



# CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

**HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I**

*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

**Prelude**

*Resignation*

Peter P. Stearns

*Please stand.*

**Processional Hymn 657**    *Love Divine*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory, 'till in heaven we take our place,  
'Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### Welcome Words

**Opening Sentences** Page 323, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant*        Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People**        **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Glory

S 204, *The Hymnal*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
Good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,  
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Reading

*Lector*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

*Lector*

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## The Gospel

*Gospeler*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John      13:31-35

**People**      **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

*Gospeler*      The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**      **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**The Sermon**      *The Reverend Thomas Reeder*

*Please stand.*

**The Nicene Creed**      Page 327, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*You may kneel.*

**The Prayers of the People** Page 328, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please stand.*

**The Peace**      Page 332, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**      **And with thy spirit.**

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

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# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

*Come, My Way*

Joseph & Stephanie Murray, *Soloists*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a way as gives us breath;  
Such a truth as ends all strife;  
Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a light as shows a feast;  
Such a feast as mends in length;  
Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a joy as none can move;  
Such a love as none can part;  
Such a heart as joys in love.

*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.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer I

Page 333, *The Book of Common Prayer*

### Sanctus

S 114, *The Hymnal*

*You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Page 336, *The Book of Common Prayer*

### The Breaking of the Bread

Page 337, *The Book of Common Prayer*

*Please be seated.*

## **Distribution of Communion**

***Please join us at God's table.***

*All people 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 325** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Let us break bread together, on our knees;

Let us break bread together, on our knees;

*Refrain:*           When I fall on my knees,  
                          With my face to the rising sun,  
                          O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together, on our knees;

Let us drink wine together, on our knees; *Refrain*

Let us praise God together, on our knees;

Let us praise God together, on our knees; *Refrain*

**Postcommunion Prayer**   Page 339, *The Book of Common Prayer*

## **The Blessing**

*Please stand.*

**Recessional Hymn 438**   *Tell Out, My Soul*

Vs. 1, 2 & 4

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;

Tender to me the promise of his word;

In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!

Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

His mercy sure, from age the same;

His holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
To children's children and for evermore!

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

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

**People**

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

**Postlude**

*Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now*

J. S. Bach



# Sunday. Every Day.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:scottburch00@gmail.com).
- **The Youth Forum - Discussion and Donuts;** Youth House
- **Gabe Bove Bible Study;** Room F204. Contact: [gabe@bovecompany.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [lmagevney@ccpvb.org](mailto:lmagevney@ccpvb.org).

**Youth Hometown Mission Week:** June 16-20 for 6th-12th grades. Register at [ccpvb.org](http://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

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## Vestry

<b>Jack Parker, Sr. Warden</b>	<b>Janet Burnside, Treasurer</b>	<b>Doug Knowles, Jr. Warden</b>
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**The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector**

The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector

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The Rev. Wendy Billingslea, Chaplain

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The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

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