



# Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

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Good morning! We're so glad you chose to be here at Resurrection today. Whether you're here for the first time, or are a life-long member, Resurrection is a hopeful, healing, transformation-minded kind of place, a place where everyone is welcome and can grow their relationship with God and with one another.

If you are here for the first time (or if you just haven't gotten around to it yet), please fill out a pew card and put it in the offering plate to let us know you were here. To receive our weekly email bulletin, be sure to include your email address. And let us know if you would like to connect with our parish life and ministries; we're happy to help you find your spot!

Our services follow The Book of Common Prayer, the red book in your pew rack. If you'd like to use the book to follow the service, instead of this order of service booklet, we begin on page 355. Unless otherwise marked, our hymns are from the blue Hymnal 1982. A hymn noted "S-xxx" is part of the service music, found at the front of the hymnal, appearing before the regular congregational hymns begin. For example, S-280 (The Gloria) is found before hymn 1.

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# The Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

### Service of the Word

Prelude

Entrance Hymn  
*Savior like a shepherd lead us*

*Please stand as able.*  
Hymnal 708

Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

*All* **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 at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-280

**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.**

## Collect of the Day

*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 2: 42-47

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

*Lector* We will read the Psalm responsively. *Congregation reads bold lines.*

The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

*Lector and People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**The Second Lesson: I Peter 2: 19-25**

*Lector* A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Sequence Hymn

*Please stand as able.*

*My song is love unknown (verses 1 & 2)*

**Hymnal 458**

### The Gospel: John 10: 1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### Sequence Hymn

*My song is love unknown (verse 7)*

**Hymnal 645**

### Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges

**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.**

*Please assume a posture of prayer, whether standing, kneeling, or sitting as able.*

*Intercessor* We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.  
Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace  
of your gospel to the nations.

*People* Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

*Intercessor* Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry  
and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,

*People* **in your mercy, hear us.**

*Intercessor* Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow  
you in the way, praying especially for

*People* **Jackie & Russ C., Jeanette, Walter, Jim N., Lee R.,  
Vicky & Dave, the McAfee family, Marshall S.,  
Brenda B., and all who are in pain or distress; and all  
who are suffering due to oppression, war, gun  
violence, or natural disasters.**

*Intercessor* Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,

*People* **in your mercy, hear us.**

*Intercessor* Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover  
the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick and lead the  
healthy and strong to new pastures. Jesus, Lord of life,

*People* **in your mercy, hear us.**

*Intercessor* Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who  
have lived and believed in you, especially Tammy.

Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life,

*People* **in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be  
with us always. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Silence is held for individual confession before we say the Confession together.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All 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

*Please stand as able.*

Brief Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Music

*Instrumental*

Doxology (Spoken at 8:00. Sung together at 10:30.)

Hymnal 380, verse 3

*Celebrant* For all things come from you, O Lord;

*People* **and of your own have we given you.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

**BCP 361**

*Sursum Corda* (Lift Up Your Hearts)

Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30

*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 our 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.

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 (say) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-129

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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 at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)

Hymnal S-146

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

*All* *The Lord's Prayer*

**BCP 364**

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

**Fraction Hymn (Spoken at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.)** **Hymnal S-163**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* 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. 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, you may come forward along with those receiving communion.*

*Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you prefer a blessing.*

## Communion Hymn

*Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit*

*(congregation, please join choir in singing)*

*Sung as Morning has broken*

*1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.*

*2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our King:  
one with his rising, Freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praise we sing.*

*3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King:  
born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **God of abundance,**

**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;**

**you have united us with Christ and one another;**

**and you have made us one**

**with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world**

**and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.**

**Amen.**

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

## The Blessing

## Recessional Hymn

*The King of love my shepherd is*

**Hymnal 645**

## The Dismissal

## Postlude

# Parish Announcements, Prayers & Thanksgivings

**Today's altar flowers**  
are given  
in honor of  
**Chip and Carolyn Parker's**  
**66th wedding anniversary,**  
which is April 30.

