

# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



## Feast of the Resurrection

Easter Day  
April 5, 2026 10:30a.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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Holy Trinity Bartow • Come and See

Hymn 207 Processional “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” (vs 1-4)

- 1. *Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!***
  
- 2. *Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!***
  
- 3. *But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!  
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!***
  
- 4. *Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!***

**Liturgy of the Word**

*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.**

***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.

## The Collect for Easter Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. . **Amen.**

## The Lessons: *(we sit)*



### First Lesson: *Acts 10:34-43*

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

### The Epistle     Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

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

*(We stand)*

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

**The Gospel:** John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him

away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

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

The Homily                      Rev. Becky Toalster



The Nicene Creed    (we stand)

***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: Gayle, Mark, Nolan, Mel, Sharon, & Susie. We pray for our Family & Friends: Cindy Daffin, 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, Betty Fitzgerald, 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: Christ Church of Suntree-Viera, Melbourne, Please pray that all that come on Easter feel the love of Christ, and Holy Trinity, Melbourne: Please pray that they stay on course and totally blessed, especially for growth and thanksgiving. 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



*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.*

*The ushers bring the cross to the front of the altar rail*

## Flowering of the Cross - Children and parents flower the cross

### Announcements

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

Happy Anniversary to you!  
May God Bless you now and all year through.  
May the Love of Jesus fill your hearts with joy!  
Happy Anniversary to you!

### 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***

### Eucharistic 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 (said)

*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**

***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.*

*All Baptized Christians of any age may receive Holy Communion in The Episcopal Church. If you are not baptized you are still welcome to receive a blessing. Place your arms across your chest to signal the priest to say a prayer of blessing over you.*

**Communion Music**

*Tim Davis*

## Post Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

***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 Priest then blesses the people.*

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 always. ***Amen.***

**Hymn 208** Recessional 473 “Lift High the Cross” All

Verses

**CHORUS: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.***

**1. *Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. CHORUS***

**2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. CHORUS**

**CHORUS: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.**

**3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. CHORUS**

**4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
praise to the Crucified for victory. CHORUS**

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Power  
of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

*May this Easter be a new beginning for the rest of your life,  
that you be blessed with health, peace and eternal joy.*

*Becky & Wayne*

# Real Easter Bunnies...

Are white as snow because Jesus takes all sin away. Isaiah 1:18b

Have big eyes to look carefully and choose what is good.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

Are gentle, kind-hearted & forgiving.

Ephesians 4:32

Are quiet in prayer but drop with thanksgiving and rejoicing.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Have big ears that are quick to listen.

James 1:19

Eat what is healthy by filling up on God's Word every day.

Psalms 119:11

Have no voice for complaining or arguing.

Philippians 2:13

Have big feet to go tell others about Jesus so they can be like Easter Bunnies, too.

