

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

# **HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE**

Twenty-second Sunday After Pentecost
November 9, 2025 5:00 p.m. Church

#### Love Heavenly - Live Faithfully - Give Together

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we look ahead to 2026, we are called once again to give thanks - and to give forward. Your generous pledge makes it possible for Christ Church to continue offering the vibrant programs and ministries that shape our parish and serve the wider community. From worship and music to outreach and recovery, we are able to gather, grow, and give because of you.

We also honor the faith of those who came before us - those who sacrificed to build, sustain, and beautify this sacred place. Their gifts laid the foundation upon which we now stand. It is our turn to carry that legacy forward with the same spirit of courage and gratitude.

Christ Church remains a haven for all who seek help, healing, and hope - a place where brokenness meets grace, where lives are renewed in Christ, and where hearts find peace amid division and uncertainty.

Your giving is not just financial - it is transformational. Each pledge feeds, clothes, shelters, and uplifts lives near and far. We may never meet those we help, but we know our love reaches them. Let us give as others once gave for us - with faith, with sacrifice, and with joy - so that future generations may continue to know this house of God as their spiritual home and family.

If you have already pledged – THANK YOU! If you have not, please pledge today. Don't wait for someone else's "yes" - yours is the one God is waiting for. The church thrives when you say, "Here I am, Lord."

November 16<sup>th</sup> – ingathering Sunday - is when we gather and bless all pledges, both given on that day, and all that we have already received.

Pledge to 2026 today  $\rightarrow$ 



Scan to see Christ Church's legacy in action – you may recognize some faces!



In Christ's love,

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

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

# **Opening Sentences**

Reader:

Come, brother Jesus, be our guest, stay with us for the day is ending. Bring to this place your poverty, for then shall we be rich. Bring to this place your pain, that in sharing it, we may also share your joy. Bring to this place your understanding of us, that we may be freed to learn more of you. Bring to this place your Holy Spirit, that we and all things might be made new. With friends, with strangers, with the unknown and well known ones,

## People Be among us tonight.

# First Song #15 Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

## Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; (Repeat previous two lines once.)

# Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

fect submission, perfect delight; Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels, descending, bring, from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain* 

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I, in my Savior, am happy and blest:
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain* 

Renew us this night in the image of your love; renew us in the likeness of your mercy O God. May any refusal to forgive that lingers with us from the day, any bitterness of soul that hardens our heart, be softened by your graces of the night. Renew us in the image of your love, O God, renew us in the likeness of your mercy. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

# The Gospel

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

20:27-38

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

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

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

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

**Reflection** Scott Burch

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

You may stand or kneel.

# The Prayers of the People

Leader

Let us pray to the Lord, saying, Hear our prayer.

For the Church of God and the proclamation of the Gospel to all nations. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee, and the bishops assisting our dioceses, that we may be strengthened in our faith and mission. Lord, in your mercy

#### People

### Hear our prayer.

For those serving our nation, especially...

For Ron, our Governor, Donald, our President, and all those in positions of power, that we may use our liberty and resources in accordance with your gracious will. Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

For the world, the work of your hands, so that everyone can live with justice and peace. We especially pray for those nations suffering the impact of war, and for those who lack food, shelter, and protection in Sudan, Haiti, Cuba and Gaza. Give us the courage and the will to always do what we can for the common good. This week we pray for those recovering from Hurricane Melissa in Cuba and Jamaica. Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

For our parish family, that we may always be faithful witnesses of your love and serve you joyfully with all we are and all we have. We also pray for our parishioners walking on the footsteps of St. Paul. Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

For our local community, for our schools, and for our neighbors. Guide us in the work we do, that we may not do it for self alone, and remind us that you have linked our lives with one another—that all we do affects, for good or ill, all others' lives. Lord, in your mercy,

## Hear our prayer.

For those who have requested our prayers. God of all comfort, we present to you...and all for whom our prayers are desired, that your healing grace and comfort be upon them. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Leader For those who have died, especially ...,that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom. And for those who mourn, that they may find comfort and

peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

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 Christ, the Good Shepherd, bind us with a bond of love that cannot be

broken. My sisters and brothers, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be 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 Grace On Grace by Don Francisco

Please stand.

# Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

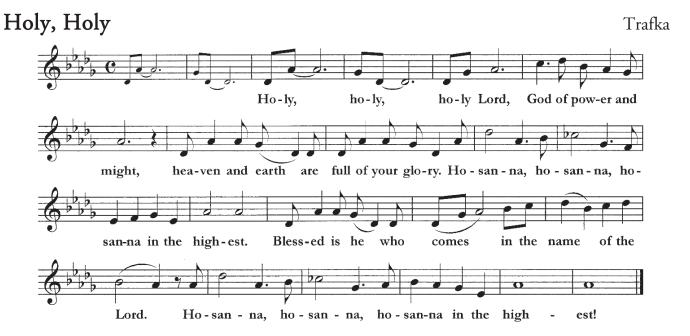
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant continues

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know.

Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:



#### Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

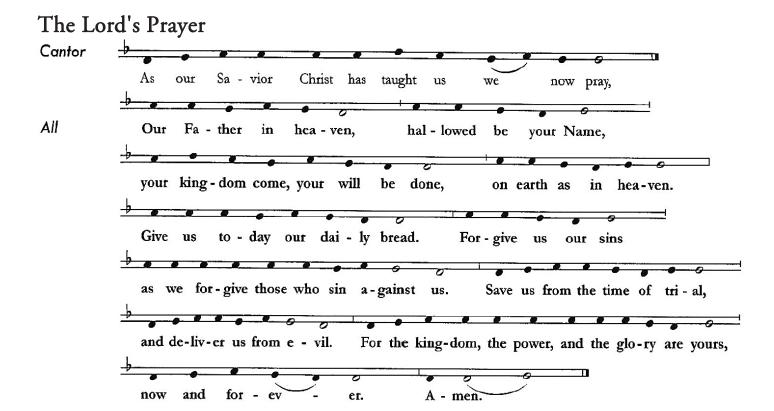
On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine. Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

#### All together

Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen

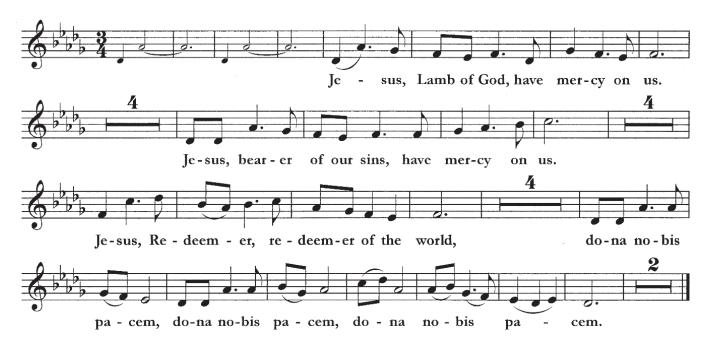


# The Breaking of the Bread

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 Trafka



#### 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

Hymn #341 For The Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread, which you have broken, For the wine, which you have poured, For the words which you have spoken, Now, we give you thanks, O Lord.

By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, By your gift of peace restored, By your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord. As our blessed ones adore you, Seated at our Father's board, May the Church, still waiting for you, Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts, keep watch and ward, In the world, to which you send us, Let your kingdom come, O Lord

Two minutes of silence follow.

#### After Communion Music

# After Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Cilibrani Let us pray

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

All

The love of the faithful Creator, the peace of the wounded Healer, the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One surround and encourage you today, tonight, and forever. **Amen.** 

## Music for Meditation

Please stand.

### Dismissal

Celebrant

May God, who is present in sunrise and nightfall, and in the crossing of the sea, guide your feet as you go. May God, who is with you when you sit and when you stand, encompass you with love and lead you by the hand. May God, who knows your path and the places where you rest, be with you in your waiting, be your good news for sharing, and lead you in the way that is everlasting.

All Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Ian Bula, Piano Music by Rachel Kamps

## TODAY - Sunday, November 9

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Stewart Angell and in thanksgiving for the wedding of Katie Shepherd and Tyler Crawford.

