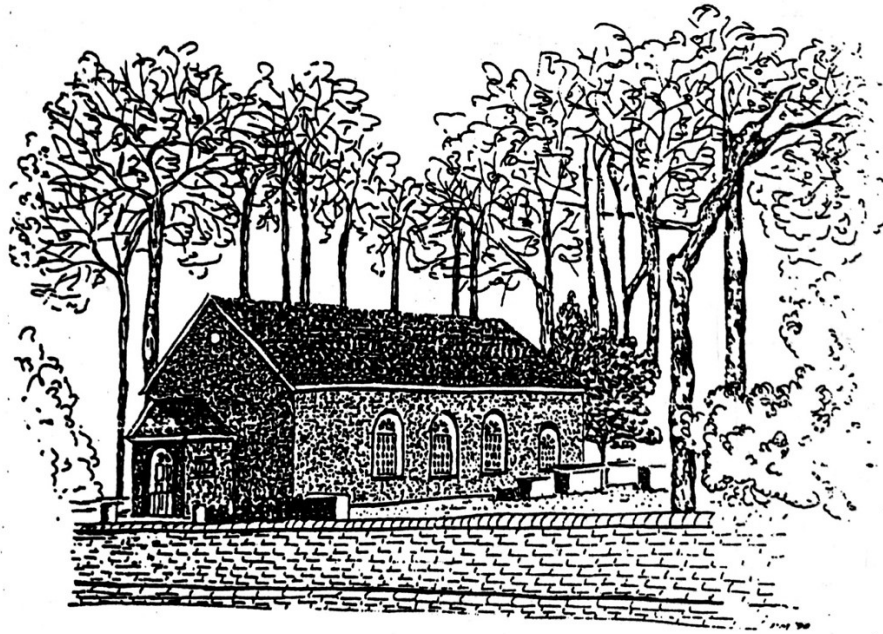


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*Christ Church Parish, Saluda, VA
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The hidden power of the Kingdom of God.

Opening Voluntary Chorale with Variations: *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*
Georg Boehm

Processional Hymn **635** “*If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*”

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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 Priest alone stands and says

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 Invitatory and Psalter *All stand*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People ***And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

Officiant and People

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.
Alleluia.**

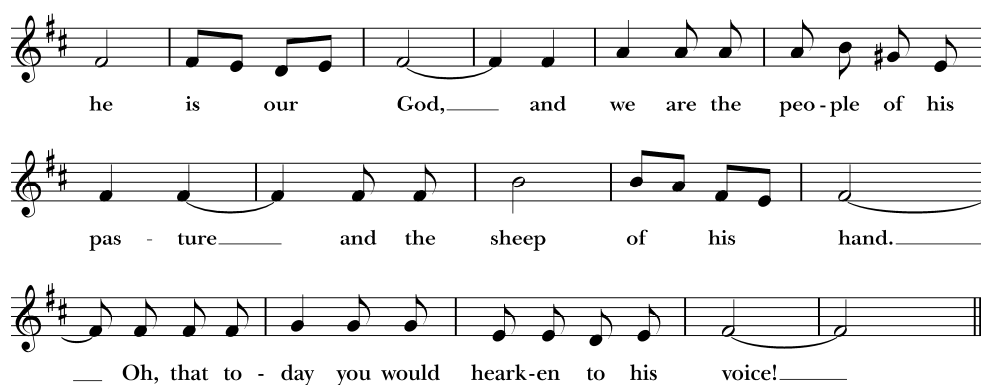
Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
People **Come let us adore him.**

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #35



1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
knee, and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For



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Then follows

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

At the end of the Psalms is said

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.**

A Reading from Genesis (29:15-28)

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word of the Lord.

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

The First Song of Isaiah (Hymn 679) "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

A Reading from Romans (8:26-39)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order

that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Magnificat (Solo)

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew (13:31-33, 44-52)

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of 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.

**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.**

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.

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

Officiant Let us pray.

Suffrage B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. ***Govern and uphold them, now and always.***

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. ***We praise your Name for ever.***

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. ***Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.***

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. ***For we put our trust in you.***

V. In you Lord is our hope;

R. ***And we shall never hope in vain.***

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

A Collect for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hymn 536 *“Open your ears, O faithful people”*

Authorized prayers and intercessions

The Leader and People pray responsively

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promise through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Let us pray for the Church throughout the world.

Strengthen Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Diocesan Bishop, and Gayle our Assistant Bishop and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the world.

Bless and guide our President, the members of Congress, and the Justices on the Supreme Court; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good. We pray for those throughout the world that are suffering from drought and extreme heat, those experiencing famine, and for those affected by war; especially the people of Ukraine and those affected in the many other conflicts throughout the world. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us. We give thanks with those who are celebrating their birthdays this week: Chip Buxton, Evie Wilton, Jack Fackler, Betsy Evans, Jean Hill, Henry Moncure, Jack Tarran, and Anne Wilcox; and with those celebrating their anniversaries: Bill & Sue Newman. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the sick.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we remember those on our prayer list and those that you may wish to remember either silently or aloud; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us pray for the departed and those who mourn.

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ;
according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal
kingdom. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and
the whole creation to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father, ***accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Savior
Jesus Christ. Amen.***

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Offertory Hymn 711 “*Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God*”

COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered,
instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that
we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who
lives and reigns for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

As our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**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.

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Post Communion Hymn LEV 213

Children of the Heavenly Father

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #213

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe - ly in His bos - om gath - er;
2. God His own doth tend and nour-ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His child - ren sev - er;
4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num-bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

1. Nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Officiant says

Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
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 God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 615 *"Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee"*

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary Partita on St. Flavian Healey Willan

**The Eucharist is celebrated on Wednesday morning each week in the
parish hall chapel at 9:30 a.m.**

Please Remember in Your Prayers This Week:

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Please remember in your prayers those on our Prayer List: John Quilter, Jack Tarran, Shannon Budd, Gibbie Mangum, Pam McClelland, Betty Evans, Jim Ray, Ann Donoff, Susie Loustaunau, Joyce Riesinger, Barbara Cockrell, Kathy Page, Zubin, Merri Hanson, Lori Rexinger, Br. Christopher Hamlett, Joanne Bruce, Dick Debnam, Janet Lunden, Lucille Redmon, and Jenny Wright.

We pray for our Diocese and in our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and lay leaders.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Holy Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Euch. Min. / Lector	Judy Quilter / Alyson Holt
Usher	

Morning Prayer: Rite II 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant / Sermon	The Rev. Stuart Clary Wood
Deacon	The Rev. Deacon Peg Moncure
Organist	Libby Boyer
Gospel Book / Prayers / Euch. Min.	Grace Parker
Lector	Lydia Dudley
Crucifer / Acolyte	Jack Hellems
Ushers	Ann Padgett
Altar Guild	Virginia Miller, Sallie Wells, Jody Anglin, Pat Anderson, & Sharon Colston
Flower Guild	Ginger Smither, Sharon Colston, & Cathy Spence
Tech Team	Greg Grichtmeier, Ann de Peyster, Mike Floyd, Mike Gorin, Jeff Loustaunau, Jeff McClelland & Jack Fackler

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