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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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!*

Prelude

Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Prayer

All **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.**

Glorious Day

Kristian Stanfill

Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame
Who could carry that kind of weight
It was my tomb till I met You

Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive
All my failures I tried to hide
It was my tomb till I met You

Chorus

You called my name
And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul
Now Your freedom is all that I know
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You

Bridge

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
But chains break
At the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
Now Your love is the
Air that I'm breathing
I have a future, my eyes are open
'Cause when You called my name
I ran out of that grave

The children follow the leader to Children's Church.

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 as you are able.

Gospel Song

Channel of Your Peace

Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred,
Let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled, as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love with all my soul
Make me a channel of your peace

The Gospel

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.**

Please be seated.

Sermon *The Reverend Amy Slater*

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); and for] all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Collect

Celebrant 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.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

By Our Love

Debrann Johnston

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit,
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may
One day be restored

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 2

We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other,
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land *Refrain*

Verse 3

We will work with each other,
We will work side by side
We will work with each other,
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each other's pride *Refrain*

Bridge

By our love, by our love
They'll know we are Christians by our love

Verse 4

All praise to the Father,
from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus,
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit,
Who makes us one

Refrain + Bridge

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
O Praise Him, O Praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

You may sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against
us. And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please come forward for Communion.

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.

Throne Room

Kim Walker-Smith

Verse 1

Dream after dream
You are speaking to me
Breathing word after word
Of kingdom come
Here at Your feet
I can see the unseen
Truly, one look at You
And I'm undone
I run to the throne room
I run to the throne room

Chorus

And I fall on my face
With angels and saints
And all I can say is
Holy, holy, holy are You God
My heart can't contain
The weight of Your name
And all I can say is
Holy, holy, holy are You

Verse 2

Grace upon grace
All my fears fall away
Only Your perfect
Love for me remains
Time after time
You stay close by my side
Burning fire inside
I can't contain
I run to the throne room
I run to the throne room

Bridge

I run to the throne room
Before You, the only One
I run to the throne room
Before You, I'm overcome

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Kristian Stanfill

Bridge

I needed rescue, my sin was heavy
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At the weight of Your glory
I needed shelter, I was an orphan
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven
When I was broken You were my healing
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Air that I'm breathing
I have a future, my eyes are open
'Cause when You called my name
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Chorus

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And I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day
You called my name
I ran out of that grave
Out of the darkness
Into Your glorious day

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude



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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

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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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