A delicious **Sunday Breakfast** will be served in the dining room from 8:30am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Nursery Care - Available from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm, for children ages four months to 5 years old

Children's Chapel -9:15 am - Hospitality Lobby

# Faith Foundations (100) – Ethics I (What We Believe)

10:15-11:00am; Room 106
Join Dcn. Leila, Mtr. Laura and the clergy team as we explore the foundations of our Christian faith and practice. Our discussions will be engaging both for newcomers to Christ Church and for long-time parishioners who want to reengage their faith and learn more about what it means to be Episcopalian. The class runs until Nov 23 and serves as preparation for both membership and adult confirmation.

## Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)

10:15 - 11:00 am in F209

This multi-generational gathering is a place for Holy Conversation as we study the Bible.

Scott Burch Bible Study (200): Excavating the Bible: How Archaeology & Historical Texts Can Help Us Interpret the Bible

10:15 – 11:00 am; Room 224 Contact: scottburch@yahoo.com

Children's Formation – Fruits of the Spirit Age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade from 10:15-11:00 am Meet downstairs in the F&A Building!

#### Youth Forum

10:15-11:00am Grades 6-12; Youth House

#### SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Bridge Institute presents "Circle of Hope" with Eliza Griswold

# November 13 at 7:00 pm

The daughter of former presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, Eliza Griswold is a Pulitzer prize winning, best selling author. She will join us here at Christ Church as part of the Bridge Institute speaker series to discuss her new book, Circle of Hope, which covers how we commit to

Christ and one another in a fracturing world. A reception will begin at 6:00 with her keynote at 7:00. This event is free, but requires a RSVP.



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Donations for Christmas Flowers Open now – December 5

Donations for Christmas Flowers are often given in Memory of or Thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate to the flower fund for the 2025 Christmas season, please fill out a form in the office or donate online at ccpvb.org. If you choose to give online, please email names to Liz McCarthy at Lmccarthy@ccpvb.org.

We will be hanging **Christmas wreaths** and greenery on Saturday, November 29 at 10:00am. Meet in the courtyard if you'd like to help decorate!

Christ Church Preschool's enrollment is open year round and we are taking inquiries for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact Head of School, Christy Maurer, at cmaurer@preschoolcec.org for more information.

This is your sign! There are spaces available for our next pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago, taking place from April 19 - May 2, 2026 AND on our Grace and Gardens trip to England from September 13-25, 2026. Please reach out to Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org for more information about the Camino and Rev. Amy Slater at aslater@ccpvb.org for England.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 16 - Ingathering Sunday
All pledges will be blessed at the altar– all that have already been turned in, all online, and all that are turned in on November 16th.

Thanksgiving Basket Program & Family Packing Event

November 16 from 10:15 – 11:00am in Rooms 111-113

Christ Church is joining BEAM and The Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Beaches to distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to local families in the Beaches Community.

How can you get involved?

1)Sign up with the QR code to donate food for the baskets. You can drop off at the M25 room.



2) Join in on November 16 between services and help pack the baskets! This is a wonderful opportunity to practice gratitude, share our blessings, and give thanks together as Christ calls us to do.

#### Adopt-a-Family Angel Tree

This year's Angel Tree will serve three charities this year: St. Mary's Mission Church, Rhoda Martin Early Learning Center, and Episcopal Children's Services. The tree will be in the courtyard November 16, 23 (at the Alternative Giving Fair) and 30 and December 7. Stop by to pick up a card and make someone else's Christmas a bit merrier!

Joyful Friends 75+: Nov 18 from 11:30-1:00 "The North Atlantic Right Whale: Past, Present, and Future"

Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and an engaging disussion with Terran McGinnis – Founder and Lead Educator at Wild Lessons. Please RSVP online or to the front office.

#### MOVIE NIGHT & SPEAKER featuring "RACE"

Sponsored by TRUE: Transforming Racial Understanding & Engagement Dining Room; November 18, 5:30-8:30 pm "Race" is the true story of African-American athlete Jesse Owens. Owens battled racism at home and abroad, yet with courage and determination won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics in Nazi Germany. Following the film, we'll hear from MaliVai Washington, local tennis professional and winner of four ATP titles. The evening is free; however, registration is essential. Register at CCPVB.org. Questions: debrabillard@gmail.com.

