



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

• May 11, 2025 • 5:00 p.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

Silence for Prayer

This contemplative service is preceded by a period of silence at 4:50 p.m.

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Arr. Anne Britt

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Opening Sentences

Reader

Living God, who came to your world and entered human pain,
Come and be in every painful place in our lives,

People

In every painful place in our world, today.

Living God, who worked in the secret darkness

To raise Christ from the grave,

Come and work in every secret, dark place in our lives,

In every secret, dark place of our world, today.

Living God, who sent women out to proclaim the resurrection
to the frightened, imprisoned disciples,

Come and empower us in every frightened, imprisoned place in our lives,

In every frightened, imprisoned place in our world, today.

Living God, Risen Son, Easter God:

Come and make us your living Church, your risen Church,

your Easter Church,

Today and every day.

First Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good.
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.
For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind,
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Praise to you, O faithful God! You fight for us against everything that could attack or do us harm. You are our shepherd, and you free us from the snare. O God, great is the sweetness that you give. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John

10:22-30

People Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

The Reverend Wendy Billingslea

A reflection is essentially based on a personal experience and is a great way to share what God is doing in our lives. When we listen to what God is doing in our brothers' and sisters' lives, we are likely to grow in greater awareness of how God works in our own lives.

One minute of silence follows.

Music for Meditation

Lord, Hear My Humble Prayer, I Pray James Michael Stevens

You may stand or kneel.

The Prayers of the People

Reader

Let us who journey on the way with Christ, risen and ever-present in mystery, pray for the world with all our heart and mind,

In the silence following each petition, please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let us first of all, pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

During the pause you may offer prayer, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the concerns of our community, our families and friends, and all who have requested our prayers.

During the pause you may offer prayer, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for the Christian Church and for all people of faith.

During the pause you may offer prayer, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for our nation and for leaders around the world.

During the pause you may offer prayer, either silently or aloud.

Let us pray for those who have died and all who grieve.

During the pause you may offer prayer, either silently or aloud.

Finally, let us give thanks for all that is lovely, true, and gracious in our world and in our lives.

During the pause you may offer prayer, either silently or aloud.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bring these and all our needs to you, filled with confidence in the power of Jesus' name. Hear us and answer our prayers in your great wisdom and love. We ask this through Christ who is our risen Lord now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Candlelighting

We continue our prayers through the lighting of the votive candles as a symbol of our love and concern for others. During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a single candle as a symbol of your prayers.

Candles are located at the front of the main aisle to the left and right.

Please stand.

The Peace

Celebrant Angels said it to frightened shepherds, Jesus said it to dismayed disciples.
And now these words which come from heaven are given to reconcile us
to God and to each other: 'Peace be with you'.

People **And also with you.**

Let us share this peace with each other.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

God Will Make a Way

Tom Fettke

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

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

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So, too, after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All together

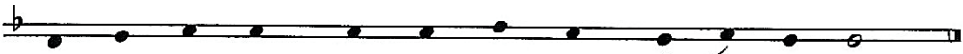
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

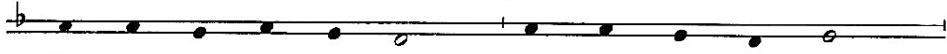
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

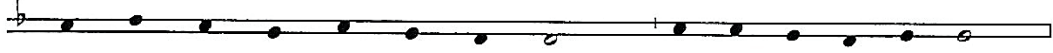


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us we now pray,

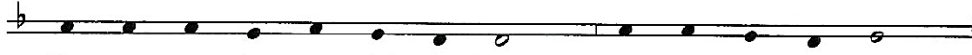
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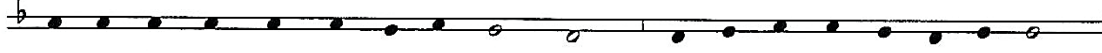
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,




your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



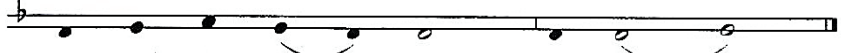
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al,



and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for - ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia.

Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem-er of the world, do - na no - bis

pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

Celebrant continues

This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; you who have been here often and you who have not been here long; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

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.

Communion Music

You Are Mine

I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here.
I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me.

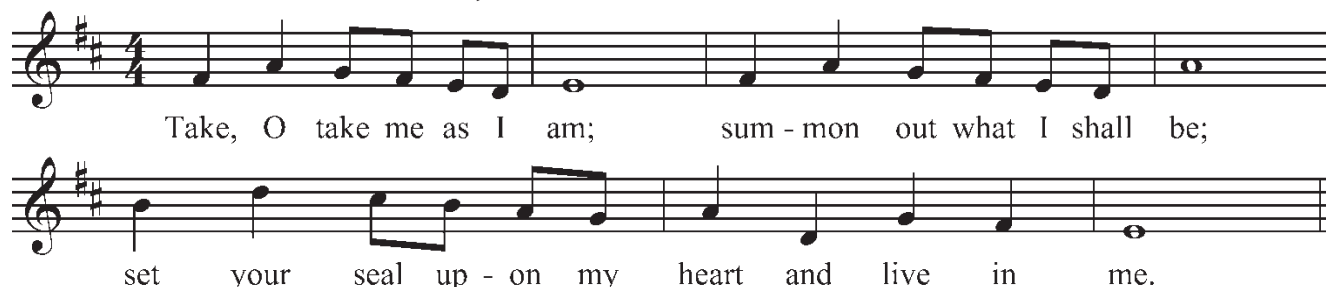
Refrain Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me, I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,
And all will know my name. *Refrain*

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,
I am the peace the world cannot give.
I will call your name, embracing all your pain,
Stand up, now walk, and live! *Refrain*

Two minutes of silence follows.

After Communion Music *Take, O Take Me As I Am*



After Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Loving God, we give you thanks that in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, you awaken us to your indwelling Presence and our true life. Help us to recognize and honor your Presence in one another, to treat each other with reverence and humility, and to become, more and more, the people we already are in you. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the light of Christ, rising in glory, scatter the darkness of your hearts and minds; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you, and be with you always. **Amen.**

Music for Meditation *I Will Pray*

James Michael Stevens

Please stand.

Dismissal

Reader Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has made a promise to love you faithfully forever.
Go out with joy and be led forth with Peace

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Postlude on Warrenton

Arr. Mark Hayes

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Jerald Jay, *Piano* Rachel Kamps, *Soloist*



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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.

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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