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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LARGO, FL

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

WORSHIP

SUNDAY ~ 10:00 AM

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A ~ DECEMBER 7, 2025

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:	Bob Thacker Gail Nichols	PoP:	Bruce Barnett
Lectors:	Karl Cieslak Margaret Richcreek	Organist:	Sandra Rogers, DMA

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)

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Pastorale from MESSIAH

G.F. Handel

THE PROCESSIONAL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal, 56 v3,4

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures forever.**

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER: 2ND WEEK

We light this candle in hope. (Light first candle)
We light this candle for peace. (Light second candle)
Let us pray.

Loving God, in this time of preparation and planning, we thank you for the hope and peace you unfailingly offer us. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Christ, Be Our Light

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

Lector Appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 72. We will read together in unison.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
 from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
 like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
 who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
 Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
 People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion

Hymnal, 65

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. “I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sandra K. 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 Friends, may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.
Let us come before the Lord praying, “Blessed are you, Lord God; May the
earth be filled with your glory.”

Grant your Church, O God of encouragement, to live in harmony with one
another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that we may glorify you with
one voice. Make us a people of repentance and bless us with your Holy
Spirit and fire. Make us a people of holy listening, may your voice be heard
for those in discernment of your call, especially Rebecca.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Lector Grant this nation, O God of justice, the will to defend the needy and the
poor. May we sincerely hope for that day when hurt and destruction are no
more.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Lector Grant your creation, O God of faithfulness, the hope of renewal. May we
who are stewards of this earth, also live at peace with all you have created.

Silence

Blessed are you, Lord God;

People **May the earth be filled with your glory.**

Lector Grant this city, O God of understanding, prosperity. May all the people
know and do justice. We ask that you teach us and our leaders the best ways
to meet the needs of all our neighbors.

Silence

People Blessed are you, Lord God;
May the earth be filled with your glory.

Lector Grant all the needy, O God of steadfast love, your mercy. Prove yourself to be a God of righteousness and faithfulness. To all their pain and suffering bring your healing and peace. And with your winnowing fork clear from their lives all the forces of oppression.

Invite the congregation to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence

People Blessed are you, Lord God;
May the earth be filled with your glory.

Lector Grant to those who have died, O God of hope, eternal life in you. Bring the departed into your glorious dwelling where all their hope will be fulfilled in your Christ.

Silence

People Blessed are you, Lord God;
May the earth be filled with your glory.

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

BCP, 360

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.

All 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

G.F. Handel

"But who may abide the day of His coming"? from MESSIAH

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.

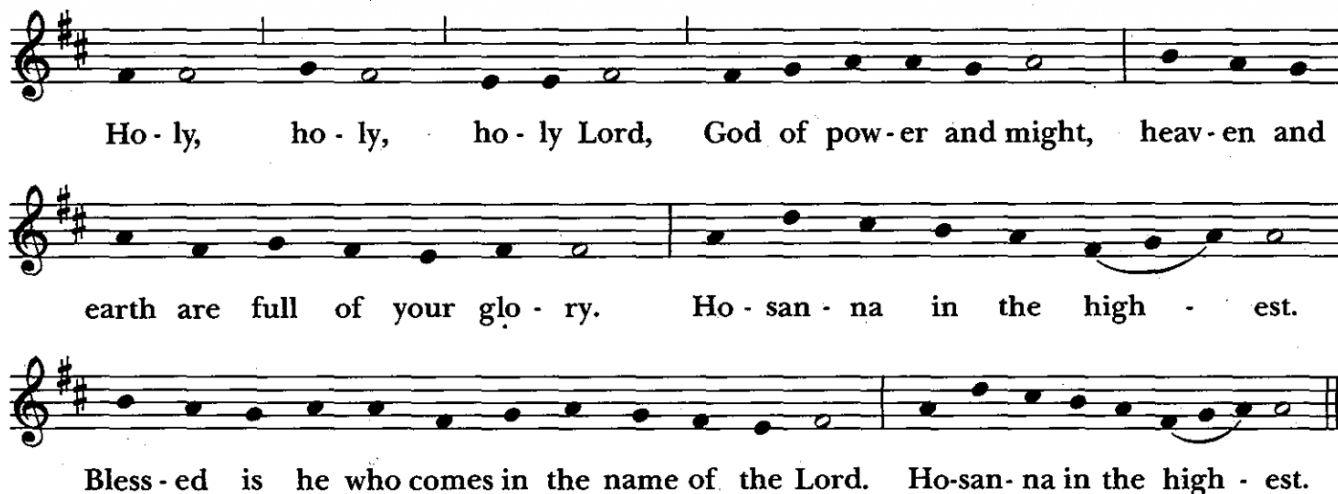
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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 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, 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.

(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.)

COMMUNION HYMN

Savior of the nations, come

Hymnal, 54

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 the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; 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

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Hymnal, 76

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Wachet auf (Wake, Awake For Night Is Flying)

David Polley

Announcements

Discernment Process

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

Advent Programming

Tuesdays at 6pm. Journey the Way of Love through Advent.

Wednesdays at 11am. Bible Study: Journeying hope, peace, joy, and love.

We meet in St. Dunstan's Abbey. Zoom is available by request, please talk to Mother Sandy.

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.

Toys for Tots

We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for local children. Please drop off your toys by December 15th.

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.

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 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 to give online.
- 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, 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, 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

Resurrection Bishop's Committee

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