



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

*Transforming lives together,
through the love of God, in Christ.*

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

• May 11, 2025 • 11:15 a.m. • Church •



**Sunday.
Every Day.**

Understanding the Lectionary: A Guide to the Easter Season

Have you ever wondered how we choose our Sunday lessons for worship? The answer lies in something called The Revised Common Lectionary—a resource that many Christian denominations use to guide worship throughout the year. This ecumenical effort helps churches across the globe remain unified in their reading of scripture, creating a shared rhythm for worship.

The Sunday Lectionary follows a three-year cycle: Years A, B, and C. Each year, we focus on one of the synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—while the Gospel of John is inserted each year for special occasions and key moments in Jesus' life and ministry.

Typically, the structure of our Sunday lessons includes:

- An Old Testament reading
- A Psalm
- An Epistle (a letter from the New Testament)
- The Gospel reading

But during the Easter season, which stretches from Easter Sunday through to Pentecost, the lectionary takes on a unique form.

The Seven Weeks of Easter and the Lectionary

Easter is a time of celebration, a season focused on the joy and power of Christ's Resurrection. It's a season that invites us to reflect deeply on the Good News that Christ is alive, and the lectionary readings shift to highlight this special message.

Here's how the readings are different during Eastertide:

- No Old Testament readings: Instead, we focus entirely on the New Testament, highlighting the growth and spread of the early Church.



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- First Reading: Every week, the first reading comes from the Acts of the Apostles. This is because the Church wants us to reflect on the early days of the Church—how the apostles spread the message of Christ’s resurrection and the impact of that mission.
- Gospel Reading: Throughout Eastertide, the Gospel reading comes exclusively from the Gospel of John. Each Sunday follows a specific pattern:
 - The first few weeks highlight the appearances of the risen Christ.
 - The fourth Sunday of Easter always focuses on Jesus as the Good Shepherd, offering care and guidance for his flock.
 - In the final weeks, the readings draw us into the deep teachings Jesus shared with his disciples at the Last Supper.

These readings invite us to journey alongside the apostles as they spread the message of hope, renewal, and resurrection in the wake of Jesus’ triumph over death.

As we walk through these seven weeks of Easter, we are reminded not only of Christ’s resurrection but also of our calling to share in his Victory over death and sin.

Fr. Andreis Diaz
Vice-Rector



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*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

The Lord's My Shepherd

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Please stand.

Processional Hymn 686 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here, I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely, to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me, when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace, how great a debtor, daily, I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Welcome Words

Opening Sentences

Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

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.**

Glory

S 236, *The Hymnal*

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 for ever.

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 for ever.

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 for ever.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Lector

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

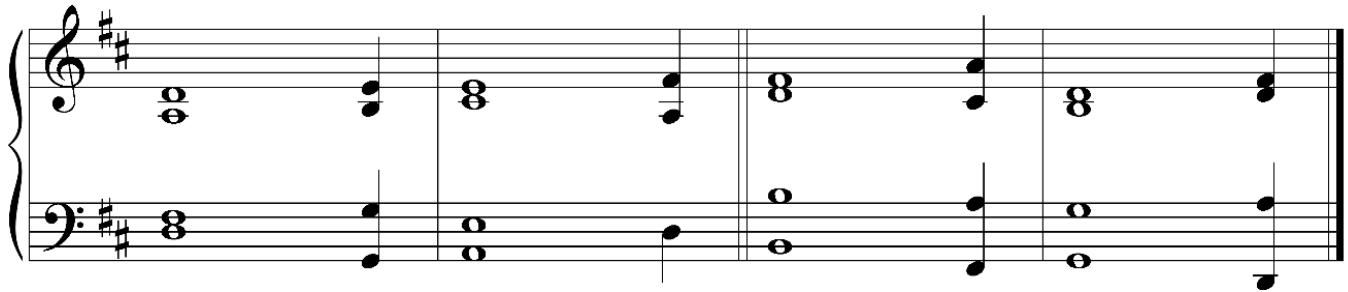
People

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

Please join the Choir in singing the Psalm. Note that each measure of music goes with each line of text. The bolded words are where the chords change.

Psalm 23



¹The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in **want**.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still **waters**.

³He revives my **soul**

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's **sake**.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort **me**.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running **over**.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **life**,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord **forever**.

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John

7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Song Hymn 708 *Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us* V. 1

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures, feed us; for our use, thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:22-30

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gospel Response Hymn 708

Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us

V. 2

Early, let us seek thy favor, early, let us learn thy will;
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love, our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Laura Magevney

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI Page 392, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

We Live by Faith
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

We see things that are not yet there, but in our hopes and dreams.
Then, watch them come, through work and prayer, into reality.
We trust in power beyond this earth, a pow'r we cannot prove.
But still, we stand, amazed at all the pow'r of God can do!

