

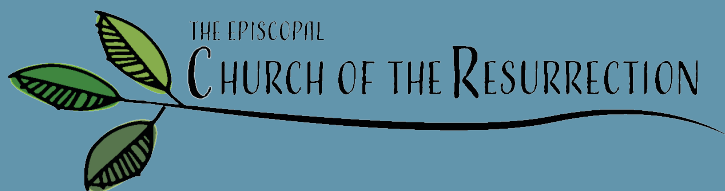


# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

MAY 11, 2025

10:00 AM



THE EPISCOPAL

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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# Holy Eucharist, Rite II

## The Word of God

### Prelude

*He is Risen*

*(Joachim Neander)*

### Hymn

*The Church's One Foundation (verses 1-3)*

**Hymnal 525**

*All standing*

**BCP 355**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*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 Gloria** *(spoken rather than sung)*

**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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

BCP 612

*Lector* We will read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
**I shall not be in want.**
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
**and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever**

## **The Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17**

*Lector*     A reading from the Book of Revelation

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated  
on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me,

“These are they who have come out of the great ordeal;  
they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne  
will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

### **Sequence Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (verses 1-2)*

**Hymnal 690**

*All remain standing*

### **The Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30**

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

### **Sequence Hymn**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (verse 3)*

**Hymnal 690**

### **Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

### **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, Form IV

BCP 388

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, sitting, or kneeling as able.  
Please add those intercessions and thanksgivings on your heart, silently or  
aloud, at the appropriate points in the prayers.*

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

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and  
peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its  
resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ  
in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we pray for **David & Pam; Kathleen; Jim; Kelly; the Hentchel family; Pat; Barbara; Daphne; Jenon; Aaron; Sarah; Killian; and all your children who suffer the effects of war, oppression, or natural disasters.** *Silence.*

*The congregation may add their petitions or thanksgivings, silently or aloud.*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

**BCP 359**

*Continuing in a posture of prayer*

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of silence for individual, silent confessions.*

*Celebrant and 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

BCP 360

*Standing as you are able.*

*Celebrant* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us show one another a sign of God's peace.

## The Holy Communion

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2a*

## Offertory Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

*Loving Spirit, loving spirit*

WLP 742

*The Celebrant invites the people's offerings*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord;

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

### Sursum Corda

Hymnal S-120

*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.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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** (*sung rather than spoken*)

**Hymnal S-125**

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 people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant*

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

## *Celebrant*

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 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.** (*spoken rather than sung*)

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*We encourage you to come forward to receive Holy Communion as you feel*

*comfortable. Remain seated, until the usher directs you forward to the communion rail. After receiving communion, return to your seat by the side aisle. so that traffic flows one way.*

*If you would prefer communion be brought to you at your seat, please let an usher know and, as always, we will be happy to do so. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest as a sign that you prefer a blessing.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

*The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.***

*The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.***

### **Communion Hymn**

*My shepherd will supply my every need*

**Hymnal 664**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*        **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.**

## **Announcements | Blessings of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **The Blessing**

### **Post communion Hymn**

*The King of Love, My Shepherd Is*

**Hymnal 645**

### **The Dismissal**

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

*People*        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **Postlude**

*Glory to God on High*

*(George Blake)*

# Parish Announcements

This center section of your bulletin is for you to tear out & take home with you. Keep the announcements, prayer lists, calendars, & Diocesan news on hand all week!

*The Flowers today are given  
to the Glory of God and in memory of  
my father, Keith A. Graves,  
who would have been 82 on May 15th  
by Keytha Graves*

## **Resurrection Men**

**Saturday, May 17 @ 9 am**

Our Men's Group will be meeting on Saturday, May 17th at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall.

As always, a light breakfast will be served, and a lively conversation will be had. We will discuss Lesson 11 (Relying on God's Protection) of Life Lessons from Daniel and Esther book.

Please reach out to Mark Hennes with any questions (mhennes81@icloud.com).