## Requesting Flower Donations

We all enjoy the variety of flowers that enhance our worship times each week and are asking members to consider participating as they wish. The usual donation is \$50 and is accompanied by the dedication (e.g., in honor or memory of a loved one, or for someone's birthday or anniversary).

Both can be turned into the office,  
as well as written on the flower chart  
(upstairs in the Parish Hall).

Questions? Contact Amy in the church office,  
or Rosemary Kitts, Flower Guild coordinator.

**Our parish prayer list**  
Jeanette, Jim N., Walter, Vicky & Dave,  
Lee R., the McAfee family,  
Marshall S., Brenda B., Jackie & Russ C.

**Continuing prayers for**  
Brian E., Jim; Daphne; Rosemary O.;  
the Hentchel family; Pat; 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; and Karen H.

**Pray for our vestry leaders**  
Class of 2026: Alice A., Dianna S., Jenny L.  
Class of 2027: Bev B., Karen B., Mark H.  
Class of 2028: Holly P., Tom R., Bonnie S.  
Wardens: Bonnie S. and Mark H.;  
Treasurer: Sally Leonhard

**April Birthdays**  
Thomas Fiebke April 1  
Claire Boyles April 2  
Carl Bye April 4  
Oralee Adams April 15  
Art Stewart April 25

**April Anniversaries**  
Carolyn & Chip Parker April 30

# For Your Calendars

THIS WEEK

<b>April 26</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	
Acolyte	Jack Lefler	Mark Smith	Altar Guild Judy Egan & Jan Hanna
Euch. Minister	Holly Pate	Judy Egan	Flower Guild Kathy Pittman
Lector	Peggy Rogers	Bill Perry	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	Donna Bye	Art Stewart & Keytha Graves	
Coffee Hour	Erllys Ploeger	Jackie Buttinelli	Celebrant-Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Mark Blakley	Offering Counters Nelda Griffith &
Chancellor	Jerry Ploeger	David Baumgardner	Ginny Tolbert

NEXT WEEK

<b>May 3</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	
Acolyte	Andrew Wilkinson	Mark Smith	Altar Guild Jenny Lucas & Dianna Stimpson
Euch. Minister	Judy Hadjian	Bonnie Smith	Flower Guild Rosemary Kitts
Lector	Jerry Ploeger	Tony Adams	Organist Jedediah Dahl
Ushers	TBD	Monty Ross & Art Stewart	
Coffee Hour	Cal Van Koughnett	Jackie Buttinelli	Celebrant-Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Bridges
Video	n/a	Bob Cantine	Offering Counters Liz Berg &
Chancellor	Diane Van Koughnett	David Baumgardner	Alice Anderson

## This Week at Resurrection

### Sunday, April 26

Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Coffee hour after the services, Parish Hall

### Monday, April 27

10:30 a.m. Companions group, classroom

### Tuesday, April 28

1 p.m. Education for Ministry, Library

### Wednesday, April 29

Spoken Noon Eucharist, Nave

### Sunday, May 3

Sunday worship, 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Coffee hour after the services, Parish Hall

## Coming Soon @ Resurrection

### Sunday, May 24, 9:30 a.m.

Joint worship service for Pentecost  
Coffee hour extravaganza to follow!

Email Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Becky Bridges:  
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# Art & Scripture Reflection

Henry Ossawa Tanner. *The Good Shepherd*, 1902–03, Oil on canvas, Stretcher: 68.5 x 81.2 cm, Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

After the critical success of his painting *The Resurrection of Lazarus* (1896), African American artist Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937) travelled 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.

He evokes this sense of continuity in his painting *The Good Shepherd* (1903). Two ancient trees dominate the horizon, which have presumably watched over the treacherous mountain path for many centuries—perhaps since the time of Christ, or even of King David.

The scene is set at night with the silhouettes of the shepherd and his sheep outlined against deep blues and misty greens. The landscape is illuminated only by a moon whose rays are obscured by spindly branches. The nocturnal setting brings to mind the Psalmist's words:

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4, NRSV)*

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. But now, as then, this guidance often takes place in the dark; it requires trust, patience, faith. And the journey through the Valley of the Shadow of Death is one which David, Christ, and every human being must face.

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