



# RESURRECTION

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15, 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     Gail Nichols  
               Karl Cieslak

Lectors     Marjorie Lewis  
                 Rick Logsdon  
                 Susan Logsdon

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 *Partita on "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"* J. Pachelbel

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing* Hymnal, 493

A PENITENTIAL ORDER BCP, 355

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

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

*Celebrant* If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

## 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.**

The musical score consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy." The performance directions are: "Cantor or Choir" above the first measure, "All" above the second measure, and "Cantor or Choir" above the third measure. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." The performance directions are: "All" above the first measure, "Cantor or Choir" above the second measure, and "All" above the third measure. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord

does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

*Dominus regit me*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

## THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

**Hymnal, 490**

## THE GOSPEL

**John 9:1-41**

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you

is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

*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 IV

BCP, 388

Let us pray for the church and for the world.

*The people stand or kneel*

*Lector* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Doug, our Bishop; Sandy, our Vicar; and Rebecca, our Postulant. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Smith Center, DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center and St. Thomas Chapel; Camp Dayspring, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Cursillo of SWFL, and Episcopal Charities of Southwest Florida. And in our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.  
Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, grant that we may serve Christ I them, and love one another as he loves us.  
Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*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

*O God, Thou Faithful God, BWV 767*

J. S. Bach

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](http://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.

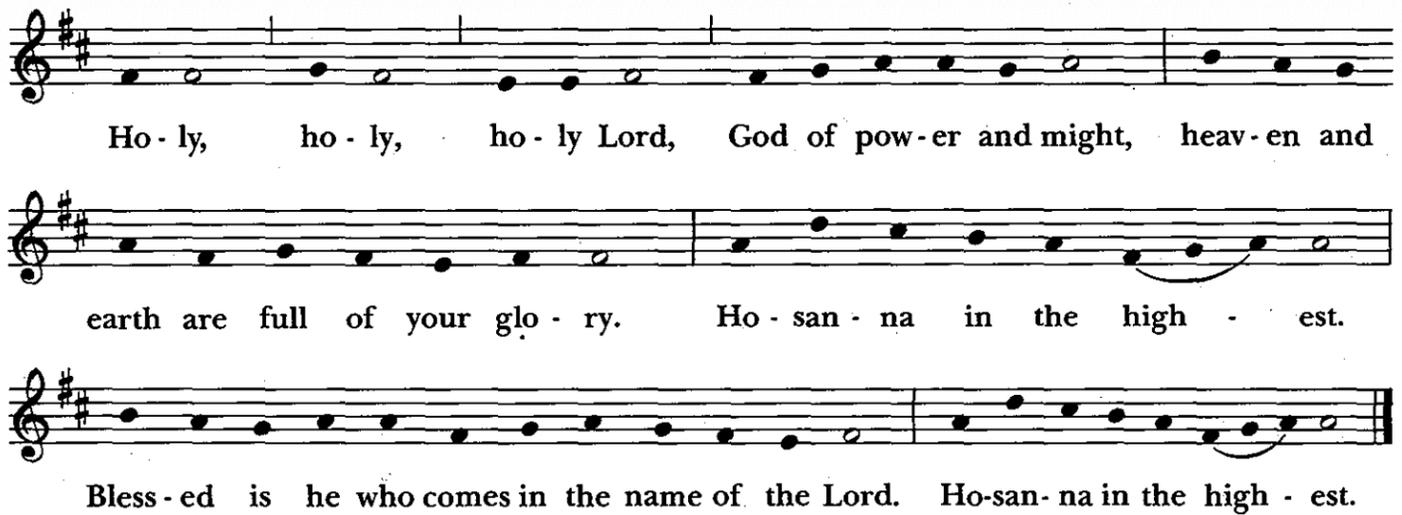
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

*The King of love my shepherd is*

Hymnal, 645

## 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.*

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*God of mercy, God of grace*

**Hymnal, 538**

## THE DISMISSAL

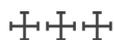
*The Celebrant gives the Dismissal*

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

## POSTLUDE

*Through Adam's Fall, All Was Lost, BWV 637*

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.

### REEL FAITH: FILM & DISCUSSION

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

### CATECHESIS

Sundays at 11:30am in the Vicar's office. We'll go through the history of the Episcopal Church/Anglican Communion, the Sacraments, Creeds, and life in our faith. This course will go through May 10<sup>th</sup> when the Right Rev. Douglas Scharf makes his visitation and will be offering the Rite of Reception and Reaffirmation.

### PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> | 9am-3pm. Please bring your gloves, rakes, blowers etc. Hot dogs, chips and water will be provided. First aid will also be provided if need be. If any questions please call Pam 484-767-6846

### LENTEN PROGRAMS

- *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, Benjamin Kennedy

## WORSHIP

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

## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Right Rev. Douglas F. Scharf	Bishop of the Diocese of Southwest Florida
The Rev. Sandra K. Rogers	Vicar
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