



The Day of Pentecost

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Pentecost, Explained

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The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the Episcopal Church. It marks the fiftieth day after Easter and brings the Easter season to a close. On Pentecost, we celebrate the day that Jesus poured out the Holy Spirit on the disciples gathered in Jerusalem. Before his death and resurrection, Jesus had promised the disciples that he would send the Holy Spirit to them. The Holy Spirit would be a comforter, advocate, and witness for them in the work they were called to do. In fact, when Jesus spoke with his disciples after the resurrection, he told them, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

On Pentecost, the apostles, and other disciples gathered with them, received the Holy Spirit and tongues of fire rested on each of them as they proclaimed the wonders of God in various languages. It has been noted that Pentecost is the reversal of the Tower of Babel. There, the people built a tower to ascend to heaven and make a name for themselves, but God confuses their language. Here, God descends on the people and overcomes that confusion to proclaim the name of Jesus.

At Christ Church, we celebrate these realities in several ways. First, the liturgical color is changed to red to symbolize the fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit. Second, we hold a bilingual service with our Spanish-speaking congregation to show that we are one people united in Christ. Third, because the Holy Spirit is promised in baptism, we often celebrate this rite on Pentecost.

*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

Intrumental music

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

Openning Sentences

Reader Exuberant Spirit of God,
bursting with the brightness of flame into the coldness of our lives
to warm us with a passion for justice and beauty,

People **We praise you.**

Exuberant Spirit of God,
sweeping us out of the dusty corners of our apathy
to breathe vitality into our struggles for change,

We praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God,
speaking words that leap over barriers of mistrust
to convey messages of truth and new understanding,

We praise you.

Exuberant Spirit of God, flame wind speech,
burn, breathe, speak in us;

Fill your world with justice and with joy.

First Hymn

Come, Gracious Spirit

Simon Browne

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide;
O'er every thought and step preside.

The light of truth to us display,
And make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in every heart,
That we from thee may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from his precepts stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God.

Lead us to heaven, that we may share
Fullness of joy for ever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest,
To be with him for ever blest.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Come, free, abundant Spirit of God; fill this place with the wonder of your presence; fill our hearts with your love; fill the whole Church with the power of Christ. Come in all the mystery signified by wind and fire, beyond human definition, not held in the grasp of anyone, or any thought, or any program. Come, sovereign Spirit, and move our hearts to awe and wonder. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel according to John

20:19-23

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

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Leader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection

The Reverend Andreis Diaz

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

Reader Let us pray for the church and the world.

In the silence following each petition, please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.

Let us first of all pray for those who have no one to pray for them.

Let us pray for the concerns of our community, our families and friends, and all who have requested our prayers.

Let us pray for the Christian Church and for all people of faith.

Let us pray for our nation and for leaders around the world.

Let us pray for those who have died and all who grieve.

Finally, let us give thanks for all that is lovely, true, and gracious in our world and in our lives.

On this Remembrance Day we come, O Lord, in gratitude for all who have died that we may live, for all who endured pain that we might know joy, for all who suffered imprisonment that we might know freedom. Turn our deep feeling now into determination, and our determination into deed, that as men died for peace, we may live for peace for the sake of the Prince of Peace, even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 Jesus says: My Peace I give to you. Do not be afraid. I call you my friend.
Abide in my love. 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

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Russell J. Fragar

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.

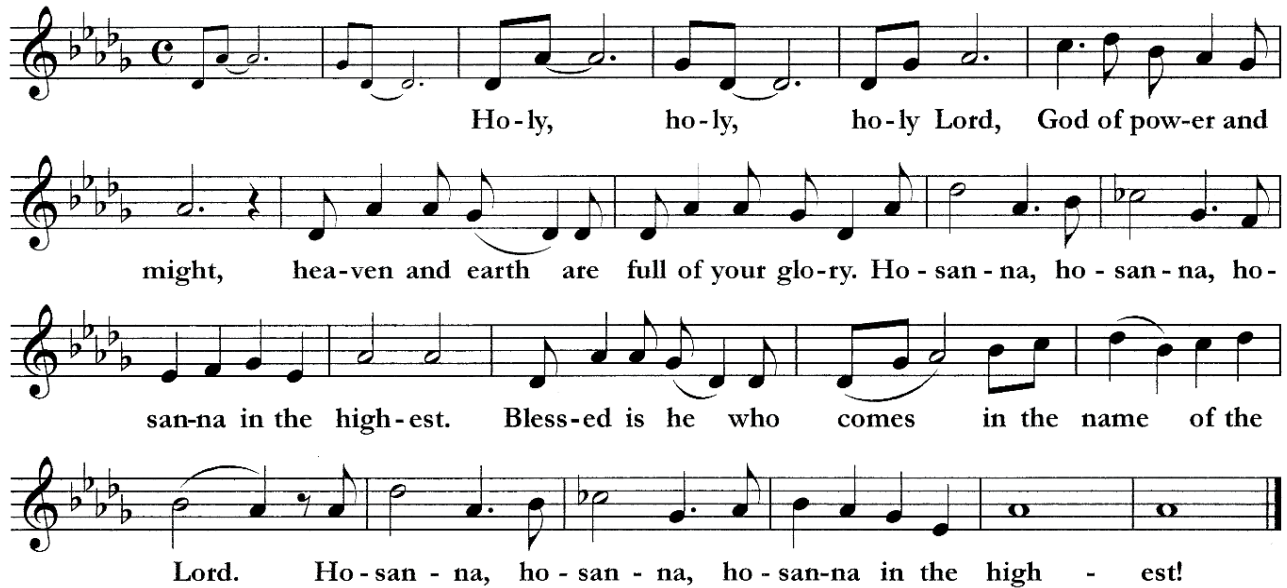
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues

O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues

We praise you that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So, too, after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them, saying:

All together

“This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All together

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant continues

Come now, Spirit of God, and as we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us we now pray,

All Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al,
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, Re - deem - er, re - deem-er of the world, do-na no - bis

pa - cem, do-na no-bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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

Holy Spirit

Brian & Katie Torwalt

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare you're our living hope your Presence
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
Your Presence, Lord

Chorus Holy Spirit You are welcome here
 Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
 Your glory, God is what our hearts long for
 To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music *Spirit of the Living God*

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. *Repeat once.*

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me. *Repeat once.*

Cleanse me, teach me, hold me, reach me.

Soul of heaven, heart of God, wash over me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear. *Repeat once.*

Shield me, free me, call me, lead me.

Holy presence, love divine, cast out my fear.

After Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**All 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 May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters when the world was created,
breathe into us the life he gives.
May the Spirit, who overshadowed the Virgin
when the eternal Son came among us, make us joyful in the service of the Lord.
May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost,
bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be
upon us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Music for Meditation

Please stand.

Dismissal

Leader Alleluia! Alleluia! The Lord has made a promise to love you faithfully forever.
Go out with joy and be led forth with Peace.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Music by Ian Bula

TODAY, Sunday May 24

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Randy & Ken Comyns by their family.

Pentecost Cake Contest

May 24, 10:15 a.m., Westbury Dining Hall

We are celebrating Pentecost with a delicious Cake Contest! Entrants will drop their cakes off by 10:25 am to the dining hall; come on by to sample some sweetness!

Pentecost Potluck – a potluck lunch will follow the 11:15 am bilingual service. Join us in the dining hall!

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

Youth Forum | 10:15-11:00am

There will be no children's formation today. Brothers in Christ and Sisters in Christ will meet May 31-June 21.

There will be no adult formation today. The Clergy Forum will start on May 31.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Volunteers are needed for **Meals on Wheels**. Please contact Pam Gordon at 904-250-5693 for more information on how to help.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

The church office and campus will be closed on Monday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day.

Caregivers Connection Support Group

May 26 | 4-5:30pm | Room F209 Let's come together and support each other as we walk our caregiver journeys together. Snacks and listening hearts provided! Email caregivers@ccpvb.org with questions.

Vestry Meeting

May 26 | 5:15 p.m. | Room F204

Monthly meeting of the Christ Church Vestry, open to all.

Beaches Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

May 30 | Sign up is required; contact Doug Knowles at doug.Lan.knowles@gmail.com with any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Clergy Forum Begins May 31

Sundays from 10:15-11:00 | Room 106. A multi-generational gathering for "holy conversation" about the readings of the day and our spiritual lives.

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.

Join a Choir – High School Students & Adults are welcomed at one of our choirs! Contact Dr. Rachel Root at rroot@ccpvb.org for more information.

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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SERMON NOTES





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

Maggie Bowers	Janet Burnside, Treasurer	Kathy Blackman	
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The Rev. Amy Slater, Sr. Associate Rector The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Billingslea
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The Rev. Deacon Jo Hoskins, Deacon Emeritus

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The world has changed.

And at times we feel further apart than ever before.

But, two things haven't changed:

God's Unwavering Love, and our need for each other.

With that comes the love that Christ Church has for you—all of you.

Because no matter if you attend virtually or in-person.

If you're Episcopalian or Non-Denominational.

Young or Old. Lean Left or Right.

Through the love of Jesus Christ, we are one.

Christ Church is not just a place, it's a community.

It's not just what you do on Sunday, it's how you live every day.

With opportunities to grow, learn, create, worship, praise, connect, serve, and thrive.

We are a church centered around Christ.

We are a community centered around Christ

We are the community of Christ Church.



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Sunday. Every Day.