

# RESURRECTION

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LARGO, FL

*“To proclaim the Good News and heal the broken.”*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



MARCH 1, 2026 | YEAR A

# WELCOME

Thank you for being with us in worship today. However you found your way here, whether by holy habit, familiar path, curiosity, or something deeper, we're glad you came.

This community is held together not by perfect beliefs or getting everything right, but by the love of God we see in Jesus: a love that forgives, welcomes, and makes space for us just as we are. Whoever you are, however you identify, you belong here.

We grow closer to one another not by pretending, but by being real: by showing up, sharing life, and serving together in Largo and beyond.

If you're new or visiting, there are cards in the Narthex to help us get to know you a little better. You can drop one in the offering plate at the back or hand it to me on your way out.

And welcome again!

*Sandy +*

The Rev. Sandra K. Rogers, Vicar

*Please enter the Sanctuary quietly and reverently and silence your phones.  
Our worship begins when we walk in the door.*

*Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.*

## *Serving Today*

Servers     Bob Thacker  
                 Karl Cieslak

Lectors     Gail Nichols  
                 Maria Fox  
                 Travis Parker

Supplemental Resources you may use today  
**Book of Common Prayer** (BCP – Red Book) & **Hymnal** (Blue Book)  
Congregational parts are in **bold**.

# THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

*Wondrous Love*

D. Pinkham

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*The God of Abraham praise*

Hymnal, 401

A PENITENTIAL ORDER & DECALOGUE

BCP, 355

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

*A moment of silence is observed so we may make our own silent confession before God.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

*People* **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.**

*Cantor or Choir*      *All*      *Cantor or Choir*

Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Christ, have mer - cy.

*All*      *Cantor or Choir*      *All*

Christ, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.    Lord, have mer - cy.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 121

*Levavi oculos*

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence

of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

*Now let us all with one accord*

**Hymnal, 147**

## THE GOSPEL

**John 3:1-17**

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Sandra Rogers

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**  
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and  
was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**  
**Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

BCP, 387

*Lector* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*People* That we all may be one.

*Lector* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Lector* We pray especially for Sean, our presiding bishop; Doug, our bishop and Sandy, our Vicar. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of the Epiphany, Cape Coral; the churches in Fort Myers: Iona-Hope, Lamb of God, St. Hilary's, and St. Luke's, Fort Myers; St. Raphael's, Fort Myers Beach; Good Shepherd, LaBelle; St. Anselm's, Lehigh Acres; All Souls', North Fort Myers; St. Michael and All Angels, Sanibel, and St. John's, Pine Island. We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and for those in discernment, especially our Postulant, Rebecca;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Lector* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Lector* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Lector* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Lector* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Lector* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Lector* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **THE PEACE**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY

*Ruhige (Calm)*

H. Distler



At the Offertory, we pause to remember that everything we have is a gift from God—and we respond with grateful hearts. You're invited to share in supporting Resurrection's ministry of love and service in the world. You may give by scanning the QR code, visiting [reslargo.org/give](https://reslargo.org/give), or placing a gift of cash or check (payable to Resurrection) in the offering plate. However you give, thank you for being part of what God is doing here.

### DOXOLOGY

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**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. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, 361