#### Candlelight "Gratitude" Labyrinth Walk

Friday, Nov 21 6:00pm
Christ Church Labyrinth Garden
You are warmly invited to offer thanks to God as
you walk the labyrinth path. Prompts and
materials will be provided so you can recall
what you're most thankful for in this season of
giving thanks. Informal time in the Center for
Spirituality will be offered for prayer and
discussion afterward. Light Refreshments
provided. Sign up online or by email at
Leila@ccpvb.org.

## Alternative Giving Fair

Sunday, November 23 8:45-11:30am
Westbury Hall Dining Room
Give a different kind of gift this holiday season
by shopping at the Alternative Giving Fair. Your
funding helps provide school supplies to children
at Mede Nio Africa Mission, meals to local
residents through Mission House, and more.

#### Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. Share your gratitude in this quiet family friendly service of Holy Eucharist, and prepare your hearts for Thanksgiving. During the service, Individuals and households are invited to come forward and share with the clergy their reasons to be thankful to God.

# Annual Christ Church Women's Retreat 2026 Mark your calendars for Friday, January 30 -Sunday, February 1

Our special speaker for the weekend will be Rev Dr Linda Privatera and the theme will be "Prayer of the People" - a deep exploration of the ways we pray and why. Make plans to join us at Epworth By the Sea for this time of fellowship, rest and inspiration! Registration will open soon. For questions, contact Deacon Leila or Mother Laura.

# Recurring Activities Monday, November 10

Stitchers of Love -10-12 Hospitality Lobby Contact: Helen Tucker at Tucker658@bellsouth.net

Cursillo Mens' Fourth Day - 5 pm in F202. Contact: cursilloccpvb@gmail.com

## Painting and Crafting Group

6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Hospitality Lobby Contact: barnettml615@gmail.com

#### Tuesday, November 11

Tai Chi - 10:00-11:00 am in Room F 106, F+A Building. Contact: Daniel Jones at djonesdragon@gmail.com

## Wednesday, November 12

Clergy Bible Study (200)

Dining Room and Zoom at 10:00 am Contact: Mother Laura at Lmagevney@ccpvb.org

#### Centering Prayer (100)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm - The Center for Spirituality. Contact: Deacon Leila at leila@ccpvb.org

## Contemplative Book Study (200)

3:00-4:30 pm in Room 224 Contact: Mary Anne Young at mayoung32082@gmail.com

Yoga – 4:30 pm in Rooms 111-113 All ages and all levels welcome to this gentle yoga session. Suggested donation: \$10 (kids are free). Contact Deacon Leila with any questions at Leila@ccpvb.org

# Wednesday Night Dinner – Chicken Teryaki and Asian

Dining Room from 5:30-7:00 p.m. \$10/adult, \$7/child under 8, \$34 family max

**Episcopal Youth Community** – Youth House Low Tide – 4:30-6 & High Tide – 7-8:30

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 5:30 - Cooper Chapel

#### Choir Rehersals

Women's Choir from 6:30-7:00, Chancel Choir from 7:00 - 8:30, Men's Choir from 8:30-9:00. Contact Rachel Root at rroot@ccpvb.org

#### Women in the Word (200)

Facilitated by Mary Ann Reynolds, Kay Verble & Jane Wallace, 7:00 pm - Conference Room. Contact: mahrey51@aol.com, ksvpvb@gmail.com, wilsonsidekick@gmail.com

#### Wednesday Night Book Club (200)

7:00 pm in Room F 204. Contact: Mark Barrett at mbarrett@vrlinkcorp.com

## Thursday, November 13

Blessings in a Backpack - 8:30 - Dining Hall

#### Friday, November 14

Men's Bible Study (100) & Breakfast at 7:00 am in the Dining Room.

**Soulful MOMS (100)**: 9-10:45 -Center for Spirituality. Contact: tschwarz1015@gmail.com

## **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.

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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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