



The Day of Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

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Pentecost, Explained

By Alex Cain, Curate

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!*

**We invite you to pray for the Baptism of Tessa Hope Forgan,
Marley Anne Marcin, Elliott Mason Piazza-Brown, Clay Palmer Compton,
William Carter Compton, Carson Michael Skaret, and Francis Thomas West.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Organ Medley

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 493 *O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Vs. 1 -3, 6

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
And, spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy Name.
Jesus! the Name that charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
Glory to God, and praise, and love, be now and ever given,
By saints below, and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Welcome Words

Opening Sentences Page 323, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

S 204, *The Hymnal*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
Good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee,
We give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who on this day didst open the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of thy Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Reading

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 20:19-23

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

The Sermon *The Reverend Amy Slater*

Please stand.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows Page 292, *The Book of Common Prayer*

You may kneel.

The Prayers of the People Page 328, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please stand.

The Peace Page 332, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

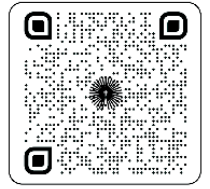
People **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God Keith Getty, S. Townsend,
Joseph & Stephanie Murray, *Soloists* and others

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord to renew my heart, and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passions for Your purity, Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within, may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought, and deed, and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least;
Gentleness that sows the pace of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace;
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road to sacrifice,
That, in unity, the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see!

Holy Spirit, living breath of God, Holy Spirit, breath new life in me,
Holy Spirit, in me.

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 I Page 333, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Sanctus S 114, *The Hymnal*

You may kneel or sit. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer Page 336, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Breaking of the Bread Page 337, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Please be seated.

Distribution of Communion

Please join us at God's table.

All people 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.

Ushers will guide you to the altar rail for Communion.

Communion Music

Hymn 513 *Like the Murmur*

Like the murmur of the dove's song,
Like the challenge of her flight,
Like the vigor of the wind's rush,
Like the new flame's eager might: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

To the members of Christ's Body,
To the branches of the Vine,
To the Church, in faith assembled,
To her midst, as gift and sign: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
With the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.

You may kneel or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 339, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Celebrant May God, who sent the Holy Spirit as a flame of fire that rested upon the heads of the disciples, burn out all evil from your hearts, and make them shine with the pure light of his presence. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn

PSB 184 *This Is the Day*

This is the day, (this is the day)
That the Lord has made, (that the Lord has made;)
We will rejoice, (we will rejoice)
And be glad in it, (and be glad in it.)
This is the day that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, (this is the day) that the Lord has made.

This is the day, (this is the day)
When he rose again, (when He rose again;)
We will rejoice, (we will rejoice)
And be glad in it, (and be glad in it.)
This is the day when he rose again;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, (this is the day) when he rose again.

This is the day, (this is the day)
When the Spirit came, (when the Spirit came,)
We will rejoice, (we will rejoice)
And be glad in it, (and be glad in it.)
This is the day when the Spirit came;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, (this is the day) when the Spirit came.

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 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

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The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector
The Rev. Amy Slater, Sr. Associate Rector The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector
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The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

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The Rev. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus
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The Rev. Eric Kahl The Rev. Bob Morris
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The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus
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.