



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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

• May 11, 2025 • 9:00 a.m. • Chapel •



**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

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 23)

Celebrant The Lord is my shepherd; *

People **I shall not be in want.**

Celebrant He makes me lie down in green pastures *
 and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though 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.

You 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.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Celebrant The Lord is my shepherd; *

People **I shall not be in want.**

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

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

The Gospel

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.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Michael Ellis*

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*

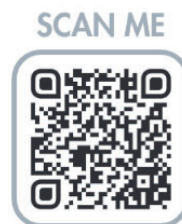
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

*To make an offering online visit
ccpvb.org/give or scan this code.
Thank you for your support.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

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

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 usher will guide for Communion.*

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Please stand.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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



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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.

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 dkhentigan@gmail.com 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 Valerie.gambino@comcast.net

Kitchen + Hospitality

Director of Hospitality 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 jderycker@ccpvb.org.

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 kculber568@aol.com.

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 aschmitt@ccpvb.org to learn more.



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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 LMagevney@ccpvb.org to see how you can help.

Campus Projects

Are you handy, or think you could be? Our facilities 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.

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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:



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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

Vestry

Jack Parker, Sr. Warden	Janet Burnside, Treasurer	Doug Knowles, Jr. Warden
Jen Arnold	Martha Baker	Mark Barrett
Heather Fouts	David Gagnon	Jim Evanger
Justin Udelhofen	Jacqueline Williams	Doug Long
		Gretna Zerebny

Staff Clergy

The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector

The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector

The Rev. Amy Slater, Sr. Associate Rector The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector

The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain

The Rev. Sandy Tull, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks

Deacons

The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan

The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

The Rev. Deacon Marsha Holmes

Adjunct Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus

The Rev. Michael Ellis

The Rev. Keith Oglesby

The Rev. Eric Kahl

The Rev. Bob Morris

The Rev. Burt Shepherd

The Rev. Rich Roos

The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus

The Rev. Deacon Jo Hoskins, Deacon Emeritus