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HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Wednesday Night Dinners are Back!

By Maggie FitzRoy

Melissa Johnson and her family used to enjoy the camaraderie of Wednesday Night Dinners at Christ Church before the pandemic shut them down. When the world began returning to normal, Melissa didn't see any reason why those dinners shouldn't come back.

"I mentioned it to anyone who would listen," says Melissa, a member of the vestry. Then, "Mother Amy said, 'yes. I think we can do this. Let's find a way to make it happen.'"

Thanks to the efforts of many who rallied to help, they have made it happen, and Wednesday night dinners will resume Sept. 20, from 5:45 to 7 p.m., in the Westbury Hall Dining Room.

Melissa says she and Hospitality Director Jen DeRycker came up with "easy to shop for and easy to prepare menus" that different volunteer groups and ministries will put together and serve.

The vestry and clergy will host the first dinner, a Taco Bar. The following week will feature a Pasta Bar, led by the Parents Community Circle group. Other groups so far slated to serve include the Youth Group, Men's Bible Study, and the Wednesday Night Book Club.

The price for dinner will be \$8 per person or \$32 per family max.

Historically, the dinners were "a great place for fellowship," says Melissa, also a member of the Working Mom's Group, which meets once a month on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. "I could get together with other moms and there was a meal there, so we didn't have to cook and clean."

Once again, the dinners will conveniently serve many groups who meet before and after them, including the 5:30 p.m. Chapel service, Book Discussion Group, Couples Community Circle, Women in the Word, Choir rehearsals, and Low Tide and High Tide youth groups.

"The dinners were always very central, and people missed them," Mother Amy says. They will run through the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, then stop during Advent, "because people get really busy." Then, if they prove popular, they will pick up again during Epiphany and continue through Lent.

"Come, bring your family," Mother Amy says, "and enjoy."

*Welcome to Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach! We are delighted to have you worship with us.
In order to prepare for this service, we ask that you silence your phone. Thank you!*

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 103:1,8-12)

Celebrant Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
People and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Celebrant The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
All slow to anger and of great kindness.

He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.

Celebrant Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
People and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Gloria

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**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.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Reading

Lector A reading from the Book of Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God?

Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Amy Slater*

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Confession Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

To make an offering online visit ccpvb.org/give.

Thank you for your support.

Offertory

Please stand.

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 Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 125, *The Hymnal*

You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 364, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would prefer not to take Communion but would like a blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

Usher will guide for Communion.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Please stand.

Dismissal

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

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



Sunday. Every Day.

Christ Church serves the parish and our community throughout the week in addition to our Sunday services. These are a few of the upcoming and ongoing events you are invited and encouraged to check out, come and see what's happening on our Ponte Vedra campus and throughout the world. **Sunday Service Schedule and bulletins are available at ccpvb.org.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Sunday Breakfast

8:15 a.m. until 10:45 a.m.

Dining Room

Enjoy a freshly prepared breakfast, with something for everyone. \$7 per person, \$28 family max.

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available on Sundays from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for children ages four months to five years old, with advance registration. Details at ccpvb.org. Please contact Jennifer De Rycker at JDeRycker@ccpvb.org with any questions.

Children's Formation Classes

Sundays 10:15 - 11:00

Second Floor of F+A Building

For age 3 through 5th grade. Check-in begins at 10:00 in the second floor lobby of the Formation + Arts Building. There are three Godly Play classes for age 3-4 (room 221), age 5 - Kindergarten (room 220), and grades 1-2 (room 202). Grades 3-5 meet in room 224 for Feasting on the Word.

New families are asked to complete a one-time registration at ccpvb.org. For more information, contact The Rev. Laura Mann Magevney at lmagevney@ccpvb.org.

The Youth Forum

10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Youth House

Youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to join Youth Staff and Volunteers for a discussion of the day's scripture and how it applies to the lives of young people.

Newcomers Class

with Father Tom and Deacon Leila

10:15 a.m.

Hospitality Room F + A Building

If you've started attending church here or it's your first visit, please join us for this series of classes as we explore together - we'd love to meet you, hear your questions and share more about Christ Church. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Deacon Leila with any questions or to sign up at leila@ccpvb.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Formation + Arts Building

10:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Lectionary Discussion Class

Room F106

Join our clergy in a lively discussion on the readings for the day and much more.

