



CHRIST CHURCH

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Sunday. Every Day.

Preschool is Where She's Meant to Be

By Maggie FitzRoy

Christy Maurer loves working with preschool age children and they love her. In March, just days after beginning her new position as Christ Church Preschool's Head of School, she was gratified to learn how much the love is mutual.

"One little boy told his mom, 'Ms. Maurer is my new best friend.'" she says. "Young children make you feel important. They make you feel smart. They make you feel loved. I've loved every job I've had, and each time I thought I'd never get another job as good as the last, but they just kept getting better and better. And now this. This is my dream job. This is where I'm meant to be."



Christy's extensive experience as a teacher of young children and as an administrator has prepared her well for her position at Christ Church's preschool, which opened in 1955 and is now in its 70th year.

She grew up in Kentucky, and after graduating from Western Kentucky University, began her teaching career at Ponte Vedra Palm Valley Elementary School, where she taught first grade. In 1996, when Ocean Palms Elementary opened, she became a founding faculty member there, where she taught first grade for several years while earning a master's degree in elementary education at the University of North Florida.

In 2000, she and her husband moved to California, where she taught kindergarten and first grade in Del Mar. Then, returning to Atlantic Beach after the first of their two children was born, Christy taught at Neptune Beach Elementary before taking a position as a preschool teacher at Jacksonville Country Day School, later becoming Director of Education. Christy moved back to the beaches when she joined Episcopal School of Jacksonville, Beaches Campus, teaching kindergarten before taking a newly created position as Director of Lower School Curriculum and Instruction.

Then on March 3, she came back to Ponte Vedra when she became Head of School at Christ Church's preschool, which serves children 12 months old to kindergarten. The school currently has 241 children enrolled, with 30 classroom teachers and teacher assistants as well as an art teacher, a Spanish teacher, a music teacher, and a physical education teacher.

A decades-old tradition at Christ Church, the preschool is extremely popular and registration for each school year fills up quickly, as does its summer camp. And Christy is excited to be here.

"This is exactly where I've always wanted to be," says Christy, who grew up Methodist and now attends Christ Church. "My experience in the last thirty years has prepared me for this position. I feel like God wanted me here."

*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

Amazing Grace

Arr. Joel Raney

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

Where Charity and Love Prevail

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

As the day lengthens, O Christ, teach us to walk in your love. While we strive to be faithful in word and deed, teach us to love one another. While we live as part of your creation, teach us to love this good earth. While we offer our prayers this hour, with grateful hearts, teach us to trust in your love. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to John

13:31-35

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

The Reverend Amy Slater

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

Evening Prayer I

Timothy Albrecht

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

The Gift of Love

Arr. Lloyd Larson

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.**

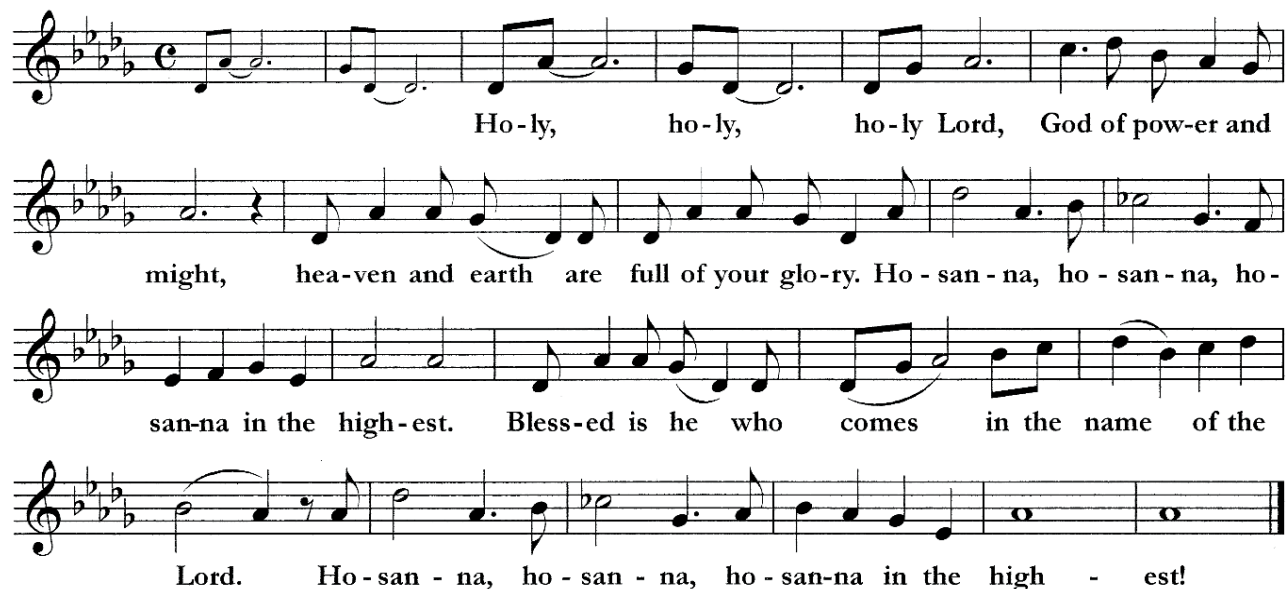
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:



The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 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,

All 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

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill, light of each tomorrow,
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You, who know our fears and sadness,
Grace us with your peace and gladness,
Spirit of all comfort: Fill our hearts. *Refrain.*

In the pain and joy beholding,
How your grace is still unfolding,
Give us all your vision: God of love. *Refrain.*

Give us strength to love each other,
Ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness: Be our guide. *Refrain.*

You, who know each thought and feeling,
Teach us all your way of healing,
Spirit of compassion: Fill each heart. *Refrain.*

Two minutes of silence follows.

After Communion Music *Ubi Caritas*

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

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 *Grace*

Joel Raney

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

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

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



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TODAY – Sunday, May 18

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.

Finance Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m., Room F 204

Monthly meeting of the finance committee, open to all.

Wednesday Night Community Dinners

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Youth End of School Party

Wednesday, May 28, 5:30-7:30

at the Youth House

Meet our new Youth Director, Parker Wheeler, and celebrate the end of the school year with your friends! Contact Mtr. Laura at Limagevney@ccpvb.org for more information.

Bilingual Service on Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 11:15 a.m., Church Main Sanctuary

(All 11:15 services will be combined:

Traditional, Jordan, and Spanish-language)

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability". (Acts 2:4) Our choir, musicians, and clergy have designed a beautiful liturgy for us to celebrate and worship together on Pentecost. Join us for this spiritual feast of the Spirit with music, preaching, and the breaking of bread in a multicultural and joyful celebration of our faith. We will have a guest preacher, Fr. Lorenzo Lebrija. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. You are invited to bring a favorite dish to share.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

QR CORNER



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.

STAY CONNECTED

Follow Christ Church on Social Media to stay connected throughout the week.

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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

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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

The world has changed.

And at times we feel further apart than ever before.

But, two things haven't changed:

God's Unwavering Love, and our need for each other.

With that comes the love that Christ Church has for you—all of you.

Because no matter if you attend virtually or in-person.

If you're Episcopalian or Non-Denominational.

Young or Old. Lean Left or Right.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are one.

Christ Church is not just a place, it's a community.

It's not just what you do on Sunday, it's how you live every day.

With opportunities to grow, learn, create, worship, praise, connect, serve, and thrive.

We are a church centered around Christ.

We are a community centered around Christ

We are the community of Christ Church.



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