



CHRIST CHURCH

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

• February 1, 2026 • 11:15 a.m. • Church •

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

Organ Voluntary

Please stand.

Proclamation Hymn 542 *Christ Is the World's True Light*

Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation,
The Daystar, clear and bright, of every race and nation;
New life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway:
Freedom, her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.

In Christ, all races meet, their ancient feuds, forgetting,
The whole round world, complete, from sunrise, to its setting:
When Christ is throned as Lord, all shall forsake their fear,
To plough-share, beat the sword, to pruning hook, the spear.

One Lord, in one great Name, unite us all, who own thee;
Cast out our pride and shame, that hinder to enthrone thee;
The world has waited long, has travailed long, in pain;
To heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

Welcome Words

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Glory

S 280, *The Hymnal*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Prophet Micah

6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

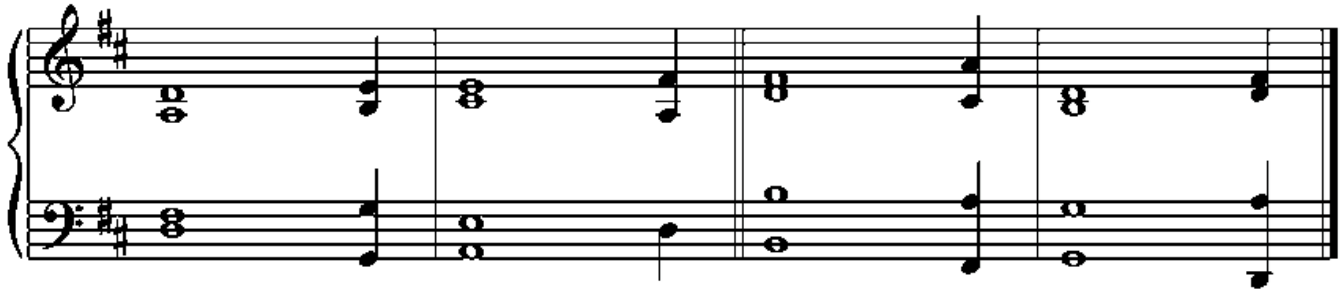
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated.

Please join the Choir in singing the Psalm. Note that each measure of music goes with each line of text. The bolded words are where the chords change.

Psalm 15



- ¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy **hill**?
- ² Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,
who speaks the truth from his **heart**.
- ³ There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his **neighbor**.
- ⁴ In his sight the wicked is rejected,
but he honors those who fear the **Lord**.
- ⁵ He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his **word**.
- ⁶ He does not give his money in hope of **gain**,
nor does he take a bribe against the **innocent**.
- ⁷ Whoever does these things
shall never be **overthrown**.

Second Reading

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Song Hymn 440 *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

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Blessed Jesus, at thy word,
We are gathered, all, to hear thee;
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now,
To seek, and love, and fear thee;
By thy teachings, pure and holy,
Drawn from earth, to love thee solely.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:1-12

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 Amy Slater*

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer* You may kneel.

You may kneel or sit.

The Prayers of the People, Form III Page 387, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Confession Page 360, *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

Holy, Holy, Holy
Men's Ensemble

R. Herber, John B. Dykes,
and Chas. Grayson

Holy, holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early, in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God, in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy, all the saints adore Thee, Holy Lord God,
Casting down their golden crowns, around the glassy sea, Holy Lord;
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee, Holy Lord God,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shall be! Holy, holy, holy!

Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man, Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy, there is none beside Thee;
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in Earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God, in three Persons, blessed Trinity. Amen!

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 A Page 361, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 125, *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

Hymn 656 *Blest Are the Pure in Heart*

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King;

He, to the lowly soul, will still himself impart,
And, for his dwelling, and his throne, will choose the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

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 657 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Organ Voluntary

TODAY, Sunday February 1

Traveling the Via Media: Finding Love and Unity Amid Differing Viewpoints

Led by Father Tom Reeder

Feb 1, 8 & 15 | 10:15 – 11:00 am | Room 106

Via media is a Latin phrase meaning "the middle road" or the "way between two extremes". Join Ftr. Tom as he explores the Episcopal Church's identity as a "middle way" between Catholic tradition and Protestant Reformation, examining its history, diverse practices, core beliefs, and its mission to foster unity and love amidst differing viewpoints.

A delicious **Breakfast** will be served in the dining room from 8:15am - 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.

Children's Chapel

9:15 am | Hospitality Lobby

Children's Formation

10:15-11:00am | Meet downstairs in the F&A Building

Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)

10:15 – 11:00 | F209

Positive Parenting (100)

10:15-11:00am | Room 204

Parenting isn't easy, and parenting with the support of others is vital. Join this group of parents of young children and teens for guided conversations around Christian

parenting. Contact Amy Schmitt at aschmitt@ccpvb.org

Scott Burch Bible Study (200): Excavating the Bible 10:15 – 11:00 am | Room 224

Contact: scottburch@yahoo.com

Youth Forum | 10:15-11:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Nominations We are now receiving nominations for new Vestry members who will serve a three-year term from March 2026 through March 2029. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself), please contact Father Tom Reeder at treeder@ccpvb.org or Jack Parker at jparkerpvb@outlook.com.

