

# CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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# HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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# 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:

• <u>No Old Testament readings:</u> Instead, we focus entirely on the New Testament, highlighting the growth and spread of the early Church.





- <u>First Reading:</u> 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.
- <u>Gospel Reading</u>: 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



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

# THE WORD OF GOD

## Prelude

Sung Medley

#### 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.** 

The children follow the cross to Children's Church.

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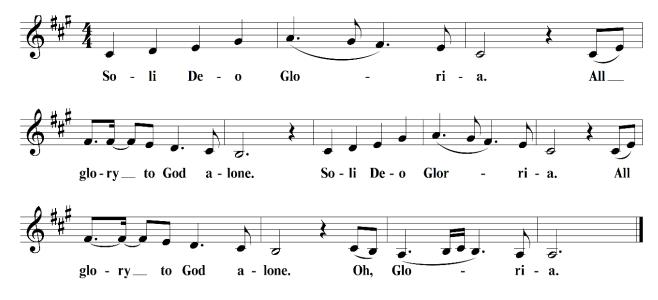
## **Soli Deo Gloria** Wong

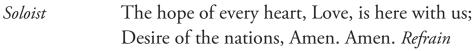
Soloist

We come before your throne to worship and adore. Worthy is the Lamb, amen. Soli Deo Gloria. All glory to God alone. Oh, Gloria. Robed in majesty, our servant and our King. Behold the Great I Am, Amen. *Refrain* 

Glory to God Alone

Please join in singing the Refrain.





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## 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.

## The 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

## Gospel Song Hymn PSB 185 Thy Word

V. 1 & Refrain

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, Still, You're there, right beside me. Nothing will I fear, as long as You are near. Please, be with me, to the end.

*Refrain* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

## The Gospel

GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John10:22-30PeopleGlory 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."

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Gospel Response** 

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! (Sing twice)

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 PeacePage 360, The Book of Common PrayerCelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Please be seated. The children return.

#### Welcome and Announcements

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **Offertory Anthem**

Goodness, Love, and MercyChris Tomlin, Bear RinehartCommon Ground withBo Rinehart, Ed Cash,Casey Carroll, and Jen Schlechte, Soloistand Jonathan Walker

O Lord, You're my Shepherd, You make me lie in fields of green. You lead me by the still waters, You restore righteousness to me. Though I walk through the valley, I will fear no evil thing, For You are with me, and You comfort me. Surely goodness, love, and mercy will follow wherever I go.

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Full of goodness, love, and mercy wherever I go. Surely goodness, love, and mercy will follow wherever I go. Oh, wherever I go.

## 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	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. The ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.

## **Communion Music**

**PSB 186** 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word. Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

RefrainJesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O, for grace to trust Him more!

O, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood. Just, in simple faith, to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood! *Refrain*  Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease. Just, from Jesus, simply taking life, and rest, and joy, and peace. *Refrain* 

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend; And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me, to the end. *Refrain* 

## **PSB 187** Trust And Obey

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey. *Refrain*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away; not a doubt nor a fear,
Not a sigh nor a tear, can abide while we trust and obey. *Refrain*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, But our toil, He doth richly repay; not a grief, nor a loss, Not a frown, nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *Refrain* 

But, we never can prove the delights of His love, Until all on the altar, we lay; for the favor He shows, And the joy He bestows, are for them who will trust and obey. *Refrain* 

When, in fellowship sweet, we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side, in the way; what He says we will do, Where He sends, we will go, never fear, only trust and obey. *Refrain* 

## 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.

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#### You may kneel.

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

## The Blessing

Please stand.

# **Recessional Hymn 522**Glorious Things of Thee Are SpokenVs. 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



## 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 <u>scottburch00@gmail.com</u>.
- The Youth Forum Discussion and Donuts; Youth House
- Gabe Bove Bible Study; Room F204. Contact: <u>gabe@bovecompany.com</u>

## 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

## <u>As of March 31st 2025:</u>

YTD Budget Rev YTD Actual Rev	\$1,270,919 \$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 <u>cmaurer@preschoolcec.org</u>.





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 <u>Lmagevney@ccpvb.org</u>.

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

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

Kathie Seabrook and the team of **Ushers** are looking for more guiding hands during all traditional services. Contact Kathie at **kadesea@me.com** to help everyone know where to go!

#### Soup for the Soul

Maura Waller and friends are making soup to give to people in times of change and need. Contact **Maura.waller@comcast.net** to help!

#### **Greeter Ministry**

New Greeter Leader Dina Khentigan needs your smiling face to help greet people on Sundays. Come learn more on May 4, or email Dina at <u>dkhentigan@gmail.com</u> to join the welcome wagon.

#### Meals on Wheels

Pam Gordon is helping bring nourishment to those who need it. To learn more about how you can help, please contact Pam at 904-250-5693.

#### Lay Visitor Ministry

Valerie Gambino and her team of Lay Visitors make everyone feel loved and a part of the Christ Church community even when they can't regularly participate in the life of the church. To learn more about visiting, phoning, and reminding people that they are seen, contact Valerie at <u>Valerie.gambino@comcast.net</u>

## Kitchen + Hospitality

Director of Hospitaltiy Jen DeRycker needs your smiling faces, steady hands, and ability to take direction in the kitchen! To learn more about feeding our church and friends, contact Jen at <u>jderycker@ccpvb.org</u>.

## Front Office Desk

The church office is a bustling place during the week! To help Kathy Culbertson and her team of volunteers serve our church and to have fun doing it, contact Kathy at <u>kculber568@aol.com</u>.

#### Children's Formation

Help to shape the lives and faith of our precious children by volunteering in formation classes. Amy Schmitt will help get you plugged in; no prior experience is necessary. Adult and youth volunteers are needed. Contact Amy at <u>aschmitt@ccpvb.org</u> to learn more.





#### Youth Programs

Hang out with your amazing youth on Wednesdays and Sundays! Adult volunteers are needed to facilitate and support this important ministry. Contact Mother Laura at <u>LMagevney@ccpvb.org</u> to see how you can help.

## **Campus Projects**

Are you handy, or think you could be? Our facitlies department needs volunteers to help with projects around campus on the third Friday of each month from 8:30 am – 11:30 am. All materials will be provided and no experience is necessary. For more information, please contact our Lead Sexton, Eryk Bennie, at EBennie@ccpvb.org.

## <u>QR CORNER</u>



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:







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# **Worship Services**

7:30 a.m.	Church Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Church Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Cooper Chapel
9:00 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor
9:00 a.m.	NSIA Community Center
11:15 a.m.	Church Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	Parish Center, 2nd floor
12:45 p.m.	Cooper Chapel
5:00 p.m.	Church Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. (Wed)	Cooper Chapel

Holy Eucharist, Rite I Holy Eucharist, Rite II Holy Eucharist, Rite II Jordan Service Holy Eucharist, Rite II Holy Eucharist, Rite II Jordan Service Spanish-language Service Contemplative Service Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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