



The Day of Pentecost

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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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!*

THE WORD OF GOD

As the Celebrant enters, please stand.

Introit (Psalm 104:25-31-32)

Celebrant Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth:

People **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Celebrant O Lord, how manifold are your works! *

All **in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.**

**May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

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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.

Gloria

Page 356, *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your 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 lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy 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.'"

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 20:19-23

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Reverend Wendy Billingslea

Please stand.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows Page 292, *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*

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

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*

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 you to the altar rail for Communion.*

You may kneel or sit.

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

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.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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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Staff Clergy

The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector
The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector
The Rev. Amy Slater, Sr. Associate Rector The Rev. Laura Magevney, Associate Rector
The Rev. Wendy Billingslea
The Rev. Keith Oglesby, Vicar for Christ Church Among the Oaks

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The Rev. Deacon Leila Quinlan The Rev. Deacon Priscilla Wodehouse

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The Rev. Michael Ellis The Rev. Louanne Loch
The Rev. Eric Kahl The Rev. Bob Morris
The Rev. Burt Shepherd The Rev. Rich Roos
The Rev. Joan Bryan, Emeritus
The Rev. Deacon Jo Hoskins, Deacon Emeritus

In Formation

Alex Cain, Curate
Pedro Figueroa Valerie Gambino

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.