*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 him thanks and praise.**

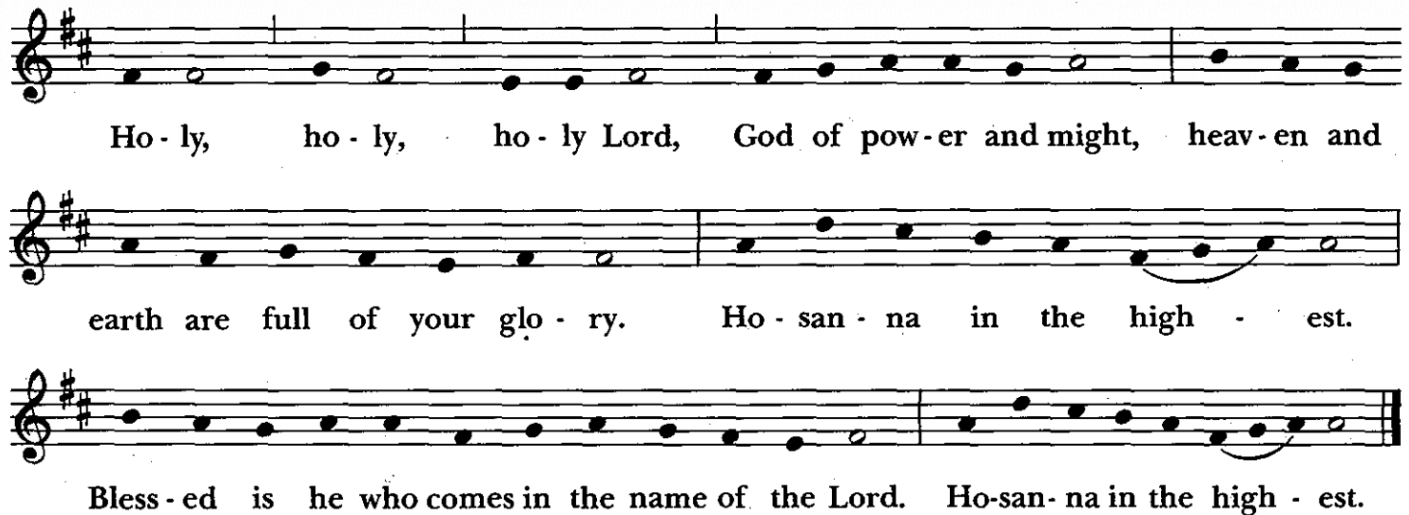
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

## SANCTUS

Hymnal, S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

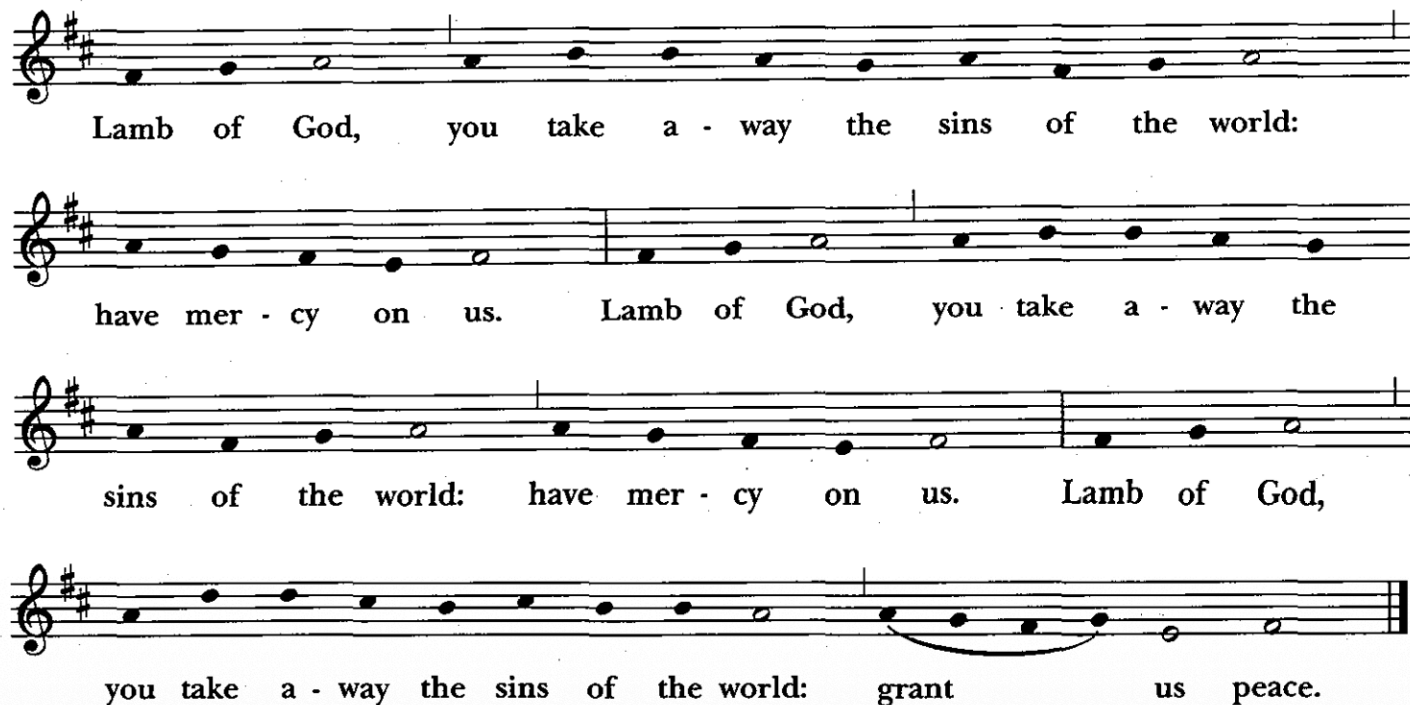
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal, S161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## THE INVITATION

