



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

• August 16, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. • Church •

Sunday KICKOFF SERIES

Aug 16

Formation & Spirituality

Aug 23

Pastoral Care

Aug 30

Outreach

Come & Learn

**10:15 - 11:00 AM
WESTBURY HALL**



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS RESUME AUG 26!

PARENT INFO SESSION AUG 19!

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ALPHA FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS



Every Friday, September 4–
October 23 | 6:30–8:00 p.m. |
Dining Room

Alpha is a welcoming and engaging course for anyone curious about life's big questions—purpose, meaning, and faith—regardless of their religious background. It began at Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) Church in London in 1977 and has since grown into a worldwide ministry, translated into more than 100 languages and experienced by millions of people.

For our Spanish congregation, Alpha is an opportunity to welcome new people, strengthen relationships, and create space for our ministry to grow. Each evening includes a **free dinner**, a short presentation on faith, and small-group conversation in a warm and welcoming environment. We encourage you to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, or family members who speak Spanish or who may be searching for a place to explore faith.

Please join us in praying for this initiative—for our leaders and volunteers, for every guest who will be invited, and for the Holy Spirit to guide each gathering. Also, prayerfully consider whom God may be calling you to invite. Alpha invitation cards are available at the church front desk.

Thank you for your prayers and support. If you have any questions about Alpha, please contact Fr. Andreis at adiaz@ccpvb.org or speak with one of the leaders of our Spanish congregation.

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

To God Be the Glory

from Modern Moveable Feast

To God be the glory, great things He has done;
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life, an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer, the promise of God;
The vilest offender, by grace, may believe,
That moment, from Jesus, a pardon, receive.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,
And great, our rejoicing, through Jesus, the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder,
Our vict'ry, when Jesus, we see.

Introit

Amazing Grace
Men's Ensemble

Craig Courtney

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now, am found; was blind, but now, I see.

Refrain Amazing grace! So vast, and yet, so free!
The Son of God, the righteous One, is crucified for me.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed. *Refrain*

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun. *Refrain*

Please stand.

Processional Hymn 544 *Jesus Shall Reign*

Vs. 1 - 4

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His Name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Welcome Words

Opening Sentences Page 355, *The Book of Common Prayer*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The children follow the cross to Children's Church.

Please be seated.

(Lector: Please wait for children to exit before starting The Reading)

The Reading

Lector A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant-- these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Song PSB 128

O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate

Vs. 1 & 3

O Christ, Your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God, its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ, combined, in perfect rhyme,
To write God's love in human deeds, eternity, in time.

O Christ, create new hearts in us, that beat in time with Yours,
That, joined by faith, with Your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are Your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands, we yield,
That, through our life and ministry, Your love may be revealed.

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 15:10-28
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 I

Page 383, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Confession

Page 360, *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.

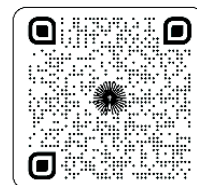
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated. The children return.

Welcome and Announcements

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Rescuer
Common Ground

M. Maher, M Hein and other

There is Good News for the captive, Good News for the shamed.
There is Good News for the one who walked away.
There is Good News for the doubter, the one religion failed,
For the good Lord has come to seek and save.

Refrain He's our Rescuer. We are free from sin forevermore.
Oh, how sweet the sound. Oh, how grace abounds!
We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.

He is Beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor.
He is Friendship for the one the world ignores.
He is Pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive.
Oh, the good Lord is the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Yes, the good Lord is the Way, the Truth, the Life. *Refrain*

Woah. We will praise the Lord, our Rescuer.
So, come and be chainless, come and be fearless.
Come to the foot of Calvary.
There is redemption for ev'ry affliction, here, at the foot of Calvary. *Refrain*

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.**

Psalm 17 is sung as the children proceed to the altar area.

Keep me, keep me, as the apple of the eye.
Hide, me, hide me, in the shadow of your wings.