Grants and scholarships are available through the Christ Church Scholarship Commission for graduating seniors planning to attend a public Florida university, college, or trade school. Visit ccpvb.org/scholarships to apply; deadline is March 31.

Join our 2026 pilgrimages—the **Camino de Santiago** (April 19–May 2) and **Grace and Gardens** in England (September 13–25). Email Deacon Leila Quinlan at Leila@ccpvb.org for Camino questions, or Rev. Amy Slater at aslater@ccpvb.org for England.

Volunteers are needed for **Godspell** at Christ Church (Feb. 19–22 and 26–28), especially for concessions. Email Barb Roberts at barbiekroberts@gmail.com.

4th- 8th grade students are invited to be part of Stephanie Murray's brand-new **First Coast Youth Choir**, launching this February! Rehearsals will be held Mondays from 5:30–7:00 PM at Christ Church, with exciting opportunities to perform throughout the community. For more information, please contact SMurray@ccpvb.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 4

Join us each week for Wednesday Night Dinner from 5:45 – 7:00pm in the Dining Room. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max. This week's menu: Italian!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Spread Cream Cheese, Not Hate – Feb 8

Along with members of Beth El Beaches Synagogue, Palms Presbyterian, Jax Thrive, UF Hillel, and the Jewish Federation & Foundation, we are uniting to take the pledge to combat antisemitism and all forms of hate, to keep our community safe and welcoming to all. You are invited to sign a pledge and receive a free bagel and cream cheese!

Joyful Friends | February 10 | 11:30 am

Guest speaker Chris Hoffman (Jax Beach Mayor's Office and Beaches Historical Society) will explore the history of the Beaches area and the Society's mission.

Community of Hope International - A School for God's Service

Wednesdays, Feb 11 - April 16 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Room 106

Do you want to learn more about how to be a better listener to God and to others? This course will equip you for both! The Rule of St. Benedict, the father of Western Monasticism, will lay the foundation for a life of meaningful work, prayer and rest. Sign up on at ccpvb.org or email Deacon Leila at Leila@ccpvb.org, spaces are limited.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, February 17 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | Westbury Dining Hall

Come join us in a big celebratory gathering before Ash Wednesday. Pancakes and other traditional Shrove Tuesday favorites will be served along with live Jazz and crafts for the kids. \$10 per adult, \$7 per child, \$40 family max. Contact Deacon Leila if you would like to be a part of the decorating team, Leila@CCPVB.org.

Ash Wednesday Services– February 18

7 a.m., 12 p.m., 7 p.m. - Christ Church Main Sanctuary

Traditional Holy Eucharist with imposition of Ashes

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Memorial Garden and Cooper Chapel
Ashes to go.

5:30 p.m. - Cobblestone Circle

Contemporary Service with Imposition of Ashes

Godspell takes the stage at Christ Church February 19-22 and 26-28! Tickets are available now - scan here to get yours!



**Parish Annual Meeting – Sunday, Feb 22
10:15 – 11:00 a.m. | Westbury Hall**

Please plan to join us for our Parish Annual Meeting beginning after the 9:00 a.m. services (approximately 10:15 a.m.) and concluding at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will include updates from our Rector, The Rev. Tom Reeder, and our Senior Warden, Jack Parker, reflecting on 2025 and sharing plans for 2026. Time will also be set aside for questions, conversation, and listening. Whether you are a long time member of the church, or new to Christ Church, we hope you will attend and take part in this important moment in the life we share together at Christ Church. (All Formation classes with the exception of children and youth are cancelled for this date/time.)

**Restored Lives: Recovery from Divorce,
Tuesdays Feb 24 – Mar 31 | 6:30-8pm**

Restored Lives is an eight-session course designed to help those who are going through a divorce now and those for whom divorce happened some time ago. The course offers a safe and confidential space where participants are invited to listen and share. Each session will include a video presentation that explores various topics followed by small group discussion.

Contact: Rev. Eric Kahl at Ekahl@ccpvb.org or Justin and Christina Udelhofen

at DivorceSupport@ccpvb.org or register online.

Cursillo Coed Weekend | Feb 27–Mar 1

Cursillo is an adult spiritual renewal ministry of the Episcopal Church. This three-day retreat offers learning, sharing, and living together in Christian community. The weekend includes separate men's and women's cabins, meals, discussion groups, and joint chapel services. Registration required.

Christ Church Celtic Games & Celebration

Friday, March 6 | 6:00-9:00pm

General Warning - Phishing & Other Scams

Please note that all of our clergy and some of our lay staff continue to be victims of phishing attempts and other online scams. There is nothing that we can do to stop these attacks apart from warning you about them. Please note on the church website (www.ccpvb.org) the real and valid email addresses of our clergy and staff. Phishing attacks work by taking our valid email addresses and changing them just a little bit. The scammers then impersonate the clergy or staff, using these faked email addresses, sending emails to you (yes, they have your email address as well), asking for money or gift cards. **Please do not fall for this scam.** No one from this church will ever ask you for gift cards. And please pray for the scammers, that they may repent from their thieving ways, and give their life to Jesus!

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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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