - Saturday | 8 AM
Noon Prayer: Monday - Saturday | Noon
Sunday Worship: Holy Eucharist 8 & 10:30 AM | Compline 8 PM
Office Hours: Monday - Thursday| Noon - 5 PM

Clergy

The Very Rev. Dr. Craig Stephans, Rector
The Rev. Canon Bryan Biba, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Steve Dantin, Deacon
The Rev. Kirk Duffy, Deacon
The Rev. Sally Lufburrow, Deacon
The Venerable Rev. Greg Malley, Deacon
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