



RESURRECTION

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LARGO, FL

"To proclaim the Good News and heal the broken."

WORSHIP

SUNDAY ~ 10:00 AM

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A ~ NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us! We are so glad and grateful you are here. If you haven't been to church in a while – welcome home. Seeing you again is a blessing... even if you were here just last Sunday. If this is your first time in an Episcopal Church, we pray you experience God's love throughout the liturgy and learn a little more about Jesus than you knew when you first walked inside. And remember, you are a beloved child of God.

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

Flowers

The chancel flowers are given for the glory of God.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is given for the glory of God.

Serving Today

Server: Karl Cieslak
Rebecca Rogers
Lectors: Gail Nichols
Bruce Barnett

PoP: Travis Parker

Supplemental Resources you may use today:
Book of Common Prayer (BCP - Red Book) & **Hymnal** (Blue Book)
Music livestreamed with permission:
One License: 400441-M

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

"Lo, How a Rose Ere Blooming"

Johannes Brahms

THE PROCESSIONAL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal, 56 v 1,2

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People

His mercy endures forever.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER: 1ST WEEK

Our first candle is Hope—A light shines in the darkness.

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. **Amen.**



Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho - ly
hope, man - y de-spair. Your word a - lone has pow'r to

peo - ple, light for the world to see. _____
save us. Make us your liv - ing voice. _____

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your Church gath-ered to - day. _____

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 122

Lector Appointed for today is Psalm 122. We will read responsively by whole verse.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

2 **Now our feet are standing ***
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;

4 **To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, ***
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.

5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.

6 **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ***
"May they prosper who love you.

7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.

8 **For my brethren and companions' sake, ***
I pray for your prosperity.

9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Lo, he comes, with clouds descending

Hymnal, 57

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Rev. 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

Lector	People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, “Teach us your ways, O God, that we may walk in your paths.” Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.
People	Teach us your ways, O God, That we may walk in your paths.
Lector	Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.
People	Teach us your ways, O God, That we may walk in your paths.
Lector	Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.
People	Teach us your ways, O God, That we may walk in your paths.
Lector	Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light.

People Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Lector Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near.

People Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Lector Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever.

People Teach us your ways, O God,
That we may walk in your paths.

Celebrant For all these things; for all we lift before you in the silence of our hearts; and for everything that you know we need, we pray in the name and power of our Lord Jesus Christ, and commend into your mighty and merciful hands. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

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

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

"O, Thou that tellest good tiding to Zion"

G.F. Handel

THE DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

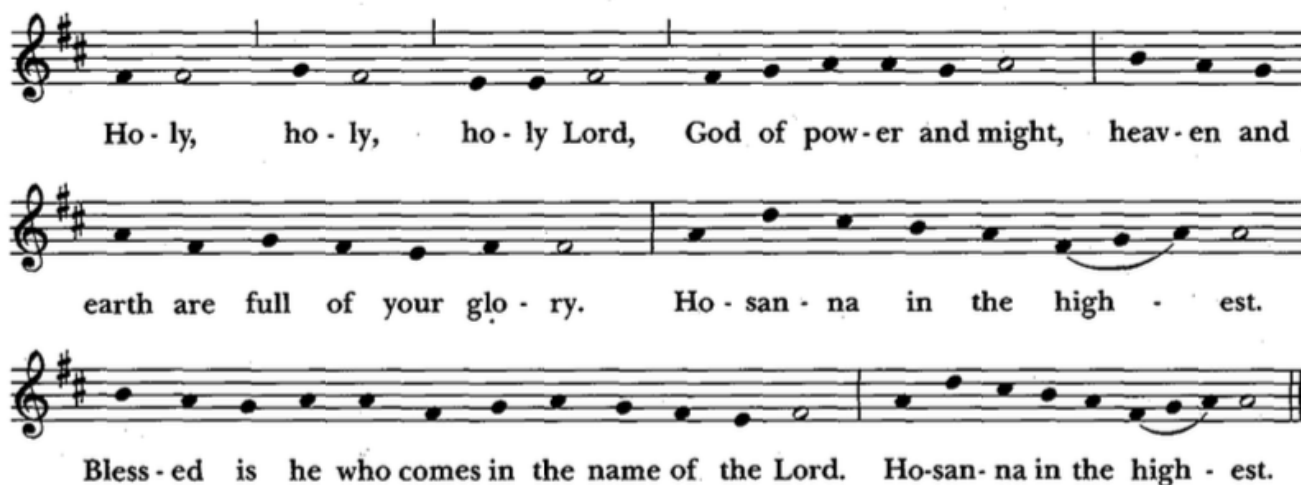
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

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, S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

(All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. Even if you are not receiving Communion, please come forward for a simple blessing. Gluten-free options are available; please let the priest know.)

POST COMMUNION HYMN

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Hymnal, 67

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Hymnal, 68

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, I and II

Dennis Lovenfosse

Announcements

Discernment Process

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

Christmas Poinsettias!

Sign up for poinsettias in the Narthex! Poinsettias are \$35 a piece.

Advent Program

Tuesdays at 6pm. Journeying the Way of Love Through Advent.

The Bookies

Meets on the third Monday (October until May) at 5:30 PM in St. Dunstan's Abbey. Join us for a fun evening of discussion and fellowship.

Liturgy Team

Tuesdays at 9:30am. Come join the team and learn about bulletin creation, the liturgical calendar, and why we do what we do.

Midweek Faith Formation

Wednesdays at 11am. Join us on a eight-week study on the Book of Romans. Led by Bill Athanson. We meet in St. Dunstan's Abbey. Zoom is available by request, please talk to Mother Sandy.

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 Practice

Fridays at 3pm.

Chorus for Amahl & the Night Visitors

Fridays at 2:00pm and Saturdays at 10am.

Newsletter!

Remember to sign up for our newsletter to get information on ALL of our activities. Sign up at www.reslargo.org

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 ~\$30,000. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026 as we continue building a vibrant future together at Resurrection.

Our Pledge cards were collected on Sunday, November 23rd, but you are welcome to submit them as the Lord leads.

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

Please scan the QR code to the right and follow the prompts.



- 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, Gail Gregorio, David Hillegas

Family and Friends ~ Bob, Angela Berry, Amara Brandel, Christopher Lewis, Sharon Murphy, Doug Riley, Drew Baker and family, The Brooks family, Jonathan and his wife, Joy, Andrea, Nancy, Peggy Logsdon Carry, 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

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.

At Resurrection, we strive to....

- bridge gaps that divide us by fostering open hearts and connected souls
- bind together through Jesus' love, transcending differences
- be the hands and feet of Christ, reflecting Christ's love and drawing others to His grace
- serve as a guiding light illuminating the path to a community that deepens connections to understand God's boundless love
- strengthen the essence of fellowship by uniting people with God and each other and harnessing the transformative and unifying power of Jesus Christ

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