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

PSB 79 *Hymn of Promise*

In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past, will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.

PSB 85 *I Need Thee Every Hour*

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice, like Thine, can peace afford.

Refrain I need Thee, O, I need Thee; every hour, I need Thee!
O, bless me now, my Savior-I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their power when Thou art night. *Refrain*

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
Come quickly, and abide, or life is vain. *Refrain*

I need Thee every hour; teach me Thy will,
And Thy rich promises, in me, fulfill. *Refrain*

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 or sit.

Postcommunion Prayer Page 365, *The Book of Common Prayer*

The Blessing

Please stand.

Recessional Hymn 539 *O Zion, Haste*

Vs. 1-3

O Zion, haste, thy mission high, fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That, he who made all nations, is not willing,
One soul should fail to know his love and might.

Refrain Publish glad tidings: tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation,
That God, in whom they live, and move, is Love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
And died on earth, that all might live above. *Refrain*

Send heralds forth, to bear the message glorious;
Give, of thy wealth, to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul, for them, in prayer victorious,
'Till God shall bring his kingdom's joyful day. *Refrain*

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 August 16

Formation and Spirituality Sunday

Aug 16 | 10:15 - 11:00 am | Westbury Hall

Youth Acolyte Training

Today! 10:15 in the Hospitality Lobby +
Lunch Party for all acolytes at 1:00

Looking for youth in 6th – 12th grades to serve as acolytes. We will offer training on August 23 as well. Email Mel Johnson at melissa.kurz.johnson@gmail.com for more information.

Breakfast: 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 | Lobby

Clergy Forum | 10:15-11:00 | Room 106

Children's Formation | 10:15-11:00 am | F&A Building

Youth Forum

10:15-11 | Youth House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Coffee or Lunch with Father Tom?

Father Tom enjoys getting to know parishioners and would be happy to meet with you over coffee, lunch or any time that is convenient. If you are interested in scheduling a meeting with him, please email his assistant

Elizabeth at ebruington@ccpvb.org. She will be happy to help arrange a convenient date and time.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Registration for youth confirmation class is now open; contact Parker Corey at pcorey@ccpvb.org for more details!

Youth Confirmation is for all those in the 9th-12th grades and above wishing to confirm their baptismal vows and make a mature commitment to Christ and the church.

During Confirmation, baptized persons are "confirmed" in the Christian faith with the laying on of hands by a bishop. Classes will begin in late September and will take place on select Sundays throughout the year, ending with an overnight retreat. Any student interested in joining the Confirmation process should register online by 5PM on September 1st, 2026. **A Parent Info Meeting for Youth Confirmation will be held on August 30.**

August 30 | 10:15-11:00 | Room 204

Join a Choir! Contact Dr. Rachel Root at rroot@ccpvb.org

Women's Ensemble – Rehearse Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm, sings monthly at 9 & 11:15 am

Men's Ensemble - Rehearse Wednesdays 6:30-7 pm, sings monthly at 7:30, 9 & 11:15

Chancel Choir - Rehearse Wednesdays 7-8pm, sings weekly at 11:15 am

Handbell Choir - Rehearse Thursdays 6-7 pm, plays monthly at either 9 or 11:15

HAPPENING #157 8PM Friday, September 18- 5PM Sunday, September 20. The candidate application deadline is Aug 23.

Calling all 3rd graders! We will be presenting **Bibles to our 3rd grade students** on September 20 during the 9am Traditional service. Register your child online at ccpvb.org

Registration for **Cursillo fall weekends** ends tomorrow, August 17! Email Ron Kessner at Cursilloccpvb@gmail.com or via text at 904-866-0096.

