

CHRIST CHURCH

AMONG THE OAKS

May 15, 2022 9:00 a.m.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

A second site worship center for Christ Episcopal Church
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

Opening Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Welcome Guests and Newcomers

We welcome all people to this worshiping community and encourage all to receive Holy Communion. We are informal and quietly focused in our worship. Our multi-denominational makeup shapes our liturgy to be as open and “visitor friendly” as possible. This young community of faith feels called to serve the people in this community, to celebrate the presence of the Risen Christ, and to reach out to all as God’s grace empowers us.

Servant Board: Steve Harrison, warden; Paula Allmen, Mike Cleary, Claire Heusinger, Mike Jenkin, Jenny Johnson, and Deborah Pearsall.

Celebrant: Mother Sandy Tull

Musician: Boril Ivanov

Vocalist: Claire Heusinger

We encourage our guests to fill out a welcome card today!

We are glad you are with us and look forward to worshiping with you often.

Sharon Gesek, Program Director, joins us today to share some of the ways our partnership contributes to their mission of advocating for the dignity, independence, health, and community involvement of older St. Johns County residents.

Prelude *Medley*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Opening Sentences

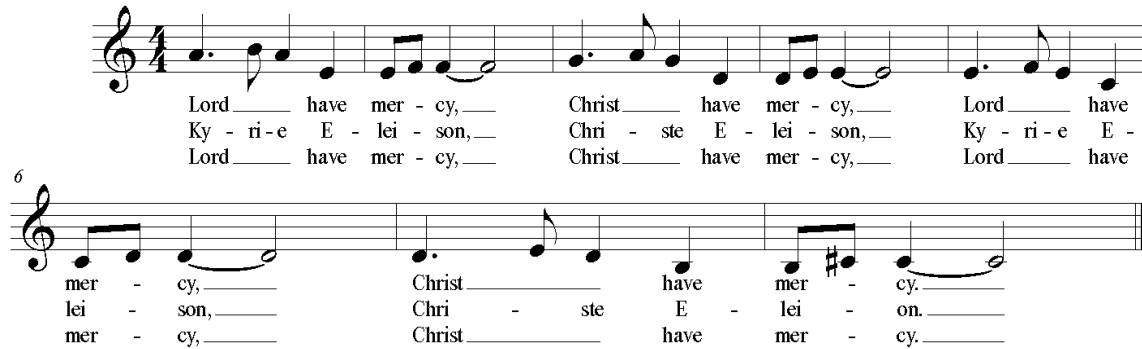
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.**

Kyrie



Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have
Ky - ri - e E - lei - son, Chri - ste E - lei - son, Ky - ri - e E -
Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have
mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.
lei - son, Chri - ste E - lei - on.
mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'

And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; *

praise him in the heights.

² Praise him, all you angels of his; *

praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; *

praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ Praise him, heaven of heavens, *

and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *

for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *

he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth, *

you sea-monsters and all deeps;

⁸ Fire and hail, snow and fog, *

tempestuous wind, doing his will;

⁹ Mountains and all hills, *

fruit trees and all cedars;

¹⁰ Wild beasts and all cattle, *

creeping things and winged birds;

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *

princes and all rulers of the world;

¹² Young men and maidens, *

old and young together.

¹³ Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *

for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

¹⁴ He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *

the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Lector A reading from the Revelation to John.

21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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.

13:31-35

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily The Rev. Sandy Tull

Meditative Interlude

The Prayers of The People

Leader Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray,
Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:
For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God:
For our clergy and our bishops,
For the many lay people who serve the church,
And serve the world through the church.
Especially our ministry partners: St Gerard's Campus, St. Francis House and Port in the Storm, South Woods Elementary, Learn to Read, Pie in the Sky and Council on Aging,
For those gather here in worship and prayer. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline,
And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.
We especially this day we pray for the people of the Ukraine. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died: That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, And that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Prayers for Ukraine

All together God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the lying down of weapons
We pray for all those who fear tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war and peace.
For wisdom and discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for your precious children
at risk and in fear that you would hold them and protect them.
We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* fall; and in *his* heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Communion

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Offertory

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

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Distribution of Communion

All baptized persons, including children, are invited to receive Communion.

