

Calvary Episcopal Church
Indian Rocks Beach, FL
"To know Christ and to make Him known"
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025



The Good Shepherd (Le bon pasteur), 1886–1894, James Tissot

10:00AM
Holy Eucharist Rite II



The Rector's Welcome

We are so glad to have you worship with us today. Your presence is a blessing to us.

Since 1962, our congregation has been worshipping in Indian Rocks Beach. By joining us this day, you become part of this vibrant tradition of prayer, praise, and fellowship.

The purpose of Christian worship is to proclaim the redeeming works of God through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. We do this by proclaiming God's Word through Holy Scripture, praying for the world and ourselves, and, most importantly, gathering around the altar to celebrate the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Our prayer is that you will come to know Christ and, in turn, help make Him known, joining our growing Parish family in this mission.

We are grateful to be in the Sanctuary, worshipping together once more after being displaced by the flooding caused by the hurricane. While the restoration of our space is still in progress, we ask you to look past the unfinished areas, as we continue rebuilding after the damage sustained last September. We celebrate not only God's goodness but also the opportunity to be restored and renewed by the love of Jesus Christ.

May God bless your time with us, and may you feel the power of His redeeming love and embrace.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Jon Roberts
Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church

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SUNDAY
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The Sunday Customary
Order of Service
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:00 AM

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

Prelude

Trio Sonata no. 8 Op. 3 Largo

Arcangelo Corelli

Processional Hymn

Hail thee, festival day!

Hymn #175

Refrain:

Hail thee, festival day!
blest day that art hallowed forever,
day whereon Christ arose,
breaking the kingdom of death

1. Lo, the fair beauty of earth,
from the death of the winter arising!
Every good gift of the year
now with its Master returns: *[Refrain]*

2. He who was nailed to the cross
is Lord and the ruler of nature;
all things created on earth
sing to the glory of God: *[Refrain]*

3. Daily the loveliness grows,
adorned with glory of blossom;
heaven her gates unbars,
flinging her increase of light: *[Refrain]*

4. Rise from the grave now, O Lord,
who art author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death,
life thou bestowest on all: *[Refrain]*

5. God the Creator, the Lord,
who rulest the earth and the heavens,
guard us from harm without,
cleanse us from evil within: *[Refrain]*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

The Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria in excelsis (*Sung in unison*)

Hymn 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.

The 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 people sit.*

The First Lesson (Acts 9:36-43)

Reader: *A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

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.

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

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

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 Epistle (Revelation 7:9-17)

Reader: 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."

Reader: **The Word of the Lord.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn:

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymn #708 (vs. 1)

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

The Holy Gospel (John 10:22-30)

Celebrant: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. 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: *Savior, like a shepherd lead us* **Hymn #174 (vs. 2)**
2 Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Sermon **The Rev. Jon Roberts**

Nicene Creed (*All stand, if able*) **BCP pgs. 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.

Prayers of the People (Form III) **BCP p. 387**

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Deacon: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Celebrant:

We pray for all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries, especially, Dana Goldschmidt, Cedric Fisher, Gabriel Johnston, Betty Ley, Donald Gwizdowski, Samantha Kingston, Arina & John Curtis, Patty & Greg Olsen. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(we invite you to share your intercessions)*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The General Confession

BCP p. 359

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Most merciful God, . . .

All: (Stand or kneel, if able): . . . 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

Deacon: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

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

The Oblations are brought forward in silence. They represent the offering of bread and wine. Please stand. When presented at the Altar, please sit.

Offertory Anthem

Anthem O Filli et Filliae

arr. Richard Proulx

The Sunday donations/offerings are collected during this time by the Ushers. A plate will be circulated for all forms of giving. The Church needs your generosity in order to provide the message of Christ to the world.

Doxology

Old 100th – Isaac Watts

Hymn #380 (vs.3)

*All: 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

The Book of Common Prayer p. 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. (The Proper Preface)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymn S-125

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ✠
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.*

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, according to his command, O Father,

All: **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 forever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

All:
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, forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Fraction Anthem

Celebrant:



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.

People:



(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All Baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion and others are encouraged to receive a Blessing from the priest, especially young children who have not yet made their first Communion or those who have not been baptized.

Communion Hymn

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymn #343

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

3 Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Saviour, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

2 We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place.

4 Lord, sup with us in love divine,
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray. Eternal God, . . .

All: . . . 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 & Dismissal

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Processional Hymn

Welcome Happy morning

Hymn #179

1. "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!

Refrain:

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

2. Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. [Refrain]

3. Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. [Refrain]

4. Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,
mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. [Refrain]

Postlude

Howellsian Rhapsodie

Gabriel Johnston

Our practice is to remain seated and to listen to God through the hearing of the postlude. Allow God's Word & Sacrament to transform your being. This is an active way to worship. Please resist applause as it does not conform appropriate worship.

Those Serving Today

Celebrant: Fr. Jon Roberts

Deacon: Chad Olson

Music: Gabriel Johnston and Choir

Subdeacon: Bob Angelo

Reader: Denna Shibben

Prayers For Healing, Comfort & Strength

Prayers are maintained on a weekly basis.

Please notify the Office if prayers are requested for members or friends of the Parish.

Members: Rich Deary, Connie Curran, Cynthia Laitinen, Dodie Spahr, Sally Donnor, Steve Hein, Martha Kelley, Kate Veeder, Joy & Sam Sawmiller, Kathy Cummings, Michelle & Kali Stegeby, Betty Cole.

Friends of the Parish: Kathy Deary, Diane Spahr, Dean Spahr, John Robb, Sgt. Billy Gudzak U.S. Army-Ret., Rachel Ballard, Hudson Getreu, Paisley Blaskovich, Ray Traver, Kathleen Powers, Lauren & Chris Gudzak, Karen Martin, Gerry Heshelman, Joanne Zahn, Bonnie Colletti, Walter Morris, Freeman Stalions, Ann Rocke & Sarah, Kirk Levi, Roian Chabot, Justin Ballard, Marilyn Clark, Audrey Lamberts.

For those serving in the Military (Active): Thomas Blaskovich & Amanda Riggs (Beals family)

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dana Goldschmidt (12), Cedric Fisher (16), Gabriel Johnston (16), Betty Ley (16), Donald Gwizdowski (16), Samantha Kingston (17), Arina & John Curtis (12),

Patty & Greg Olsen (14). *If your birthday or anniversary was inadvertently left out, please let us know so we may correct.*

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