



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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

· May 3, 2026 · 11:15 a.m. · Church ·

Youth Sunday: Leading, Serving, Growing in Faith

At Christ Church, our mission is simple yet profound: to create a sanctuary where every young person can experience the love of Christ. Guided by our Director of Youth Ministry Parker Wheeler Corey and a dedicated team of adult volunteers, our youth are growing in faith within a community that is both joyful and welcoming. Here, they are not only learning about Jesus—they are learning to follow His example by loving and serving others.

This spirit is especially visible today on Youth Sunday, as our students lead and serve throughout the 9:00 traditional and 11:15 Jordan services. As acolytes, lectors, and ushers, they take active roles in worship, offering their gifts and leadership to the life of the church. We also take time to celebrate and recognize our graduating seniors, giving thanks for the ways they have grown in faith and the impact they have made in this community.



Each week offers opportunities to gather, connect, and grow. Sunday Youth Forum brings students together in the Youth House for donuts, conversation, and reflection on the readings. Wednesday nights are filled with fellowship, games, and Bible study through Low Tide (middle school) and High Tide (high school).



Service is at the heart of this ministry—from preparing meals at Mission House to serving at Church Without Walls, and through Hometown Mission Week and global outreach with Amistad in Bolivia. With retreats, lock-ins, and beach days along the way, Christ Church Youth is a place where faith is formed, friendships are built, and lives are transformed.

If you have a middle school or high school age student, or you are one yourself, we would love for you to join in the fun and fellowship of our youth community. Please reach out to our Director of Youth Ministry, Parker Wheeler Corey, at pcorey@ccpvb.org or Mother Laura Magevney at Lmagevney@ccpvb.org to get connected. We'll see you there!

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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

J. Wayne Kerr

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 366

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Vs. 1 - 4

Holy God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth, thy scepter, claim, all in heaven above adore thee;
Infinite, thy vast domain, everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn, angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus, praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord: holy, holy, holy Lord!

Lo, the apostolic train join, thy sacred Name to hallow;
Prophets swell the loud refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
And, from morn 'till set of sun, through the Church, the song goes on.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee;
Then, adoring, bend the knee and confess the mystery.

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.**

Glory to God

S 236, *The Hymnal*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
You are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
On the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
We will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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.

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

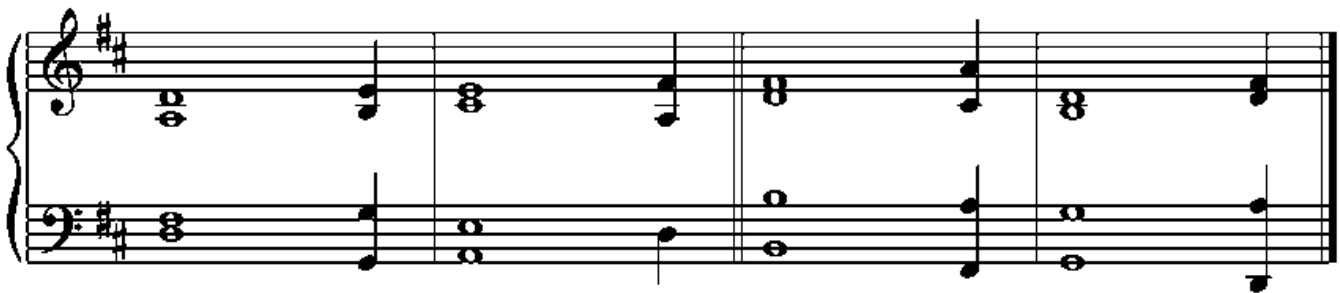
The Word of the Lord.

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 31:1-5, 15-16



¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your **righteousness.**

² Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver **me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my **stronghold;**
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide **me.**

- ⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for **me**,
for you are my tower of **strength**.
- ⁵Into your hands I commend my **spirit**,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of **truth**.
- ¹⁵My times are in your **hand**;
rescue me from the hand of my **enemies**,
and from those who persecute **me**.
- ¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant,
and in your loving-kindness save **me**.

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the First Letter of Peter

2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Song Hymn 655 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Vs. 1 & 3

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end:
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
That, where thou art, in glory, there shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O, give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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 or sit.

