



# RESURRECTION

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LARGO, FL

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY HEALING

SERVICE

12:05 PM

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER  
CHRISTMAS

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# 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 one of the ushers on your way out.

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

## *Serving Today*

Server:	Rebecca Rogers	PoP:	Bruce Barnett
	Karl Cieslak	Organist:	Sandra Rogers, DMA
Lectors:	Karl Cieslak		
	Margaret Richcreek		

## *Flowers*

The chancel flowers are given in thanksgiving for the Glory of God.

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

## THE PRELUDE

## THE PROCESSIONAL

*Once in royal David's city*

Hymnal, 102

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People*

**His mercy endures forever.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Hymnal, S278

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes

what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

*Qui regis Israel*

147:13-21

Lector           Appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 147. Let us read  
responsively by whole verse.

13 Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

**14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.**

15 He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

**16 He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.**

17 He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

**18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?**

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

**20 He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.**

21 He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

## THE SECOND LESSON

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

*Love came down at Christmas*

Hymnal, 84

## THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given

through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 Church of the Ascension, Clearwater; Church of the Good Samaritan, Clearwater; Holy Trinity, Clearwater; St. John's, Clearwater; Church of the Good Shepherd, Dunedin; St. Martin's, Hudson, and Calvary, Indian Rocks Beach. We pray for all bishops, priests, deacons, and for those in discernment, especially 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.*

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 PEACE**

Celebrant

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

**And also with you.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY



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.

## THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 380

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 B

BCP, 367

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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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, 130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_ hea - ven and earth are

might, \_\_\_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

Then the Celebrant continues

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,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

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 Mary, Joseph, St. Dunstan, and 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.**

Celebrant      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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal, S155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*(All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. When it is time, approach the altar, stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the wafer in your palm. When the Eucharistic Minister (EM) follows with wine, you can choose to sip from the cup, have the EM take the host and intinct (dip), and place it on your tongue, or decline (cross your arms across your chest). If you desire a blessing, come forward and cross your arms across your chest. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and a priest will come to you. Gluten-free wafers are provided upon request.)*

### POST COMMUNION HYMN

*It came upon the midnight clear*

Hymnal, 89

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*Blest be the king whose coming*

Hymnal, 74

## THE DISMISSAL

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Discernment Process

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

### Feeling called to help shape Resurrection's future?

Members in good standing are invited to stand for election to the Bishop's Committee – helping guide Resurrection's future with prayer, stewardship, and love. If you feel that nudge, come talk with Mother Sandy to learn more.

### Flicks, Fellowship, & Faith: Film & Discussion

Wednesdays at 6pm, whether watching and discussing the House of David, the Chosen, or something else... Come for the formation and fellowship! Bring a snack to share!

### Resurrection Choir

Rehearsals are Fridays at 3pm.

### Chorus Rehearsal for Amahl & the Night Visitors

Fridays 2:00pm and Saturdays at 10am.

## Stewardship

The Finance Committee is prayerfully preparing the 2026 budget, built on the foundation of pledged giving. Our 2025 pledges totaled \$64,200, and while we're about \$8,000 behind year-to-date, we're hopeful that remaining pledges will be fulfilled or adjusted as needed. If there is ever a struggle in maintaining your pledge covenant, please talk to Gail Nichols or Mother Sandy.

For 2026, we have a goal of \$120,000; to date, pledges received total ~\$51,000. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026 as we continue building a vibrant future together at Resurrection.

There are also opportunities to practice financial stewardship with a specific intention. Intentional giving, in addition to annual pledges, aids in spiritual fulfillment and can be a physical representation of your spiritual intent in a way that "keeping the lights on" may not. 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

Altar flowers are a beautiful adornment for the holy area of worship. There are two flower vases and donations are a minimum of \$50 per vase. Please call or email the church office to arrange.

## Your Prayers are Requested:

Members - Marilyn Clark, David Hillegas, Mary Schock

Family and Friends - Bob, Angela Berry, Amara Brandel, The Brooks family, Christopher Lewis, Sharon Murphy, Doug Riley, Drew Baker and family, Jonathan and his wife, Joy, Andrea, Nancy, Peggy Logsdon Carry, Vernon Foret, Nichole Gildner, Jeffrey Meyers, Bobbie Nichols, Seamus, William Noble, Patty Coppedge, Cheri Russell

Active Military - Jeremiah Gill, Evan Chandler

To add someone to our parish prayer list, please email [parishprayer@reslargo.org](mailto:parishprayer@reslargo.org)

## 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.

## Vision

We are called to unite people with God and each other through the transformative love of Jesus Christ.

## Mission

We exist "to proclaim the Good News and heal the broken" as based on Isaiah 61:1.

## Resurrection Bishop's Committee

### Class of 2024

Gail Nichols\*  
Karl Cieslak\*\*

### Class of 2025

Nancy Campbell

### Class of 2026

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