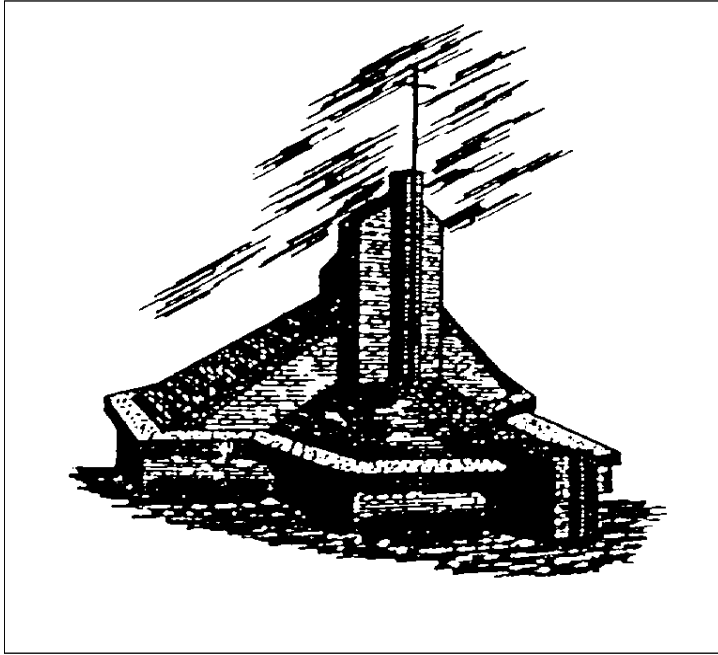


Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026 8 & 9:30a.m.

(The Lines in bold italics are spoken by the people.)

We are all guests at the Lord's Table. All baptized Christians are
welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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Processional Hymn: 400 *“All creatures of our God and King” (vs. 1,5,7)*

- 1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices,
let us sing alleluia, alleluia!**
*Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 5. All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others,
take your part, O sing now, alleluia!**
*All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and cast on him your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

- 7. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!**
*Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one.
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

The Word of God

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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**

Celebrant Praying together:

**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

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons: *(we sit)*

The First Reading: Acts 17:22-31



Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found

among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Second Reading: (read responsively) BCP p.673

Psalm 66:7-18

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
***which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.***
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle A reading from the first letter of Peter;

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in

you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

(We all stand)

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

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

The Gospel John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and

keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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



The Sermon (we sit)

Rev. Becky

The Nicene Creed (we stand)

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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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Justin our Bishop, Greg & John our retired bishops; Becky our priest, Pattie our Deacon, and Russell our seminarian;

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.

We give thanks for those who are serving our country: Cole, Keith, David, Monique, Gabriel, Gabe, Matt, and Naomi & Kolten. We pray for James, Jonah and Ethan who are deployed in service to our country. We also pray for our first responders, especially Ben & Zachary. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for our Members: Mel, Sharon, & Susie. We pray for our Family & Friends: Nancy J., David Coffeey, Mimi Frean, Julie F., Hannah Watson, Sam C., Lori Lenas, Patricia Parker, Diane B., DeeDee T., Aaron T., Leslie T., Donna S., Cindy T., Janine Polk, Sharron Simmons, Gerry Crews, Meryl Crews, Grace Meacham, Archie Conners, Rac, and Tommy Stokes, and we offer prayers for those not able to join us; especially Bev, Allene, Dabney & Hope. 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.

We pray for the churches in our Diocese: Church of Our Saviour, Okeechobee; and for St. Jude's, Orange City; please pray for our rector's retirement and for them in their transition & search process
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Leader 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.

The Priest, stands and says the absolution.

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 *(we stand)*



Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Happy Birthday to you! To Jesus be true!
May the Lord Bless and keep you,
Your whole life through.*

Offertory

Celebrant says the Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

Tim Davis

The Doxology sung together

Hymn 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 Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer Prayer A

Celebrant and People (we stand)

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymn S-130 Sanctus “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (sung)

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues (we kneel or sit, as able. If sitting, please lean forward so the person behind you has room to kneel)

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.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
The Lord's Prayer

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***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. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

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.

The Communion

Communion Music

Tim Davis

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may he keep you in everlasting life. ***Amen.***

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Now in thanksgiving, let us pray together.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing *The Priest blesses the people.*

May 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.**

Recessional Hymn: 405 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (*verses 1,2,4*)

CHORUS:

***All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful The Lord God that made them all***

***1. Each little flower that opens Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors And made their tiny wings.***

CHORUS

***2. The purple headed mountains The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky.*** CHORUS

***4. He gave us eyes to see them And lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty Who has made all things well.***

CHORUS


Dismissal

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

People ***Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

Serving Us Today: Altar Guild:
George Ann & Martin Hodges, Sarah & Nim, and Marjorie Symes

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR .






PENTECOST PICNIC

Sunday May 24th

8 & 9:30AM SERVICES IN CARLETON HALL
PICNIC AFTER 9:30 SERVICE

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!

HOLY TRINITY WILL PROVIDE
HAMBURGERS AND HOT DOGS AND
ASK FOLKS TO BRING A SIDE OR
DESSERT TO SHARE.


JOIN US FOR A

DYNAMITE POOL² PINBALL & PIZZA PARTY!

JUNE 6TH AT 5:00PM

Byron's House - 2100 Dynamite Rd

Please bring a dessert to share!

There will be swimming so bring your swimsuit and a towel!



PACE for Girls

Our church has recently begun working with the Pace Center for Girls Reach Program. This program places a therapist at both Bartow High School and Bartow Middle School—just around the corner from our church—making our outreach truly local.



These therapists work with small groups of girls who need support in mental health, personal growth, and life skills, helping them overcome challenges and reach their goals.

Our small church group would love more volunteers to support this meaningful, girl-centered program. This summer, we will need help with events planned in Carlton Hall for these girls.



If you're interested or would like to learn more, please reach out to Rev. Becky, Carolyn Holton, Shari Camden, or Pam Burby.



May God Bless your special day!



Birthdays

May 15—George Clements

May 16—Marjorie Symes

May 16—Becky Toalster

Anniversaries



*The Altar Flowers are Given Today to the Glory of God and in
loving memory of my mother Rosa Brunson by Elizabeth
Brunson*



- Friday 8am Parish Breakfast @ Broadway
- Sign up sheet for Military Names in the Narthex
- May 24th—Pentecost Picnic
- June 6th—Dynamite Pool², Pinball & Pizza Party.

Sunday, May 5, 2026

Worship Attendance— 57

Tithes & Offerings— \$ 2,685.00

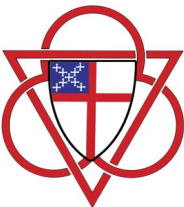
Weekly Budget—\$4,712.00

May 17, Readings: Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11



Bishop: *The Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb*

Rector: *Rev. Becky Toalster*

Deacon: *Deacon Pattie Behnstedt*

Senior Warden: *Byron Walker*

Junior Warden: *Kim Downs*

Parish Administrator/Sexton: *Wayne Troxler*

Accompanist: *Tim Davis*

Nursery: *Dalmaris Suarez*