



CHRIST CHURCH

EPISCOPAL

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

HOLY EUCHARIST: CONTEMPLATIVE

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

• August 30, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. • Church •

*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.

Opening Sentences

Leader When the world tells us we are what we do with our activity,
acumen, or achievement, let us learn

People **We are what we do with our silence.**

When the world tells us we are what we do with our spending power, selling
power, or our power of speech, let us learn

We are what we do with our silence.

When the world tells us to drown the silent sufferings of others with
indifference or noise, or to forget the art of stillness even in the storm,
let us learn

We are what we do with our silence.

When the world tells us to rush in where angels fear to tread,
let us learn that angels listen first
before they take a step for the voice of God in the silence.

First Hymn

Praise the Lord Through Every Nation

R. Feith & J. Montgomery

Praise the Lord through every nation;
His holy arm hath wrought salvation;
Exalt Him on His Father's throne.
Praise your King, ye Christian legions,
Who now prepares in heavenly regions
Unfailing mansions for His own:
With voice and minstrelsy

Extol His majesty: Alleluia!
His praise shall sound all nature round,
And hymns on every tongue abound.

Jesus, Lord, our Captain glorious,
O'er sin, and death, and hell victorious,
Wisdom and might to Thee belong
We confess, proclaim, adore thee;
We bow the knee, we fall before thee;
Thy love, henceforth, shall be our song.
The cross meanwhile we bear,
The crown ere-long to wear: Alleluia!
Thy reign extend, world without end;
Let praise from all to Thee ascend.

Prayer for the Evening

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth, that our consciences may be quickened by your holiness, our minds nourished by your truth, our imagination purified by your beauty, our hearts opened by your love, our wills surrendered to your purpose; and may all this be gathered up in adoration, as we ascribe glory, praise and honour to you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Gospel

Leader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

16:21-28

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

People Thanks be to God.

One minute of silence follows.

Reflection *Pam Paul*

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

Leader Almighty God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust, we pray for the Church and for all who serve you in it.

Loving God, enliven the Church for its mission.

People **That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into the ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Let us now name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

People may add their prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills, until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through 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

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Billy J. Foote

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

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.

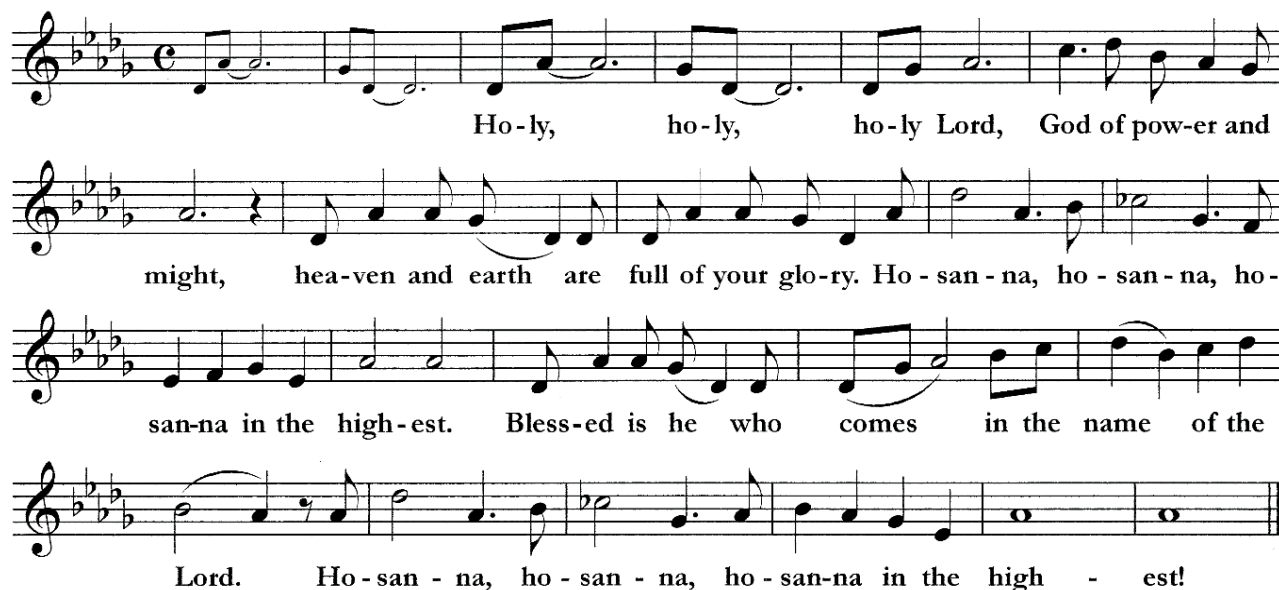
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues

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



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:

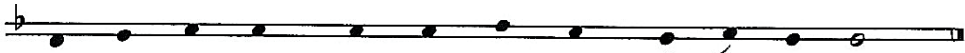
All together

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

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.**

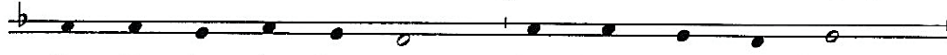
The Lord's Prayer

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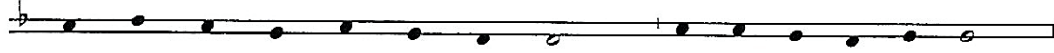