Refrain: We live by faith, and not by sight, through brightest days,
Through darkest nights, for, in our hearts, there shines a light,
The glorious light of Christ.

It was God Who said, "Let there be light,"
When the world was void and dark.
And so, it is God's own design for light to fill our hearts.
Come, fill our hearts! *Refrain*

One final day, we'll close our eyes, when our work on Earth is done.
We'll see the light, beyond the skies, shining brighter than the sun.
We'll cast off faith, no need for faith,
No need to trust beyond our sight.
For there, in full totality, we'll see the throne,
The glorious throne of Christ. *Refrain*

Please stand for the Presentation.

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.**

Please be seated.

The Children's Choir

Psalm 17 is sung as the children's choir proceeds to the altar area.

Keep me, keep me, as the apple of the eye.
Hide, me, hide me, in the shadow of your wings.

A Bushel and a Peck

I love you a bushel and a peck, a bushel and a peck
and a hug around the neck, hug around the neck.
And a barrel and a heap, barrel and a heap
And a talkin' in my sleep, about you, about you.
I love you a bushel and a peck,
You bet your pretty neck I do.
Doodle, doodle, doodle, doodle, doodle, doodle, doo.

Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B Page 367, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 129, *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.
Ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.*

Communion Music

Hymn 664 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh, he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
And leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
My cup, with blessings, overflows, thy oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
Oh, may thy house be mine abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Hymn 343 *Shepherd of Souls*

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body and thy Blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

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 Christ Church, I send you forth bearing these holy 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.**

You may kneel.

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

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn 522 *Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken* Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
He, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode;
On the Rock of Ages, founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings, and priests to God.
'Tis his love, his people raises, over self, to reign as kings:
And, as priests, his solemn praises, each, for a thank-offering, brings.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Postlude *Postlude on Marion*



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TODAY – Sunday, May 11

Sunday Breakfast

A delicious breakfast will be served in the dining room from 8:30am - 10:45am. \$7/person; \$28 family max

Nursery Care

Nursery care is available from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm, for children ages four months to five years old. Contact Jennifer DeRycker at JDeRycker@ccpvb.org with any questions.

Children's Chapel

Sundays at 9:15 am in the Hospitality Lobby

Sunday Formation (10:15 – 11:00 am)

- **Children's Formation - Ages 3 - 5th grade;** 2nd floor F+A Building
- **The Clergy Forum;** Room F 106
- **Scott Burch Bible Study;** Conference Room next to the Contemporary Worship Space. Contact: Scott Burch at scottburch00@gmail.com.
- **The Youth Forum - Discussion and Donuts;** Youth House
- **Gabe Bove Bible Study;** Room F204. Contact: gabe@bovecompany.com

HAPPENING THIS WEEK



** For our regular, recurring weekly activities and groups, please see our event calendar.

Wednesday Night Community Dinners

Westbury Hall Dining Room from 5:45- 7:00 p.m. \$8 per person, \$32 family max.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BOOK STUDY of "BLACK WAS THE INK"

Thursday, May 15, 6:30-8:30 pm

Formation+Arts Room 204

Join Facing Racism for a deep dive into Michelle Coles' "Black was the Ink." Follow young Malcolm on a supernatural journey through the Reconstruction era, guided by a ghostly ancestor, to find his place in modern-day America. This powerful story, from a celebrated civil rights attorney, will both enlighten and empower. Guest speaker Rodney Hurst will provide remarks about the reconstruction era. Register at CCPVB.org. Questions: frbobbylee2002@yahoo.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As of March 31st 2025:

YTD Budget Rev \$1,270,919

YTD Actual Rev \$1,173,199

YTD Budget Exp \$1,042,427

YTD Actual Exp \$ 968,733

The Preschool is looking for **teaching assistants** and teachers to help with **Extended Day**. If you know of anyone who would be a great fit, please reach out to Head of School Christy Maurer at cmaurer@preschoolcec.org.



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Youth and Parents of Youth: Are you receiving emails and texts about upcoming activities for 6th-12th grade students? If not, please email Mother Laura at Limagevney@ccpvb.org.

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Youth Hometown Mission Week: June 16-20 for 6th-12th grades. Register at ccpvb.org.

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Make a joyful noise! Learn more about joining a choir here.

Need prayer or assistance, or want to help those who do? Learn more about **Caring Connections** here:



There are many ways to serve here at Christ Church, and we need you! Check out current **Service Opportunities** here.

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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.	Cooper Chapel	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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