



**RESURRECTION
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
LARGO, FL**

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

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

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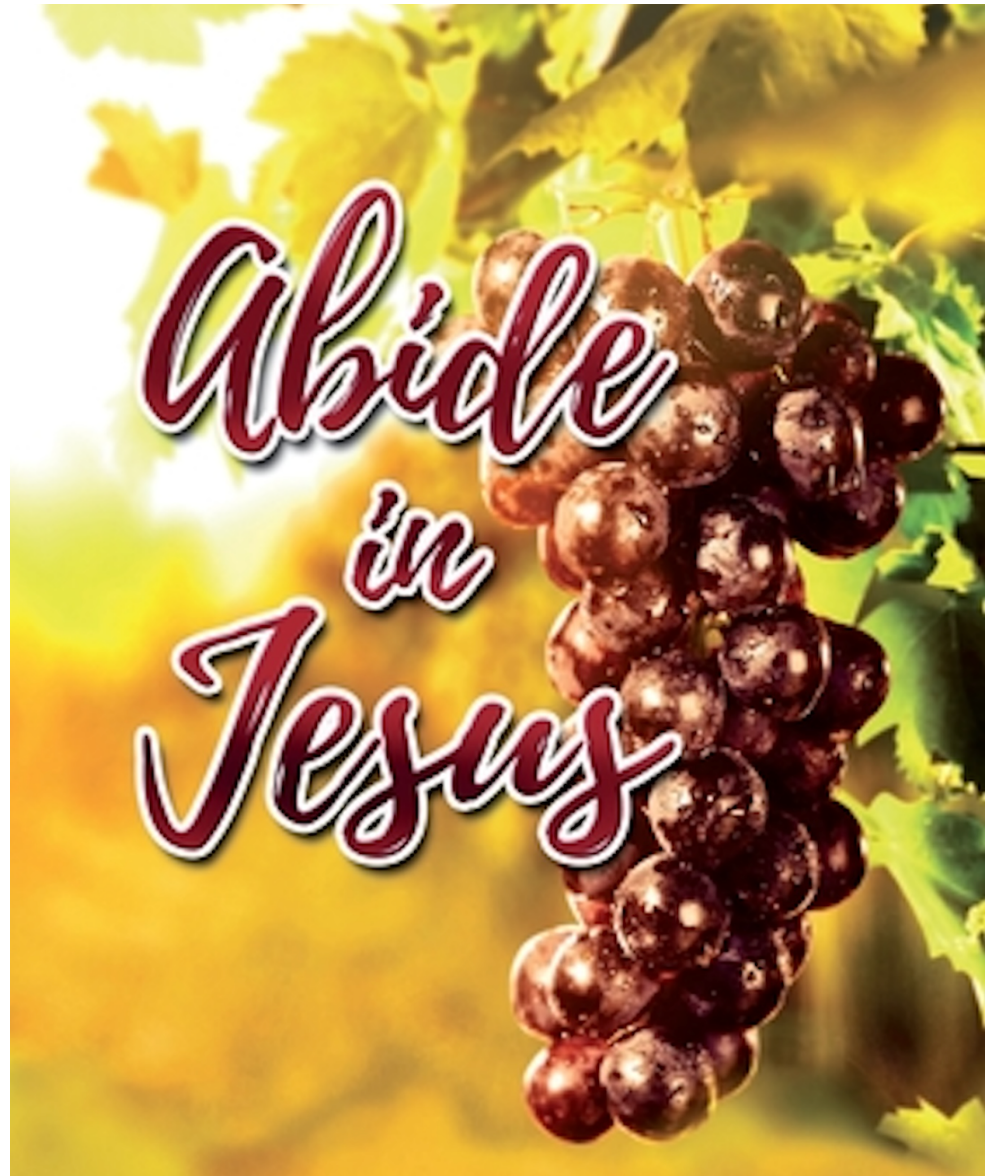
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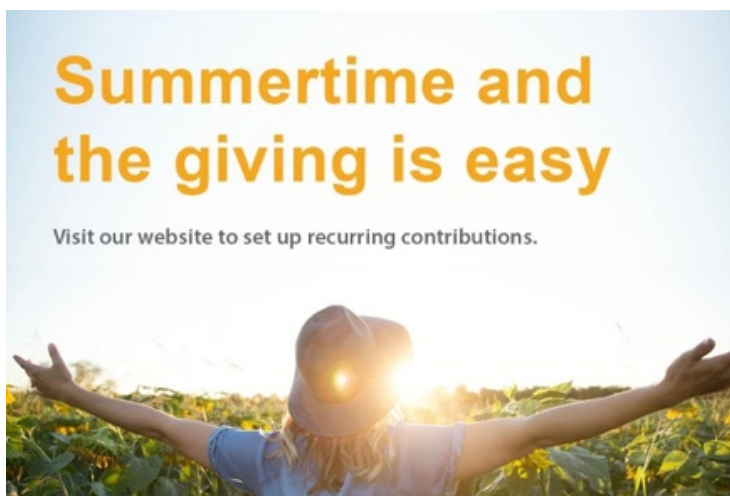
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year B ~ April 28, 2024

Welcome

Welcome to Resurrection Episcopal Church. 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.