## **DOK**

**Saturday, May 17th @ 9:30 am**

Downstairs in Parish Hall

Our meeting is a week earlier than usual due to the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.



## **Flower Guild is in need of a few good vases!**

Medium sized vases, any color, are most appreciated. Each Monday the Flower Guild divides the altar arrangement into numerous smaller ones that can be delivered and shared with those who are celebrating joyous events, or some of our homebound parishioners who might enjoy a "pick me up". If you've received such a bouquet, please return the vase (to the PH kitchen). Do you have others at home? They will find a new life in our "Petal Pushers" ministry.

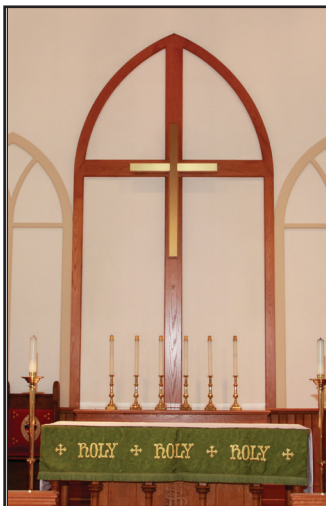
## **Parishioner Paragraphs**

Thanks to the 50+ families who sent their information for the 2025 edition of "Parishioner Paragraphs."

If you'd like a copy, there is a very limited number of printed booklets available on the table outside the offices. Once those are gone, if you'd like an electronic copy, email Bonnie at [office@episcopalloudon.com](mailto:office@episcopalloudon.com).

## **Altar Guild**

Resurrection is seeking a few good men and women to join the Altar Guild. The folks dedicated to this ministry prepare our beautiful sacred spaces for worship each week. This commitment to service is usually done a month at a time, can be done in pairs, and is separate from the Flower Ministry.



Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for service. There is a sign up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please put your name and the best way to contact you, i.e., telephone, text or email. Someone from the Altar Guild will get back with you to discuss training.

## **Welcome Reception for Rev. Rebecca Bridges**

**Today!**

Immediately following this service, please join us in the parish hall at a reception to honor and welcome Rev. Bridges. Please wear your nametags!

Sunday, May 11, 2025

# Prayers & Thanksgivings

## THIS WEEK'S PARISH PRAYER LIST

David & Pam; Kathleen; Jim; Kelly; the Hentchel family; Pat;  
Barbara; Daphne; Jenon; Aaron; Sarah; Killian;  
and all who suffer the violence of war and political unrest.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

5/4 - Will Heathcote  
5/8 - Rodney & Jackie Trombly  
5/12 - Ron Bailey  
5/14 - Lois Koenig  
5/21 - Dawson Hope  
5/23 - Mark & Jen Hennes  
5/23 - David Pate  
5/26 - Debbie Hines  
5/28 - John Cardwell

### CONTINUED PRAYER LIST

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Claire       | Sandy      |
| Rob & Sherry | Cheri      |
| Jane         | Shannon    |
| Jim          | Mel        |
| Wayne        | Diana N.   |
| Jack         | Ashley     |
| Raynella     | Ed & Jean  |
| Kim E.       | Joe        |
| Beverly      | Grace      |
| Virginia     | Betty Anne |
| Janey        | Johnny     |
| Karen H.     |            |

### Our Vestry Leaders

|                |                     |            |                  |
|----------------|---------------------|------------|------------------|
| Senior Warden: | Jenny Lucas         | Clerk:     | Dawson Hope      |
| Junior Warden: | Diane Van Koughnett | Treasurer: | Sally Leonhard * |

#### Class of 2025

Lisa Amelse  
Donna Bye  
Diane Van Koughnett

#### Class of 2026

Drew Hawley  
Dawson Hope  
Jenny Lucas

#### Class of 2027

Bev Baumgardner  
Karen Blakley  
Mark Hennes

All members' terms end in December of their class year, except for the Treasurer\*, who is a non-voting officer.