The Prayers of the People, Form IV Page 388, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 360, *The Book of Common Prayer*

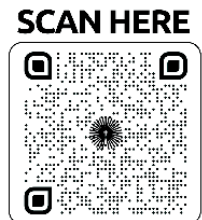
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Jerusalem, My Happy Home
Chancel Choir

Mark Shepperd

Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys, when shall I see?
Thy gardens and thy gallant walks, continually, are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs, as nowhere else are seen.
There, trees forevermore bear fruit, and evermore do spring;
There, evermore, the angels dwell, and evermore do sing.
O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare for that bright home of love,
That I may see Thee, and adore, with all Thy saints above.
Jerusalem, my happy home, thy joys, when shall I see?

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 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

Hymn 455 *O Love of God*

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet ever new;
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge, and all thought.

O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we read thee in the sky above;
We read thee in the earth below, in seas that swell, and streams that flow.

We read thee best in him, who came to bear, for us, the cross of shame,
Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.

We read thy power to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
Still, more, in resurrection light, we read the fullness of thy might.

Hymn 472 *Hope of the World*

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
Speak to our fearful hearts, by conflict rent.

Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
Who, by our own false hopes and aims, are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,

Still, let thy Spirit unto us be given,
To heal earth's wounds, and end her bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
Showing, to wandering souls, the path of light,
Walk thou beside us, lest the tempting byways
Lure us away from thee, to endless night.

Hope of the world, who, by thy cross, didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love your mercy gave us;
Take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who, by this sign, didst conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

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 618 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
Raise the glad strain, alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,

Refrain Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! alleluia!

O, higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim,
Lead their praises, alleluia!

Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, *Refrain*

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets, blest,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, *Refrain*

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, *Refrain*

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Psalm 19

Marcello

TODAY, Sunday May 3

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Bruce Rosborough's birthday.

The Holy Spirit: God's Presence and Power at Work in Us – a clergy-led class
April 19- May 17 | 10:15-11am | Room 106

Food Bag Sunday

Our monthly food drive helps stock the shelves of BEAM and St Mary's food pantries. This Sunday Drop off food donations in the Blue Collection Bins in Room M25.

A delicious **Breakfast** will be served from 8:15am - 10:45am. \$10/adult, \$7/children under 8; \$34 family max.

Nursery Care - Available from 8:45am to 12:30pm; 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

Scott Burch Bible Study (200): Excavating the Bible 10:15 – 11:00 am | F224

Youth Forum | 10:15-11:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School! Contact Amy Schmitt at 703-300-5024 to learn more or sign up here:



SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

Walking the Mourners Path

Thursdays May 7 - June 25 | 5:30pm | 209

This is a special series to help those who are grieving the death of a spouse, child, sibling, parent or dear friend. We use a Christ centered workbook which focuses on honest grieving and learning how we might learn a new way of living. This is a confidential, small group with clergy and trained facilitators to support your journey. The fee for materials is 60.00; scholarships are available. You may register online or you may contact Liz McCarthy at lmccarthy@ccpvb.org. One does not need to be a church member to participate but we do recommend that approx 6 months have passed since the loss of a loved one. More info at mournerspath.com.

May 9 – Don Thompson Chorale Concert

11:30 am | Contemporary Worship Space
Join us for a spring concert "Life Songs 1500 to Now". Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 12 - Joyful Friends 75+

11:30 am | Dining Room

Join us for lunch and a special event featuring an interactive talk about Canine Companions service and therapy dogs. Not only will you have the opportunity to learn about the training and work of these remarkable dogs, we will have a few pups at the event who will demonstrate their skills that will enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Please RSVP to the main office or through the church website by May 8th.

JUST JULY: A Summer Book Study

Wednesdays in July | 10:00-11:00 AM | F106

Father Eric will host a midsummer book study on Wednesdays in July on *With: Reimagining the Way You Relate to God* written by Skye Jethani. *With* explores the narrative of the Bible to show that we were created to be with God, and that restoring this connection is his mission. Instead of life over, under, from or even for God, what leads us into freedom and restoration is life **with** God. Visit ccpvb.org for more info.

SUMMER CAMPS AT CHRIST CHURCH

Scan for more information:



Nourishing Eats Culinary Camp – 3 Sessions

June 16–18, June 29–July 1, July 13–15

8:30 AM–12:30 PM

Theater Camps Led by Stephanie Murray

Three of a Kind | July 13–17 | 9AM–12PM

Rising 1st-4th graders

Golly Gee Whiz | July 27–31 | 3:00–6:00 PM

Rising 5th-8th graders

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

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| 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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