COMMUNITY CIRCLES

These small groups provide space for connection and growing in faith. If you are interested in leading or facilitating a circle, or for more information contact the Rev. Amy Slater at aslater@ccpvb.org

Parents Circle

Room F209

Parents are invited to enjoy a time of mutual fellowship and encouragement in Christian parenting while the children are in their Formation class.

Bible Study Circle

Room F204

Join leader Gabe Bove as we explore the Bible, how it relates to our everyday life and enjoy rich discussion and fellowship. New members are welcome.

New Testament Circle

Room F124

Join leader Scott Burch for this deep dive into the New Testament. New participants are always welcome!

THIS WEEK

Cursillo Men Fourth Day

Mondays 5 p.m., Room F 202

This group is open to all men who attended a Cursillo Weekend. For those interested in attending or grouping at other days and times advise us at cursilloccpvb@gmail.com.

Living, Loving, Learning

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Room F 106 or on Zoom

Women of the Bible: God's Story, Their Story, My Story. For more information, contact Patti Arey pattiarey@gmail.com

Wednesday Clergy-led

Bible Study Open to all!

Wednesdays 10:00 a.m.

Westbury Hall Dining Room or on Zoom

Led by The Rev. Amy Slater and the Rev. Eric Kahl. A study of the Gospel of John – Becoming J shaped People!

Contemplative Community Circle

Wednesday, September 20

Room F 224, 3:00-4:30 pm

The Contemplative circle meets for book studies, contemplative practices, workshops and quiet days. On September 20, we begin a new book study called "Sacred Nature" by writer and theologian Karen Armstrong. We'll cover two chapters at each meeting and have both time for silence and lively discussion. All are welcome! Please order your book and read the first two chapters for our mtg on Sept 20. To register for this group, email Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org.

Homework and Hangs

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Youth House
6-12th grade students are invited to bring their homework, and come hang out at the Youth House before Low Tide starts! Volunteers are needed to help support youth staff during these meetings, please reach out to Brooks Slater (bslater@ccpvb.org) if you are interested.

Low Tide

for middle school students
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Youth House
Middle school students are invited to the Youth House for games, fellowship, and fun! This space is open to all 6-8th grade students, and is designed to be a place where students can learn about their faith, and begin to see where God is present in their lives. Volunteers are needed to help support youth staff during these meetings, please reach out to Brooks Slater (bslater@ccpvb.org) if you are interested.

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.
The Cooper Chapel
A quiet and reflective Eucharistic service with candle lighting.

Wednesday Night Community Dinners

Westbury Hall Dining Room
Sept 20 through Nov 15
Westbury Hall dining room 5:45- 7:00 p.m.
Whether you are here for church activities or just want to gather with friends for a simple meal, you are welcome! \$8 per person, \$32 family max.

Join One of Our Choirs!

Rehearsals in Choir Room,
Formation + Arts Building
If you are interested or have questions contact Dr. Rachel Root, rroot@ccpvb.org

Women's Ensemble (high school students and adults), rehearse Wed 6:30 pm, - 7 pm, sings monthly at 9 & 11:15 am

Men's Ensemble (high school students and adults), rehearse Wed 6:30 pm-7 pm, *Large Rehearsal Room*, sings monthly at 9 & 11:15 am

Chancel Choir (high school students and adults), rehearse Wed 7 pm - 8 pm, sings weekly at 11:15 am in Sanctuary

Handbell Choir (high school students and adults)- *Thursdays* 6- 7 pm, plays monthly at either 9 or 11:15

Children's Choir- for children ages 4 through 5th grade- rehearse Wed- 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in *Room 124*. For more information contact wendy.waller@comcast.net or sbennie@ccpvb.org

Spanish Language Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Formation + Arts Building, Room F 202
Led by Fr. Andreis, this is a lively discussion on the Sunday readings.

High Tide

for high school students
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Youth House
High school students are invited to the Youth House for games, fellowship, and fun! This space for youth is open to all 9th- 12th-grade

students and is designed to build new friendships, deepen our connection to Christ, and help us to see how God is present in our lives and communities. Volunteers are needed to help support youth staff during these meetings, please reach out to Brooks Slater (bslater@ccpvb.org) if you are interested.

Christ Church Book Club

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Room F 204 or on ZOOM

Contact group leader Mark Barrett, mbarrett@vlinkcorp.com for more information.

