

# CHRIST CHURCH AMONG THE OAKS

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**  
May 3, 2026 9:00 a.m.

A second worship site for Christ Church Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Worship: Sundays 9:00 a.m.

NSIA Community Center, 120 Meadow Avenue in Vilano Beach

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Opening Hymn

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Vs. 1, 2 & 3

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

# Welcome Guests and Newcomers

*Welcome to Christ Church Among the Oaks. This is a multi-denominational congregation, made up of friends, neighbors, people who are new to our area, and those seeking something a little different and a little more meaningful in their spiritual and worship life. We feel called to serve our local community and as you will hear today, we focus on six local outreach agencies that do the hard work that Jesus taught us. A short description of each Outreach Partner is in the back of this bulletin. We welcome the opportunity to meet you and answer any questions you may have about our church and our work in the community! We are incredibly grateful for the support and encouragement we receive from Christ Episcopal Church in Ponte Vedra and thank their leadership for the freedom to be a unique, mission-focused worship community.*

**Servant Board:** Mike Cleary, Linda Ducat, Steve Harrison, Claire Heusinger, Rick Lofgren, Stan Sundermeyer, and Jenny Weeks, warden.

**Vicar:** Fr. Keith Oglesby

**Musician:** Boril Ivanov

**Vocalist:** Claire Heusinger

*We encourage our guests to fill out a welcome card today!*

*We are glad you are with us and look forward to worshiping with you often.*

**Prelude** *Medley*

## Welcome and Announcements

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## Opening Sentences

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Song of Praise

B $\flat$  Eb/B $\flat$  B $\flat$  F Gm/F F B $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,  
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

5 B $\flat$  Eb B $\flat$ /F Eb6/G Fsus F Gm7 F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D Eb

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

11 D7 C/E D7/F# Gm Gm/F Eb F7 Eb/G F7 Eb/F F7 B $\flat$ 7sus B $\flat$

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

## 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.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

*Lector* In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*

**People** **deliver me in your righteousness.**

Incline your ear to me; \*

**make haste to deliver me.**

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.**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*

**for you are my tower of strength.**

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*

**for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

My times are in your hand; \*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

Make 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.



*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.  
**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**Homily** Fr. Keith Oglesby

### **Meditative Interlude**

#### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**People** That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We pray for our ministry partners: St. Gerard Campus, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm, South Woods Elementary, Learn to Read, Pie in the Sky and Council on Aging. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them in all things they do.  
**That they may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of his Christ.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

## Prayers for the Hurting World

**All** God of peace and justice, we pray this day for all peoples around the world who are suffering from war, famine, floods, fires, and other devastations. We pray for those who fear tomorrow: that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power: that they may have wisdom and discernment to aid people in distress and be guided by compassion in their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children who are at risk and live in fear: that you would hold and protect them. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

*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 the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

### Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Holy Communion

*To make an offering online visit [ccpvb.org/give](http://ccpvb.org/give)  
or use the QR code at the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your support.*

### Offertory

#### 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

*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.**

*Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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 continues*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Distribution of Communion**

*Please join us at God's table. All are welcome.*

## Communion Music

### *The King of Love My Shepherd*

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2. Where streams of li - ving wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3. Per - verse and foo - lish, oft I strayed, but yet in  
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear  
5. Thou spreadst a ta - ble in my sight; thy un - ction  
6. And so through all the length of days, thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er. I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lea - deth; and where the ver - dant  
love he sought me; and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my  
grace bes - tow - eth; and oh, what tran - sport  
fail - eth ne - ver; Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - e - ver.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial fee - deth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
of de - light from thy pure cha - lice flow - eth!  
sing thy praise with - in thy house for - e - ver.

## 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.**

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**All** Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew us and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

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## The Blessing

**Closing Hymn** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Vs. 4 & 5

## Dismissal

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth in Christ's name doing Christ's work in the world.

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

**Postlude** *Medley*

# Announcements

## Offerings Online

Forgot to bring cash or write a check??? We now have a QR code in the bulletin for safe, quick, and easy online giving. You will be automatically directed to the Christ Church giving page where you can enter your information one time and it will be saved for future giving.



## Our Facebook Page

If you aren't able to be with us on Sunday, don't forget that Fr. Keith's sermons are recorded and posted on our Facebook page the next day. Fr. Keith often provides a short summary and commentary as well. **Follow our Facebook page, Christ Church Oaks**, for the sermon video, church updates, and Outreach Partner news too!

## Set Up Recurring Giving

Now that spring has arrived, many of us are planning travel and family visits to enjoy the warmer weather. If you are going to be away, it is easy to set up regular giving on the Christ Church website or simply visit our webpage (<https://ccpvb.org/cc-oaks/>) and click the "GIVE" button. Make sure to select the Christ Church Among the Oaks section of the giving page. If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to ask Jenny or Steve. Thank you for your faithfulness to our church and our Outreach Partners.