Matthew 28:19-20





*Easter Flowers  
Given To The Glory of God  
And in Thanksgiving for*

**Given By:**

**In Thanksgiving For:**

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Nolan & Virginia Lang

*for so many blessings*

Sylvia Fletcher

*Casey & Tim Fletcher*

Kim Downs

*Zachary and Katherine*

Becky Toalster

*My family & friends*

James & Suzie Clements

*James Alexander Clments and  
Jennilee Heisler*



*The Easter Flowers  
Given To The Glory of God  
And in Memory of*

**Given By:**

**In Memory Of**

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Richard & Martha Crews

*Richard & Elenor Crews and  
Carl Herrin.*

Mark Fore

*Elsie and Frank Fore*

Troxler Family

*Joe & Kit Troxler*

Marjorie Symes &  
Watsun Family

*Ashton Symes*

S.L. & Mary Frisbie

*Our parents*

James & Suzie Clements

*Clyde and Grace Ray and  
Clem & Sara Clements and  
Elizabeth Alexander*

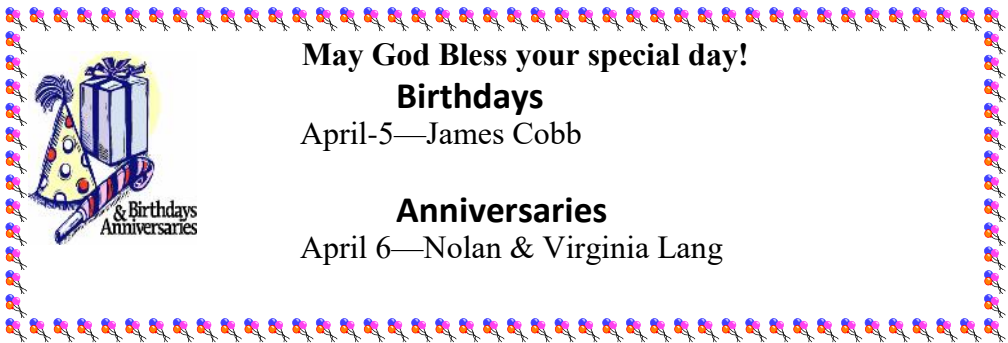


- Men's Breakfast Friday 8am
- Please take home your mums after the service
- There is no youth group today



**Easter Egg Trivia:** During Lent, a period of fasting before Easter, eggs were historically not to be eaten, so they were often hard-boiled and stored for later consumption. When Easter arrived, people would decorate and share them as a celebration of Christ's resurrection and the end of fasting. Over time, this tradition evolved, leading to modern Easter egg hunts, and the decorated Easter eggs we use today.

**Serving Us Today:** Altar Guild Team  
George Ann & Martin Hodges  
Sarah & Nim Korda  
Casey Fletcher



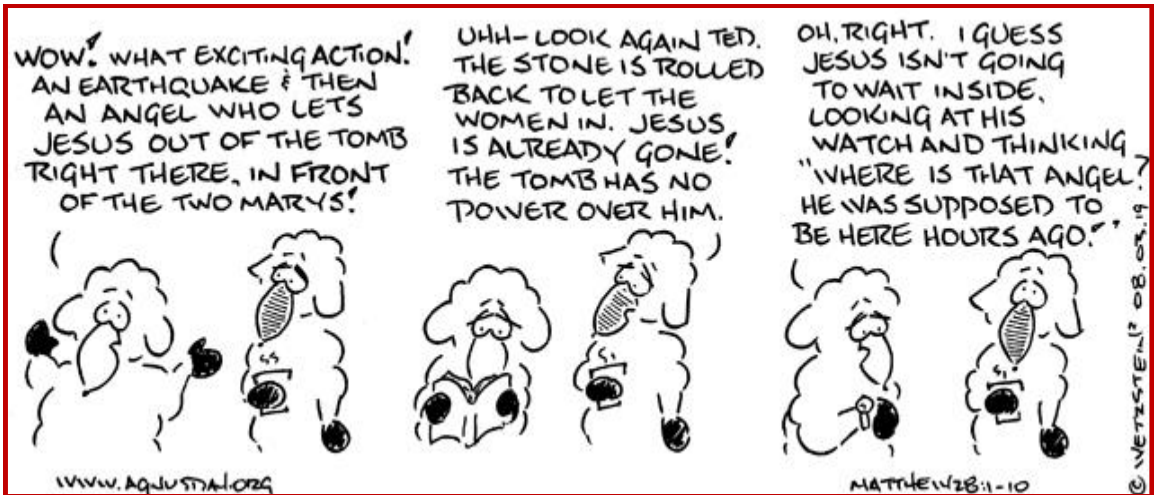
May God Bless your special day!

**Birthdays**

April-5—James Cobb

**Anniversaries**

April 6—Nolan & Virginia Lang





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**Bishop:** *The Rt. Rev. Justin Holcomb*

**Rector:** *Rev. Becky Toalster*

**Deacon:** *Deacon Pattie Behnstedt*

**Seminarian:** *Russell Hancock*

**Senior Warden:** *Byron Walker*

**Junior Warden:** *Kim Downs*

**Parish Administrator/Sexton:** *Wayne Troxler*

**Accompanist:** *Tim Davis*

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