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us we now pray,

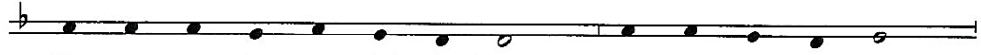
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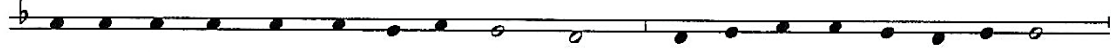
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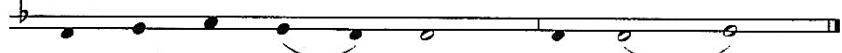
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins



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

Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

Albert F. Bayly

Lord, whose love, in humble service, bore the weight of human need,
Who did, on the Cross, forsaken, show us mercy's perfect deed;
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart:
Consecrating, to your purpose, ev'ry gift, which you impart.

Still, your children wander, homeless; still, the hungry cry for bread;
Still, the captives long for freedom; still, in grief, we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick, and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles, still to save, and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, 'til your love's revealing light,
'Til the height, and depth, and greatness, dawns upon our human sight:
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to faithful service, your abundant life to share.

Called from worship into service, forth, in your great name, we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love, in living deeds, to show;
Hope, and health, goodwill, and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace, we give,
That your children, Lord, in freedom, may your mercy know, and live.

Two minutes of silence follow.

After Communion Music *I Love to Tell the Story* K. Hankey & W. G. Fischer

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings, as nothing else can do.

Refrain I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory.
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet;
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard,
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

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 The love of the Lord Jesus draws you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthens you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fills your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Music for Meditation

Please stand.

Dismissal

Leader Go with joy: may you be surprised by angels and join in their laughter.
Go with empty hands: may you receive the generosity of others
and the blessings of God.
Go with full hearts: may you find opportunities to share all you have been given.
Go in peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Instrumental Music

Feel free to depart during the postlude.

Music directed by Ian Bula

TODAY, Sunday August 30

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joan Smith Haynes and Christopher Hadley Smith by the Smith & Bauer Families.

The Best Breakfast in Ponte Vedra Beach is on us! If you are a newcomer, you're invited to a special welcome breakfast in the parish hall. There will be a table reserved for newcomers, with parishioners there to share more about Christ Church and enjoy fellowship. Before or after service on Sunday morning, please introduce yourself to a greeter or usher, or simply head to the parish hall. We look forward to meeting you!

Outreach Sunday

Aug 30 | 10:15 - 11:00 am | Westbury Hall
Come and learn about how to get involved this fall at our Sunday Kickoff Series! Representatives from our outreach partners will share information and how to get involved.

Parent Info Meeting for Youth Confirmation

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

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

Children's Formation | 10:15-11:00 am | Rooms 121 and 124

Youth Forum

10:15-11 | Youth House | Yum...Donuts!
All middle and high schoolers are invited to join youth staff and adult volunteers for conversation on the Sunday readings and to learn more about scripture, and the ways that God is active in our world today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Coffee 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. To schedule a meeting with him, please email his assistant Elizabeth at ebroughton@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. Classes will begin in late September. **Please register online by 5PM on September 1.**

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 6-7pm, plays monthly at either 9 or 11:15

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

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

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)

Join us in the youth house on Wednesday nights for fellowship, formation, fun, and to study scripture!

Low Tide | 4:30PM-6PM | 6th-8th

Dinner 6PM-7PM

High Tide | 7PM-8:30PM | 9th-12th

ALPHA for Spanish Speakers

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

Alpha is an opportunity to welcome new people, strengthen relationships, and create space for our ministry to grow for the Spanish Congregation. 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. Alpha invitation cards are available at the church front desk.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Clergy Bible Study - Isaiah

Wednesdays, beginning September 9 | 10:00 am | Westbury Hall

Wednesday Night Dinners and Kids' Social Club Resume! - September 9

Women in the Word

First gathering is Wednesday, Sept 9 at 7:00 to meet and greet, and purchase study guides. Otherwise, meets on Wednesday evenings from -8:30pm in the upstairs conference room.

Fall Study: Live Free: A Study of Galatians written and guided by Elizabeth Woodson

Please contact Mary Ann Reynolds at mahrey51@aol.com to reserve a Study Guide.

Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

September 12 | Contact Doug Knowles at d.Lan.knowles@gmail.com

Community of Hope International (COHI)

Starts 9/16 | 6:00-7:30p

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

Christ Centered Advance Care Planning –
September 17

Joyful Friends Luncheon

Featuring Maggie FitzRoy on Writing Process and Historical Fiction

Sept 22 | 11:30 am – 1:00pm| Westbury Hall
RSVP online or at the front office by
September 14

TRUE Hosts Screening of Mighty Times: The Children's March

September 22 | 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Transforming Racial Understanding and Engagement (TRUE) invites all to attend a screening of the film. There will be a discussion afterwards. *Mighty Times: The Children's March* is an Oscar-winning documentary about Birmingham, Alabama civil rights marches in the 1960s highlighting the bravery of young activists involved in the 1963 Children's Crusade. While the event is free, registration online at ccpvb.org is essential.

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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Wendy Waller	Sarah Wefer	Trey Wilson

Staff Clergy

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

Deacons

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

Adjunct Clergy

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.



**CHRIST
CHURCH**
Sunday. Every Day.