

# 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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## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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

**Servers**Rebecca Rogers
Gail Nichols

Lectors Karl Cieslak Margaret Richcreek **PoP**Bruce Barnett

**Flowers** 

The Altar flowers are given for the glory of God.

### The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Pleading Savior

setting by Emma Lou Diemer

THE PROCESSIONAL

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal, 665

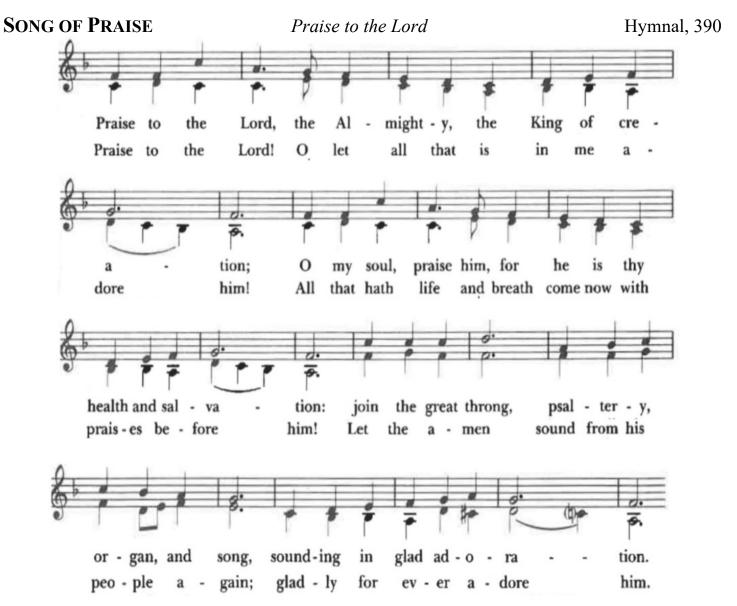
### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant 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**.



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### THE FIRST READING

SIRACH 35:12-17

Lector A Reading from the book of Sirach.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM Quam dilecta! PSALM 84:1-6

Lector Appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 84. We will read together, in unison.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \* by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \* they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \* whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \* for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \* and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

### THE SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,16-18

Lector A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

Hymnal, 615

THE GOSPEL LUKE 18:9-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sandra Rogers

### THE NICENE CREED

BCP, 358

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 cry out to God for peace and a time of healing.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Doug, our bishop, for our parish clergy, for those in discernment of your call, especially Rebecca; for this holy gathering, and for the

people of God in every place.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For our President, our Governor, and our mayor; for mercy, justice, and peace among

all peoples.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For good weather, abundant fruits of the earth, and peaceful times.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For our city and those who live in it, and for our families, companions, and all those

we love.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For orphans and widows, the sick and the suffering, travelers and strangers, and all

with heavy burdens.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, we pray.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector Lifting our voices with all creation, with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints,

let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People Hear our prayer.

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and for those of others, silently or aloud.

Silence

Celebrant Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your

Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please rise for the Oblations

### The Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY** 

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 380 vs3

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

The People remain standing.

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.

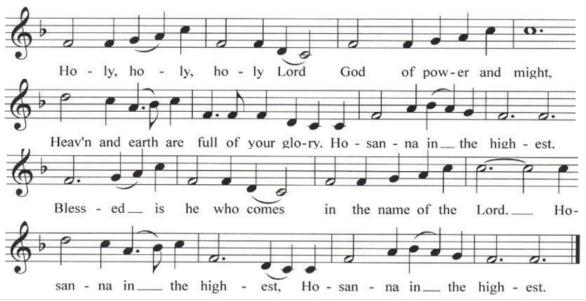
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to

you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

A Proper Preface is selected

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 WLP, 858



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 Blessed 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**.

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,

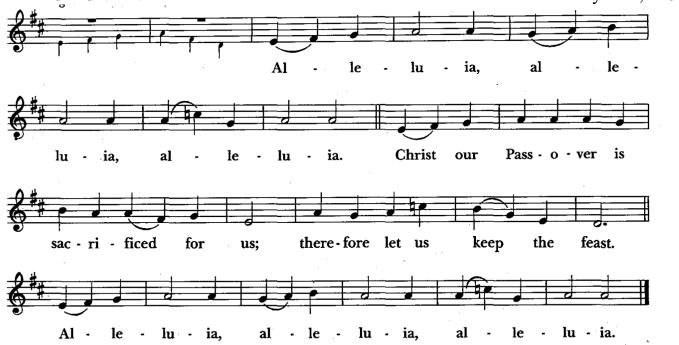
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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



Hymnal, S155



(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 upon request.)

### THE COMMUNION HYMN

Humbly, I adore thee

Hymnal, 314

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, 366

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

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon and remain with you now and always. **Amen**.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Hymnal, 546

### THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**THE POSTLUDE** Voluntary in C G.F. Handel

### Announcements

#### **Discernment Process**

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

### Evensong at the Cathedral

Sunday, September 26. This is a contemplative, restful service beginning with an organ prelude at 4:45pm and the service at 5pm. We will meet in the church parking lot at 4pm and carpool to the Cathedral. Visit speathedral.org/music-events for more information.

#### The Bookies

Meets October until May on the third Monday at 5:30 PM in St. Dunstan's Abbey. Join us for a fun evening of discussion and fellowship. October's book is Summer Island by Kristin Hannah.

### 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!

### Renovation of Resurrection

After much prayer and discussion, the Finance Committee has proposed much-needed updates to our sanctuary, including repairs to lighting, fan controls, and a fresh coat of paint, of which the painting has been completed (Glory to God) and the electric is about 85% completed. This is a sign of our commitment to growing as a self-sustaining parish. We invite you to prayerfully consider contributing—every gift, large or small, goes directly to paying down the loan principal. Thank you for helping bring this vision to life.

### Yard Sale

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm. Donations for the church yard will be accepted the week of Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. For questions regarding the yard sale, talk to Jenny Lewis. For questions regarding the bake sale, please talk to Cathy Athanson or Karen Hillegas.

### 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're aiming for a 5% pledge increase, with a goal of \$67,400; to date, 10 pledges have been received totaling \$25,400. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2026 as we continue building a vibrant future together at Resurrection.

Our Pledge cards will be collected on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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, Karl Cieslak

Family and Friends ~ Bob, Amara Brandel, Stephanie Callahan, Christopher Lewis, Sharon Murphy, Doug Riley, Drew Baker and family, Jonathan and his wife, Joy, Andrea, Nancy, Peggy Logsdon Carry, Jeffrey Meyers, Rich and 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 <u>parishprayer@reslargo.org</u>

### 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

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Karl Cieslak** Gail Nichols*	Nancy Campbell	Bruce Barnett Bob Thacker

\*Senior Warden \*\*Junior Warden

Rick Schock (Treasurer) Gail Nichols (Clerk)



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