Serving Today

Server:	Gail Nichols Rebecca Rogers	PoP:	Gail Nichols
Lectors:	Maria Fox Travis Parker	Organist:	Louise Kanaan



To safely and quickly make your offering or donation, you can open the camera on your phone and hold over the image to the side. Click the link that appears and the follow instructions.

Supplemental Resources you may use today:
Book of Common Prayer (BCP – Red Book)
& **Hymnal** (Blue Book)

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

ORGAN PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL

This Joyful Eastertide

Hymnal, 192

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to God

Hymnal, S280

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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON**ACTS 8:26-40**

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM**PSALM 22: 24-30**

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 22. We will read together, in unison.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

EPISTLE

1 JOHN 4:7-21

Lector A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect

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

Lector Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lord Jesus, thank you for cutting us from our tree of death and grafting us to yourself, the Living Vine. Give us courage: your Father's pruning shears frighten us at times! Give us faith: he prunes us to bear much fruit in you! Give us love: it is the sweetest fruit of your blessed vine.

Lord, in your mercy

People hear our prayer.

Lector Grant that your holy Church may always abide in you, and you in it. May its words and deeds bear the fruits of your Holy Spirit. Through its witness, graft many souls to yourself.

Lord, in your mercy

People hear our prayer.

Lector Give to your persecuted servants the knowledge that through their faithful endurance, they will bear rich fruit that refreshes and nourishes many hearts – perhaps even their enemies'.

Lord, in your mercy

People hear our prayer.

Lector You are the vine, and we are the branches. Keep this congregation united to you. Make our ministries bear fruit in the lives of those around us. Give us joy in knowing and serving you.

Lord, in your mercy

People hear our prayer.

Lector Prune the hearts of our earthly rulers. Cut away the greed, pride, and lust for power that leads to hatred and violence. Build up all that enriches the lives of the poor and humble. Let the desire to do your Father's will abide in all our hearts and minds.

Lord, in your mercy

People hear our prayer.

Lector You have overcome the world. Be the joy and strength of all those who defend us against violence, sickness, and injustice. Protect and guide them.

Prosper all they do that works for peace and health. Bring them home safely and soon.

People Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lector Grant to all who suffer a double portion of your Spirit, including those on our parish prayer list. Fill them with your life. Keep them steadfast in faith. Bless and strengthen all who care for them.

People Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lector Lord Jesus, death shall never have the last word over your beloved people. Thank you for speaking words of forgiveness and life to all who have died trusting in you. Abide with us. Lead us to that place where we shall dwell with you and with all the redeemed, and shall feast at your heavenly Table forever.

People Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And always with you.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Is Risen

With One Voice, 672

Please rise as the Oblations are brought forward and sit as the Ushers receive the Offering plates.

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

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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, S125

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

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 Blessed Mary, Joseph, 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.
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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, regardless of denominational affiliation, 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 clergy know.)

COMMUNION HYMN

I Come with Joy

Hymnal, 304

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL

The Day of Resurrection

Hymnal, 210

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

You are invited to our Fellowship Hour
Join us in St. Bernard Hall for Refreshments

What's Happening at Resurrection!

Adult Formation ~
Sundays 11:00-12:00pm
St. Bernard Hall

Women's Bible Study ~
Tuesdays 11-12:00pm
St. Dunstan's Abbey

Dinner with The Chosen ~
Bring your dinner and gather with
friends!

Wednesdays 5-7pm
St. Dunstan's Abbey

"Bible Project" Bible Study
Wednesdays 10-11:00am
St. Dunstan's Abbey

Save the Date:

Blood Drive at Resurrection Episcopal Church
Sunday, May 05, 2024

08:00 am - 12:00 pm. We have a goal of 7 donors!

** Appointments are not required, but are encouraged. Go to our website to sign up!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

All: 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.

All: 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.

Your Prayers are Requested

Parish Prayer List

Drew Baker and family
Christopher Lewis
Shelly King
Susan Logsdon
Grace and the Dicus-
Harrison family
Doug Riley

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Mary's, Dade City; St. John's,
Brooksville; St. Peter's, Plant
City; St. John the Divine, Sun
City Center; Grace Church,
Tampa; St. Andrew's, Tampa; St.
Chad's, Tampa; St. Clement's,
Tampa, and St. Francis', Tampa.

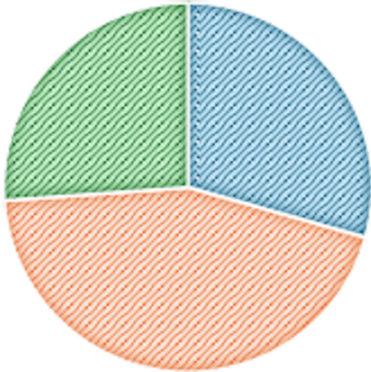
Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Church of Bangladesh

To add someone to our parish prayer list, please email parishprayer@reslargo.org.

Stewardship

2024 PLEDGE AVERAGES



	1 Household Annual Pledge	\$10,500
	4 Household Annual Pledge	\$3,975
	8 Household Annual Pledge	\$1,165

FINANCES

MONTH TO DATE APRIL		YEAR TO DATE	
INCOME	EXPENSE	INCOME	EXPENSE
18,255.45	17,601.55	75,669.45	82,669.15

Resurrection Bishop's Committee

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Jenny Lewis*	Karl Cieslak	Gidget DiRienz
	Gail Nichols	Kathy Miller**

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Gail Nichols (Treasurer)

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