Communion Music

Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to Me." *Refrain*

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, let His little child come in. *Refrain*

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee. *Refrain*

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Holy, gracious, God, Here at this table your promise of life is made tangible. We have rested in the depth of your love; We have tasted your nourishing, nurturing presence; We accept you into our bodies, into our lives. Together, at this table, you have offered us life. Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer. And we give you thanks. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Vs. 1, 2 & 6

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia, let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Medley

Closing Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Vs. 1, 2 & 6

6 Let every kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, on this ter - res - trial

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the
* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the

ball, to him a - scribe, and

1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and
5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and

crown him Lord of all! to him a -

1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies

scribe, and crown him Lord of all!

1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 on this terrestrial ball,
 to him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown him Lord of all!
 to Him all majesty ascribe,
 and crown Him Lord of all!

Announcements

Letitsia's Ministry

We are now again actively collecting individual bottles of **shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste** (no dental floss), **individual bars of soap, etc.** that you have collected in your travels. They will be collected and sent to Lowell Correctional in Ocala. These are distributed through the chaplain's office to the incarcerated women who have no funds in their canteen. (This is many of them). Bring them any Sunday and we will send them on.

Marketing Ministry

Your Servant Board is working hard to increase and enhance our social media presence to create awareness of our worship and fellowship. They also are developing several opportunities in the coming months to reach out to our new neighborhood and invite them to learn more about the church community we have created over the last 20 years.

Pentecost Sunday

On Pentecost, **Sunday June 5**, we will not only celebrate the "birthday of the Church," we will also host an old-fashioned, family friendly **Ice Cream Social after worship**. The local community is invited to come to church (or just to the social!) meet us, learn what we are about, and just have some fun. We will have birthday cake, ice cream with lots of toppings, yard games, music and fun filled hour after worship. Please join us and be a CC Oaks ambassador to our new friends and neighbors.

Offerings Online

Forgot to bring cash or write a check??? We now have a QR code in the bulletin for safe, quick, and easy on-line giving. You will be automatically directed to the Christ Church giving page where you can enter your information one time and it will be saved for future giving.

Share the Love

Invite a friend or neighbor to Sunday Service with your church family!

Come Serve with Us

Let us know you'd like to share your gifts of time and talent. We need your helping hands!



Reach Out

Need help? Let us know what's happening in your life. **Prayer request cards** are available on the information table. We are here for you.

Pass The Plate

Make a gift or catch up on your pledge online. **THANK YOU** for your faithful gifts to the church, today and always.



Our Outreach Liaisons

Learn to Read

Improving literacy for over 200 individuals each year at no cost to the student. Improved reading skills lead to better paying jobs, higher levels of education, healthier lifestyles, and a better overall community.

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St. Gerard's Campus

A non-profit maternity home and Christian high school for pregnant teenagers, promoting empowerment through education and strong Christian values.

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St. Francis Housing Crisis Center / Port in the Storm

Engaging those experiencing homelessness to achieve stability, self-sufficiency, and a viable plan for their future by providing a safe, stable environment, access to essential services, and supportive connections.

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Council on Aging

Provides the opportunity for every person in St. Johns County to enjoy wellness, longevity and quality of life choices within a strong, healthy community.

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Pie in the Sky Community Alliance of St. John County

Pie in the Sky is a grassroots, volunteer-based organization providing hope by serving with dignity and respect to alleviate hunger and social isolation through the home delivery of healthy fresh produce to low-income senior citizens.

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South Woods Elementary

Creating a secure community that will instill in all students a desire for academic excellence, fostering the development of caring, productive citizens.

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