SPECIAL EVENTS THIS WEEK

Childrens' Choirs

Wednesdays, Room 124

For more information, please reach out to Stephanie Murray (SMurray@ccpvb.org), Worship and Family Music Director

Littlest Choir | 3 year olds – 1st grade

Rehearsals: Wednesdays from 4:30–5:00pm

Children's Choir | 2nd grade – 5th grade

Rehearsals: 5:15pm – 6:00pm

Preschool Art Together, Friday, August 21, 10:00–11:30 a.m. Join us for a fun morning of hands-on art as preschoolers (ages 2–4) and their caregivers create, explore, and enjoy time together. **Cost: \$7 per child.** Register online.

Savvy Job Hunters Virtual Workshop “Using AI in the Job Search”

August 21 | 10:30am – 12:00pm | Zoom
Email savvyjobs@ccpvb.org to register.

Youth Summer Waves Lock-in

Aug 21 @ 7:00 PM - Aug 22 @ 7:00 PM

Come gather at Christ Church for games, ice cream sundaes, and Compline! Cost is \$10 per

youth for the lock-in and you must register online. We will be going to Summer Waves the following day, and pickup will be at 7PM. Cost is \$28 per youth for Summer Waves, and youth are responsible for buying their own tickets prior to the lock-in. Please note that you must also select Saturday, August 22nd as the date for the ticket.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Pastoral Care Sunday

August 23 | 10:15-11:00 am | Westbury Hall

Holy Communion Class (100)

August 23 | 10:15-11:00 am | Room 204

In the Episcopal tradition, all baptized persons are invited to receive communion, including children. Parents, in conversation with their child, determine the best time for their child to receive. The Holy Communion class is designed for parents and children to learn about the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist. During the class, everyone will receive instruction on how to receive the communion bread and wine as they learn about the traditions of our Episcopal worship.

Community of Hope International (COHI) Lunch & Learn

August 23 | 12:15-1:00p | Dining Hall

Community of Hope is a 9 week course to help you learn and grow in relation to God, others and self. In this training you'll learn many skills including developing a balanced rule of life, listening skills, healthy boundaries and compassionate service. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 6-7:30p starting

Sept. 16th. Contact Deacon Leila with questions at Leila@ccpvb.org

Outreach Sunday

August 30 | 10:15-11:00 am | Westbury Hall

Joyful Friends Luncheon

Featuring Maggie FitzRoy on Writing Process and Historical Fiction

September 22 | 11:30 am – 1:00pm | Westbury Hall

RSVP online or at the front office by September 14

Important Reminder About Email and Text Scams

Please be vigilant regarding emails, texts, or other electronic messages that appear to come from Christ Church clergy, deacons, or staff requesting money, gift cards, financial assistance, account information, or any other form of payment. Our clergy and staff continue to be targets of phishing scams and impersonation attempts by criminals who use names and email addresses that may appear legitimate but are not.

Please remember this simple rule: You will never receive a request from Christ Church

clergy or staff asking you to purchase gift cards, send money, transfer funds, or provide financial information.

If you receive such a message, do not respond, click links, make purchases, or send money. Instead, contact the church office or call the individual directly using a phone number you know to be valid.

Thank you for helping protect our parish family. Please remain vigilant, share this information with others, and join us in praying for those who perpetrate these scams, that their hearts may be transformed by God's grace.

A Fragrant Offering of a Different Kind - A Gentle Request

Several members of our church family live with allergies or breathing conditions (asthma, COPD, etc.) that can make strong fragrances genuinely uncomfortable. As an act of care and love for those who are affected, we gently ask that everyone refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, or heavily scented products to worship services. This small gesture makes a meaningful difference and helps ensure that everyone can participate fully in our life together. *Thank you for your kindness.*

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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

Gretna Zerebny, Sr. Warden	Janet Burnside, Treasurer	Kathy Blackman, Jr. Warden
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The Rev. Thomas P. Reeder, Rector
The Rev. Andreis Diaz, Vice Rector
The Rev. Amy Slater, Vice 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. Dr. Jim Cooper, Rector Emeritus
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

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SERMON NOTES



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.