



CHRIST CHURCH

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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, 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

Introit

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal
Men's Ensemble

Craig Carnahan

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 alway 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 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.

Soli Deo Gloria

Glory to God Alone

Zschech, Smith & 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*

Please join in singing the Refrain.

The musical notation is for the Refrain of 'Soli Deo Gloria'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics 'So - li De - o Glo - ri - a. All'. The second staff contains 'glo - ry to God a - lone. So - li De - o Glor - ri - a. All'. The third staff contains 'glo - ry to God a - lone. Oh, Glo - ri - a.'.

So - li De - o Glo - ri - a. All

glo - ry to God a - lone. So - li De - o Glor - ri - a. All

glo - ry to God a - lone. Oh, Glo - ri - a.

Soloist

The hope of every heart, Love, is here with us;

Desire of the nations, Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, 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.

Gospel Song Hymn PSB 171 *The Gift of Love*

Vs. 1 & 3

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love: my words are vain;
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this, we worship, and are freed.

The Gospel

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Response

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *(Sing twice)*

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Thomas Reeder

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*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated. The children return.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

More Like Jesus
Common Ground

B. Ligertwood, S. Ligertwood,
K. Stanfill, B. Younker, and C. Duren

You came to the world You created,
Trading Your crown for a cross.
You willingly died; Your innocent life paid the cost.
Counting Your status as nothing,
The King of all kings came to serve-washing my feet,
Covering me with Your love.

Refrain: If more of You means less of me, take ev'rything.
Yes, all of You is all I need. Take ev'rything.

You are my life and my treasure,
The One that I can't live without.
Here, at Your feet, my desires and dreams I lay down. *Refrain*

O Lord, change me like only You can.
Here, with my heart in Your hands,
Father, I pray, make me more like Jesus.
This world is dying to know who You are.

You've shown us the way to Your heart.
Father, I pray, make me more like Jesus.
O Lord, change me like only You can.
Here, with my heart in Your hands,
Father, I pray, make me more like Jesus.

This world is dying to know You are.
You've shown us the way to Your heart.
Father, I pray, make me more like Jesus. Oh! *Refrain*. O Lord!

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.**

Please stand.

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 80 *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever*

Over the mountains and the sea your river runs with love for me,
And I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands,
For I will always sing of when your love came down, yeah.

Refrain I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.
I could sing of your love forever.

Bridge Oh, I feel like dancing; it's foolishness I know.
But when the world has seen the light, they will
Dance with joy like we're dancing now.

Repeat to beginning
The last time through repeat refrain.

PSB 74 *How Deep the Father's Love For Us*

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon the cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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.**

You may kneel.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *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



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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

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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. 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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