

The Fifth Sunday in Lent Remembering St. Patrick of Ireland

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

March 17, 2024 9:00 a.m.

Christ Church Among the Oaks

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

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m. Vicar: The Rev. Sandy Tull
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Welcome Guests and Newcomers

We welcome all people to this worshiping community and encourage all to receive Holy Communion. We are informal and quietly focused in our worship. Our multi-denominational makeup 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: Paula Allmen, Mike Cleary, Steve Harrison, Claire Heusinger, Deborah Pearsall, Stan Sundermeyer, and Jenny Weeks, warden.

Presider: Deacon Steve Seibert

Musician: Boril Ivanov **Vocalist:** Claire Heusinger

We encourage our guest to fill out a welcome card today! We are glad you are with us and look forward to worshiping with you often.

Prelude Medley

Welcome and Announcements

Special Blessing

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, bless these pocketbooks and the supplies they hold and the women who will use them. We give thanks also to those who brought them. Let these physical gifts be symbols of the love and support we give to those who have no home in our community throughout the year. Help us to look upon everyone in our community as one of our own, helping them as we can. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn O Love, How Deep, How Broad How High Vs. 1, 2 & 3

Opening Sentences

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who

brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is

the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as

yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

The Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

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.

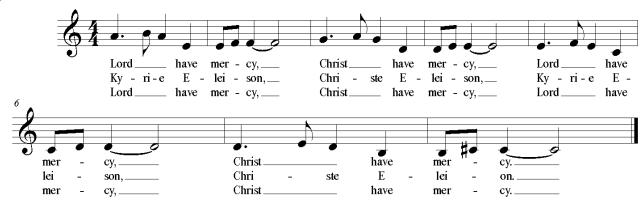
The Celebrant stands and says

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus

Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us

in eternal life. Amen.

Kyrie



The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51: 1-13

Lector Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *

People in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence * and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again * and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel

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

12:20-33

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon Deacon Steve Seibert

Meditative Interlude

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your 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* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Communion

To make an offering online visit ccpvb.org/give or use the QR code in the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your support.

Offertory

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 God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

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 forever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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.

Sending the Eucharistic Visitors

When present, Eucharistic Visitors are commissioned to carry the Consecrated Gifts of Holy Communion to those who are unable, due to illness or impairment, to join us for Sunday services.

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood

People

We who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

O Love, How Deep, How Broad How High

Vs. 4, 5 & 6

Dismissal

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God,

Postlude

Medley

Announcements

Resources for Lent:

- Google "Forward Day by Day- online" sign in and sign up.
- Google "Forward 2024 Lent Madness"
- Hard copy The Rt. Rev. Frank and Victoria Logue's book "Spring in the Desert" copies available at worship
- Hard copy of "Forward Day by Day"

News from our Outreach Partners

St. Gerard Campus Caribbean Carnival, Thursday March 21 at the Tringali Barn in St. Augustine. Caribbean food and drink with live music by Be Easy! Tickets may be purchased at stgerardcampus.org.

Learn to Read is in need of tutors, especially math tutors! The only prerequisite is a desire to help others. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about helping students at the agency, please contact them at 904-826-0011 or visit https://learntoreadstjohns.org/.

Offerings Online

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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 Community Alliance of St. John County

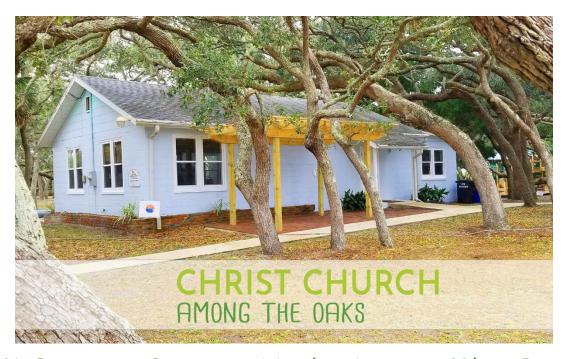
Pie in the Sky is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization providing hope by serving with dignity and respect to alleviate hunger and social isolation through the home delivery of healthy fresh produce to low-income senior citizens.

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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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