Women in the Word Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

Westbury Hall 2nd floor conference room

Studying the first eighteen chapters of Exodus, guided by Jen Wilkin's *GOD OF DELIVERANCE*. Study guides with video access will be available for purchase at the first several meetings. Please reach out to Mary Ann Reynolds (mahrey51@aol.com), Kay Verble (ksvpvb@gmail.com), or Jane Wallace (Wilsonssidekick@gmail.com) to reserve a copy.

Lighthouse Youth Community

Thursday, September 21

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

This nonreligious gathering is open to LGBTQIA+ middle and high school students in Jacksonville and the Beaches area, including people of all faiths and no faith. For more information, to RSVP for the first time, or to inquire about volunteering in this ministry, please contact Catherine Montgomery at thelighthouseflorida@gmail.com.

Men's Bible Study

Fridays 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Westbury Hall Dining Room or on Zoom

Men of all ages are welcome. Come as you are, leave transformed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie Night with Facing Racism

Tuesday, September 26

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Westbury Hall Dining Room

Emanuel: A poignant documentary about the Charleston church massacre. Featuring intimate interviews with survivors and family, *Emanuel* is a poignant story of loss, love, faith, and the healing power of forgiveness. The film will be followed by small group discussion. The evening is suitable for adults and senior high youth (with parental permission). A pizza dinner will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Registration is now open @ ccpvb.org/facing-racism. Questions: frbobbylee2002@yahoo.com

St. Francis Celebration and Pet Blessing

Wednesday, October 4

6:00 p.m., Courtyard

Bring your furry, feathered, finned, or scaled companion animals and join us for our annual Blessing of the Animals and St. Francis Day celebration. All are welcome! Our Holy Eucharist service moves from the chapel to the courtyard for this celebration.

Walking the Mourners Path

Thursdays, Oct 5 - Nov 30
10:30 a.m. at Vicars in Estes Room or
4 p.m. at Christ Church
Room F 209

"Shared joy is double joy, shared sorrow is half the sorrow" This 8-week course starts on Thursday, Oct 5, and ends on Nov 30 (no meeting on Thanksgiving).

Led by trained facilitators, this small group gathers to journey together on the path to healing. Two class options are offered - Vicars Landing class at 10:30 a.m. and Christ Church class at 4:00 p.m. Once you choose your group, you will remain with that location for the entire 8 weeks. For Vicars contact Priscilla Wodehouse at pdwodehouse@icloud.com. To sign up for the Christ Church class, email Leila@ccpvb.org.

First Fridays in Nature - Inaugural Walk

Friday, Oct 6
Guana Preserve (GTM)

Meet at 10 a.m. at GTM trailhead pavilion. Take some time in nature to get grounded, let yourself settle and connect to God in creation. Allow plenty of time to get to Main GTM turn off at 505 Guana River Road and go up to the little payment gate/bldg (bring \$3.00 cash place in envelope for usage fee) then drive through to park by the trailhead. This group walk allows time for silence and for conversation, at the end we'll regather in the pavilion for reflection. We'll be done by 12 noon. For questions or to sign up, contact Leila@ccpvb.org

Creative Academy Presents Aladdin, JR.

Oct 5-7
2nd Floor Westbury Hall
Join Aladdin, Jasmine, and the fast-talking, wisecracking Genie as they discover mystical caves, take magic carpet rides, and outwit the evil sorcerer, Jafar. Adapted especially for young performers, *Aladdin JR.* is sure to be a crowd-pleaser for all ages! Tickets are on sale now at ccpvb.org

Oct 25 Trunk or Treat

Oct 28 Jacksonville Watercolor Society exhibit open house

Financials at a glance as of July 31, 2023:

Revenue	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
	\$2,295,138	\$2,169,048
Expenses	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
	\$2,600,322	\$2,509,572

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STAY CONNECTED

Share the Love

Invite a friend or neighbor to Sunday Breakfast with your church family!

Reach Out

Need help? Let us know what's happening in your life. We are here for you.



Come Serve with Us

Let us know if you'd like to share your gifts of time and talent. We need your helping hands!

Pass The Plate

Make a gift or catch up on your pledge online. THANK YOU for your faithful giving to the work of the church.



Worship Services

7:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
9:00 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Jordan Service
9:00 a.m.	NSIA Community Center	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Church Sanctuary	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Jordan Service
12:45 p.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor	Spanish-language Service
5:00 p.m.	Church Sanctuary	Contemplative Service
5:30 p.m. (Wed)	Cooper Chapel	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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