## Volunteers Needed at St. Gerard Campus

**St Gerard Campus** is looking for volunteers and posted this message on their Facebook page - *"Our volunteers are the heart behind everything we do. Because of you, lives are changed, hope is restored, and our girls are supported every single day. We are endlessly grateful".*

For more information contact them at [stgerardcampus.org](http://stgerardcampus.org) or 904-829-5516.

## Serving Opportunities

Remember, all of our Outreach Partners have opportunities for individuals or groups to volunteer. From packing food bags for delivery to seniors, building handicap ramps, tutoring those who are learning English to improve their work opportunities, or serving meals to those who have no home, there are many ways to help. **Check with our Outreach Liaisons or any Servant Board member for more information.**



# Our Outreach Partners

*So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.  
James 2:17*

## **Learn to Read**

Improving literacy for over 200 individuals each year at no cost to the student. Improved reading skills lead to better paying jobs, higher levels of education, healthier lifestyles, and a better overall community.

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## **St. Gerard Campus**

A non-profit maternity home and Christian high school for pregnant teenagers, promoting empowerment through education and strong Christian values.

Paula Allmen pallmen@icloud.com

Stan Sundermeyer srsundermeyer@msn.com

## **St. Francis Housing Crisis Center / Port in the Storm**

Engaging those experiencing homelessness to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and a viable plan for their future by providing a safe, stable environment, access to essential services, and supportive connections.

Cynthia King cyndiking@gmail.com

Jack Tull tulljs@msn.com

## **Council on Aging**

Provides the opportunity for every person in St. Johns County to enjoy wellness, longevity and quality of life choices within a strong, healthy community.

Linda Ducat, ldducat@gmail.com

## **Pie in the Sky Community Alliance of St. John County**

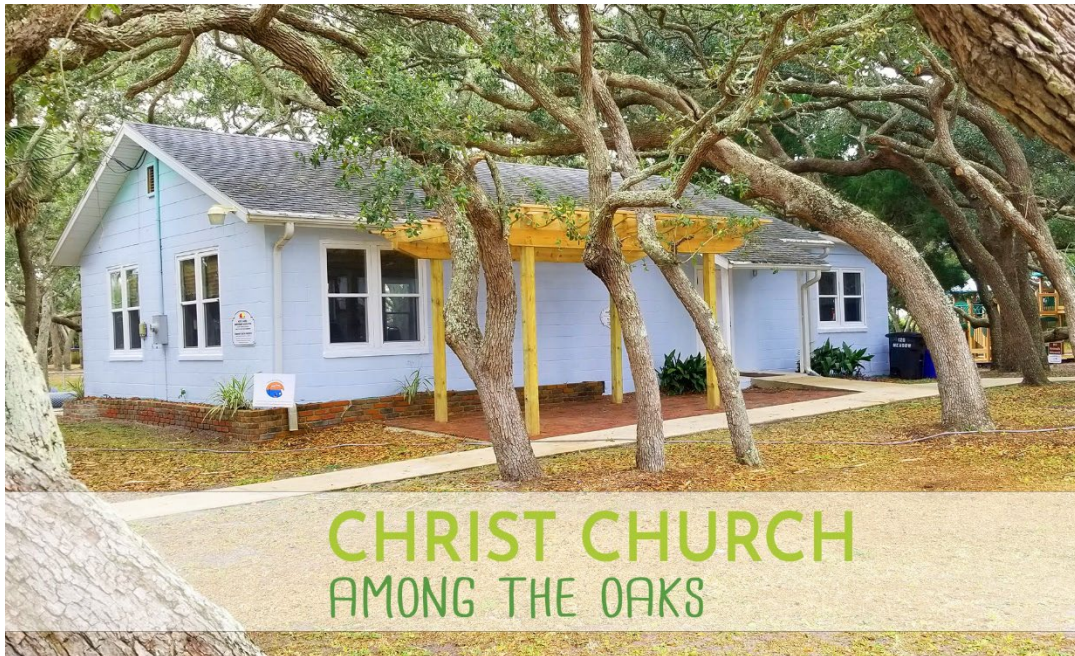
Pie in the Sky is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization providing hope by serving with dignity and respect to alleviate hunger and social isolation through the home delivery of healthy fresh produce to low-income senior citizens.

Dale Hatcher dalenhatcher@hotmail.com.

## **South Woods Elementary**

Creating a secure community that will instill in all students a desire for academic excellence, fostering the development of caring, productive citizens.

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