

# CHRIST CHURCH AMONG THE OAKS

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

May 5, 2024 9:00 a.m.

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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Opening Hymn

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

Vs. 1 - 3



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

# Welcome Guests and Newcomers

*Welcome to Christ Church Among the Oaks. This is a multi-denominational congregation, made up of friends, neighbors, people who are new to our area, and those seeking something a little different and a little more meaningful in their spiritual and worship life. We feel called to serve our local community and as you will hear today, we focus on six local outreach agencies that do the hard work that Jesus taught us. A short description of each Outreach Partner is in the back of this bulletin. We welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions you may have about our church and our work in the community! We are incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement we receive from Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra and thank their leadership for the freedom to be a unique, mission-focused worship community.*

**Servant Board:** Paula Allmen, Mike Cleary, Steve Harrison, Claire Heusinger, Deborah Pearsall, Stan Sundermeyer, and Jenny Weeks, warden.

**Presider:** The Rev. Sandy Tull

**Musician:** Boril Ivanov

**Vocalist:** 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.*

**Prelude** *Medley*

## Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Hymn** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High* Vs. 1 - 3

## 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.**

## Song of Praise

In my life Lord be glorified, be glorified  
In my life Lord, be glorified today.

In my song Lord be glorified, be glorified  
In my song Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church Lord be glorified, be glorified  
In Your church Lord, be glorified today.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## First Reading

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 98

*Lector* Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

**People** **for he has done marvelous things.**

With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
**has he won for himself the victory.**

The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
**his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.**

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
**and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
**lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
**with the harp and the voice of song.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
**shout with joy before the King, the Lord.**

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
**the lands and those who dwell therein.**

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.**

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
**and the peoples with equity.**

## Second Reading

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of John

5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*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      15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

**Homily**      The Rev. Sandy Tull

## **Meditative Interlude**

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

*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 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.

### **Prayers for the Hurting World**

**All**            **God of peace and justice, we pray this day for all peoples around the world who are suffering from war, famine, floods, fires, and from other devastations. We pray for all those who fear tomorrow: that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power: that they may have wisdom and discernment to aid people in distress and that they be guided by compassion in their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children who are at risk and live in fear: that you would hold and protect them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **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

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## 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 B

*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.**

### *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 forever 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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.



For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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. Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of life and faith, you are welcome at God's table to receive the Bread and Wine made Holy. (*Enriching our Worship, Form 1*)

## Distribution of Communion

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

## Communion Music      *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
He will my Shield and Portion be, as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess, within the veil, a life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

## 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 - 6

## **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

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

**Postlude** *Medley*

# Announcements

## Christ Church Among the Oaks is Grateful

Christ Church Among the Oaks is Grateful to Christ Church, and especially Deacon Leila for their ongoing support and willingness to share their recent donations of food, diapers, and baby supplies with us to give to our friends at St. Gerard Campus. Together we are making a difference in so many lives throughout our community and around the world.

## Council on Aging

Council on Aging will honor St. Johns County centenarians and nonagenarians at two Centenarian Luncheons, scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. at River House (179 Marine St., St Augustine, FL 32084) and Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at THE PLAYERS Community Senior Center (175 Landrum Lane, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.) If you or a loved one will be turning age 95 or better this year, please contact Council on Aging to register to participate in the celebration nearest you by calling (904) 209-3700.

## Giving Day 2024

Giving Day 2024 takes place on May 1 and May 2 this year and provides an opportunity for everyone in the community to give back by supporting local nonprofits and causes they care about. This year St Gerard Campus, Council on Aging, and St Francis House/Port in the Storm are participating along with 60 other agencies. You can help our partners achieve giving goals that will qualify them for additional financial support from the event organizers by logging on to [www.givingday2024.com](http://www.givingday2024.com) or scan the QR code below.



## Donor Appreciation Event



St. Francis House is hosting a Donor Appreciation Event on Sunday, May 19 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Fountain of Youth. Attendance is limited and registration closes on May 1. Sign up to attend at [www.stfrancishelter.org/thankyou/](http://www.stfrancishelter.org/thankyou/)

## Offerings Online

Forgot to bring cash or write a check??? We now have a QR code in the bulletin for safe, quick, and easy online giving. You will be automatically directed to the Christ Church giving page where you can enter your information one time and it will be saved for future giving.







# 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.

Elaine Reagan ereaganpvb@gmail.com

Mary Jane Dillon dillonmj43@gmail.com.

## **St. Gerard 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**

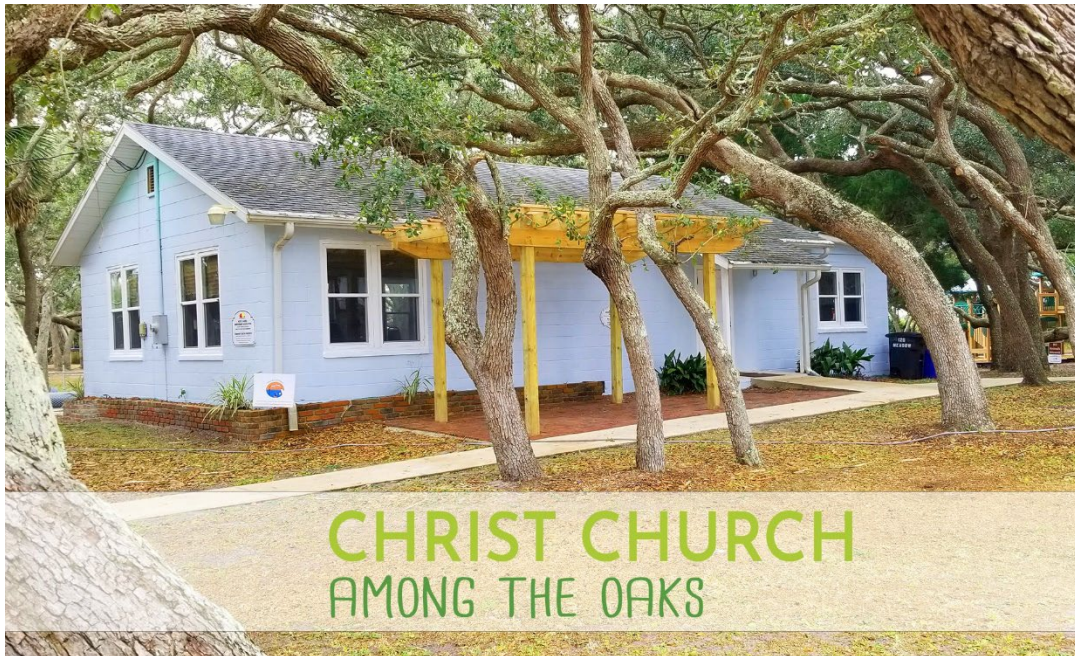
Pie in the Sky is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization providing hope by serving with dignity and respect to alleviate hunger and social isolation through the home delivery of healthy fresh produce to low-income senior citizens.

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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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