### DIOCESAN PRAYERS

For the Human Family  
BCP 815

For the Care of Children  
BCP 829

Sunday, May 11, 2025

# For Your Calendars

## THIS WEEK

**5/11 one combined service**

Acolyte:  
EM:  
Lector:  
Usher (s):  
Chancellor:  
Coffee Hour:  
Counters:  
Video:  
Altar Guild:  
Flower Guild:

**10:00 AM**  
Mark Smith  
Holly Pate  
Jack Lefler  
Drew Hawley & Carl Bye  
Diane Van Koughnett  
n/a  
Ginny Tolbert & Carolyn Parker  
Mark Blakley  
Donna Bye  
Dianna Stimpson

**Office**  
Volunteers

**MON 5/12**  
Donna  
Bye

**THUR 5/15**  
Mark  
Smith

## NEXT WEEK

**5/18**  
Acolyte:  
EM:  
Lector:  
Usher:  
Chancellor:  
Coffee Hour:  
Counters:  
Video:  
Altar Guild:  
Flower Guild:

**8:00 AM**  
Judy Hadjian  
Mark Hennes  
Jerry Ploeger  
Jen Hennes  
Jerry Ploeger  
Rosemary Kitts  
n/a  
n/a

**10:30 AM**  
Dawson Hope  
Bonnie Smith  
Jackie Buttinelli  
Andy Hadjian & Dave St. John  
Jenny Lucas  
Monty Ross  
Andy Hadjian & Jean Cardwell  
Ann Murphy  
tbd  
Betty Martin

**Office**  
Volunteers

**MON 5/19**  
Mark  
Hennes

**THUR 5/22**  
Judy  
Hadjian

## Next Week at Resurrection

Monday, 5/12  
6:30pm - Vestry  
7:00pm - AA (*open meeting*)

Thursday, 5/15  
9:00am - Prayers & Squares

Saturday, 5/17  
9:00am - Resurrection Men  
9:30am - Daughters of the King

Sunday, 5/18  
8:00am - Holy Eucharist, spoken, Rite II  
10:30am - Holy Eucharist, choral, Rite II

## COMING UP ...

May 25th - Four Paws Food Pantry  
collection

May 26th - Office closed (Memorial Day)

**Check your Parish Tidings for upcoming  
details!**

*Email [office@episcopalloudon.com](mailto:office@episcopalloudon.com) to have your  
ministry or committee's activities or meetings  
added to the parish calendar.*

Sunday, May 11, 2025

# TODAY'S ART



## The Good Shepherd

Oil on Canvas, 1917

Henry Ossawa Tanner

American painter, 1859-1937

The Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

Public domain

Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937) was the first internationally acclaimed African American artist. He studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art before completing his studies in France, where he lived for most of his adult life.

The vitality of the French art community and relative freedom from racism helped him earn a level of success unavailable in the United States.

After the critical success of his painting *The Resurrection of Lazarus* (1896), Tanner traveled to the Holy Land driven by a desire to paint biblical scenes that were as faithful to their cultural and historical context as possible (Woods 2017: 124). He was struck by the overlap of past and present; by how little the landscape and lifestyle of Jerusalem seemed to have changed since the times of Jesus.

Renowned for his biblical paintings and their spirituality, Tanner infused his paintings with light and mystery. In this version of the biblical story of the Good Shepherd, one of Tanner's favorite subjects, bright, white sunlight casts shadows of purples and blues around the figure of Christ and his flock of sheep.

By uniting the imagery of the Hebrew Bible and Jesus's parable of the Good Shepherd with the contemporary landscape of Palestine, Tanner evokes the constancy of God's divine and loving care: the God who cared for his sheep in the times of David and of Jesus will care for humankind even still. The journey through the Valley of the Shadow of Death is one which David, Christ, and every human being must face; it requires trust, patience, faith.

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