



LENT 2026

*Light through the Cracks:
Chosen Vessels of God's Glory*

March 8, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Chapel

The Third Sunday of Lent

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Dear Beloved in Christ,

This year, Lent comes to us in a time of noise and urgency. We live in a world where certainty is boldly claimed, and voices compete to tell us where truth, meaning, and hope are to be found. In such a season, the Church invites us not to louder arguments but to a different kind of light.

Lent calls us back to the light of Christ — not a light that dazzles through dominance, nor one that shines from perfection, but a light that breaks through cracks.

From Ash Wednesday's solemn reminder — "Remember that you are dust" — we begin not in shame, but in truth. We are fragile, finite, and flawed. And yet Scripture dares to proclaim that we are also chosen — vessels of divine glory. As St. Paul writes, "We have this treasure in clay vessels." Our dust is not discarded by God; it is where grace begins to glow.

Throughout this Lenten journey in Lectionary Year A, we will watch how God's light shines precisely where the world least expects it.

This is the paradox at the heart of Lent: God's glory is not revealed in control or triumphalism, but in humility, compassion, and self-giving love. The cracks we try to conceal — our doubts, wounds, failures, losses — become, in Christ, openings through which grace shines.

This year, our preaching and Lenten formation series, *Becoming Beloved Community*, invites us to see ourselves — and one another — in this light. To be a beloved community is to be honest about our brokenness and courageous enough to let Christ's light shine through our brokenness. It is to trust that God is still shaping us into vessels of mercy in a fractured world.

As we receive ashes, walk through the wilderness, wrestle with questions, face our thirst, confront our blindness, grieve our losses, and stand at the foot of the cross, may we remember:

We are dust. We are cracked. We are chosen.

And through every fracture, the light of Christ shines still.

Fr. Andreis
Vice-Rector

*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

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 95)

Celebrant Harden not your hearts, *

People As your forebears did in the wilderness.

Celebrant Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

All let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people
of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Celebrant Harden not your hearts, *

People As your forebears did in the wilderness.

Opening Sentences

Page 351, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” *Mark 12:29-31*

You may kneel or sit.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Celebrant stands and says

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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.

The Reading

Lector A reading from the Book of Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 4:5-42

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

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Michael Ellis*

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed Page 358, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel.

The Prayers of the People, Form V Page 389, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace

Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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Thank you for your support.*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Please stand.

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 C

Page 369, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus

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 usher will guide for Communion.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Please stand.

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

TODAY, Sunday March 8

Becoming Beloved Community: a Clergy-led look at the Sunday readings in Lent

March 8, 15, 22 | 10:15-11:00am | Room F106

In Lent the light of Christ shines not from strength or perfection, but through humility, compassion, and grace. Each week we will listen for how God calls us to grow loving, life-giving relationships with those whose beliefs and lives differ from our own, reminding us that God's glory is revealed in control or certainty, but in love that meets us in our weakness and transforms it into hope.

Newcomers & Inquirers March Class

10:15 – 11:00am | Room 204

Mar 8 – What we Believe and How we Worship

Mar 15 – Getting Connected

Mar 22 – Newcomer Sunday Celebration & Luncheon

Come to one or all of the classes as your schedule permits – All Are Welcome!

Register online or contact Deacon Leila Quinlan at Leila@ccpvb.org

A delicious **Breakfast** will be served 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 in the F&A Building

Gabe Bove Bible Study (100)

10:15 – 11:00 | F209

Positive Parenting (100)

10:15-11:00am | Room 204

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

Reconciliation (Confession) – Holy Week

The Cooper Chapel | March 30 to April 2 | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Christ Church's Clergy will be available to hear individual confessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in private, 20-minute sessions. If you would like to participate, you may book a session anonymously by marking an X on an available spot in the sign-up sheet located in the back of the chapel. Please sign up before 5:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Registration for Hometown Mission Week is now open.

Scan here for details and registration.



Sign up to participate in **Youth Sunday** on May 3. We hope to fill our services with youth ushers, lectors, and acolytes as we celebrate our youth ministry and graduating seniors. Contact Parker Wheeler at pwheeler@ccpvb.org to participate.

Christ Church Scholarship Applications- Are you a graduating high school senior headed to a four-year college or university or a trade school? Christ Church has scholarships available; the deadline is March 31, 2025. Apply now at ccpvb.org/scholarships.

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

Easter Flower Donations

Open Feb 15 – Mar 15

Donations for Easter Flowers are often given in Memory of or Thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate to the flower fund for the 2026 Easter season, please fill out a form in the office or email Liz McCarthy. If you choose to give online via our website, please email names to Liz McCarthy at lmccarthy@ccpvb.org.

If you need a PDF of your year-end or year-to-date statement emailed to you, please contact Ronda Toonk at rtoonk@ccpvb.org

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Join us for **Wednesday Night Dinner** from 5:45-7:00pm. \$10 adults / \$7 kids / \$34 family max. This week: Pie Night!

Stations of the Cross - Main Sanctuary

Friday, March 13

Every Friday during Lent, the Sanctuary will be open for self-guided walks through the Stations of the Cross.