*Celebrant* 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.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. You may sip from the cup or have the Eucharistic Minister intinct the host for you. Those desiring a blessing may also come forward with arms crossed. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN    *When Christ was lifted from the earth*    Hymnal, 603

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BIDDING

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The People stand or kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*Celebrant*

Bow down before the Lord.

*The people kneel and the Presider says the following prayer.*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*

**Hymnal, 636**

## THE DISMISSAL

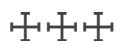
*The Celebrant gives the Dismissal*

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*All Mankind Must Die, BWV 643*

J. S. Bach



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DISCERNMENT PROCESS

Please hold Rebecca Rogers and her family in your prayers as she continues her discernment for Holy Orders.

## FLICKS & FAITH: FILM & DISCUSSION

Wednesdays at 6pm. Come for the formation, stay for the fellowship! Bring a snack to share!

## LENTEN PROGRAMS

- *Monday Book Study @ 11am (in the Abbey)*  
We will be reading and discussing the book, “How to Be” by Judith Valente and Paul Quenon OCSO.
- *Tuesday Lenten Program @5:30pm (in the Abbey)*  
Music and Memory: A reflective Lenten journey with Scripture and hymnody, honoring the faithfulness of God across the seasons of our lives. Begin with Evening Prayer, then share a light meal and learn.
- *Wednesday morning @ 11:00am (in the Abbey)*  
Bible study on the Lenten practices of Scripture reading, Prayer, Fasting, and Alms-giving.
- *Stations of the Cross*  
Fridays @ 6pm throughout Lent.

## Ways to support the mission and ministry of Resurrection

Our 2025 pledges totaled \$64,200 and, because of the incredible faith and generosity of this Body of Christ, we closed the year in excess of \$4,000! Praise God!

If you would like to offer a gift in another way, please let us know.

- Online  
Support Resurrection's Ministry: Visit [reslargo.org/give](https://reslargo.org/give).
- Altar Flowers  
There are two flower vases and donations are a minimum of \$50 per vase. Please call or email the church office to arrange.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

Many happy returns on the day of your birth. May seasons of joy be given. May God, in His mercy, prepare you on Earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Many happy returns for the day that you wed. May seasons of joy be given. May God, in His mercy, prepare you on Earth for a life full of love in heaven.

## Parish Prayer List

**Members, Family, & Friends** - Bob, Angela Berry, Amara Brandel, The Brooks family, Cherri, Christopher Lewis, Hannah, Sharon Martin, Drew Baker, Joy, Andrea, Nancy, Marija, Peggy Logsdon Carry, Vernon Foret, Nichole Gildner, Jeffrey Meyers, Cheri Russell

**Active Military** - Jeremiah Gill, Evan Chandler

<b>LENT</b>				
<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
HOW TO BE	MONDAYS	2/23-3/23	11:00AM	ST. DUNSTAN'S ABBEY
REMEMBERED IN SONG	TUESDAYS	2/24-3/24	5:30PM	ST. DUNSTAN'S ABBEY
STATIONS OF THE CROSS	FRIDAYS	2/20-3/27	6:00PM	SANCTUARY

## WORSHIP

Sunday	10:00am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Wednesday	12:05pm	Holy Eucharist & Healing

## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Right Rev. Douglas F. Scharf	Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida
The Rev. Sandra K. Rogers	Vicar
Rebecca Rogers	Postulant
Wayne Dieterich	Interim Minister of Music (beginning Feb. 1)
Jimi Doolan	Sexton

## RESURRECTION BISHOP'S COMMITTEE

Class of 2026	Class of 2027	Class of 2028
Nancy Campbell	Bruce Barnett	Pam Calabrese, Jr. <i>Warden</i>
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		Jenny Lewis
Rick Schock, <i>Treasurer</i>		Gail Gregorio

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