Telling Our Stories: A Writing Workshop

Sat, March 14 | 10a-12p | Room 106

Parishioner Louise Driscoll, who recently completed her memoir, will guide us on a discussion of what it's like to share our stories through the written word. Participants will be given several prompts to do some writing during our time together and beyond. This workshop is for anyone who wants to put pen to paper – experienced or total novice – it's open to all! Register online for this Center for Spirituality workshop or contact Leila Quinlan at Leila@ccpvb.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Finance Committee Meeting

March 17 | 4:00 p.m. | Room F 204

Monthly meeting of the finance committee, open to all.

Christ Centered Advance Care Planning

March 19 | 6:30 pm

This workshop and ongoing ministry is focused on ensuring that the uncertainties that occur in the lives of many people at the time of

their passing do not have to occur in your life. It is about learning what those uncertainties include, dealing with them proactively, and communicating your decisions and wishes to your loved ones. Participants receive an advance planning notebook and are paired with a mentor who can help with the process. Register at ccpvb.org.

Nehemiah Assembly

April 13 | 6:45 – 8:00pm | Abyssinia
Missionary Baptist Church

Join this important meeting with leaders from around our city to discuss affordable housing, hunger issues, and more. Buses will be provided from Christ Church along with a pizza dinner beforehand! Register online at ccpvb.org

Family Volunteer Day -Feeding Northeast FL
April 25

Oyster Roast - May 1

Save the date! Our annual Christ Church and Community Oyster Roast will be held on Friday, May 1st from 6-9pm. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, please join us at our meeting on Thursday, March 19th at 1pm in room F106 or contact Stephanie Murray, smurray@ccpvb.org, for more information.

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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Holy Week at Christ Church

Palm Sunday, March 29

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Traditional Rite I

Main Sanctuary



9:00 a.m. Combined Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite II

Blessing of the Palms & Reading of the Passion. Seating will be provided. Dress for a sunny morning outdoors and bring sunglasses.

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Memorial Garden & Cooper Chapel

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Christ Church Among the Oaks
120 Meadow Avenue, Vilano Beach

11:15 a.m. Jordan Service

Contemporary Worship Space & Livestreamed

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Courtyard & Main Sanctuary

12:45 p.m. Spanish Language Service

Memorial Garden & Cooper Chapel

5:00 p.m. Contemplative Service

Main Sanctuary

Holy Wednesday, April 1

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

5:30 p.m. Cooper Chapel

A quiet and reflective Eucharist with candle lighting

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Agape Meal with Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing

6:00 p.m. Contemporary Worship Space
Families are invited to this child-friendly Bilingual Eucharistic Service, including a meal of cheese, olives, fruit and bread.

Holy Eucharist Rite II with Foot Washing

7:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary & Livestreamed
As we follow Jesus' path to the cross, we remember the Last Supper with his disciples and Jesus' commission to a servant's life as he washed their feet in John 13. The Eucharist this evening is especially poignant as we remember Jesus celebrating his Last Supper with His disciples. After the service, we recess outside to remember Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Prayer Vigil

The Cooper Chapel will be open overnight for those who wish to come and pray. Please be mindful of others as you enter the space. There will be security presence on campus throughout the evening.

Good Friday, April 3



Stations of the Cross

7:00 a.m. Main Sanctuary

Men's Bible Study Group

Stations of the Cross

12:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary & Livestreamed
We walk with Jesus through the events of his crucifixion, moving through fourteen stations representing his journey. Each has a prayer and a reflection.

Stations of the Cross

12:00 p.m. Vicar's Landing Chapel

Contemporary Stations of the Cross

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Beginning outside the Cooper Chapel

Experience the Stations of the Cross with beautiful, contemporary prayers that focus on our hopes for justice and peace in our hearts, our neighborhood, and across the world.

Children's Good Friday Service

5:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Center

This child-friendly Good Friday service includes an interactive Children's Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Evening Service with adoration of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Main Sanctuary & Livestreamed

Join us for a quiet Good Friday Prayer Book liturgy. This is a reflective way to end Good Friday as we approach the Great Silence of Holy Saturday.

Easter Sunday, April 5



6:30 a.m. Sunrise Eucharist on the Beach

Ponte Vedra Inn & Club
200 Ponte Vedra Blvd

Worship as you watch the sun rise on the beach. Come as you are - all are welcome! *We will offer bus transportation again this year. Please be on the lookout for more information.

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite I

Main Sanctuary

Traditional Rite I language service with Easter music and hymns

***9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

Main Sanctuary & Livestreamed

A mixture of old and new in a family-friendly atmosphere.

***9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II**

The Cooper Chapel

A slightly shorter and quieter service. Please note: Chapel seating is limited.

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Christ Church Among the Oaks

120 Meadow Ave, Vilano Beach
Informal Easter Eucharist

***11:15 a.m. Festal Eucharist: Rite II**

Main Sanctuary

Chancel Choir and musicians help welcome the Risen Christ in grand style.

***11:15 a.m. Jordan Easter Service**

Contemporary Worship Space & Livestreamed

A casual and contemporary Easter celebration

12:45 pm. Misa en Espanol

Contemporary Worship Space

After the Service, we will have an Easter potluck fellowship time.

Easter Brunch

Brunch will be served in the dining room between 7:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Enjoy Easter treats with your friends and neighbors.

Easter Day Nursery

Available from 8:45 a.m. until the end of the 11:15 a.m. services. *Nursery is available to all services listed above marked with an asterisk.

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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