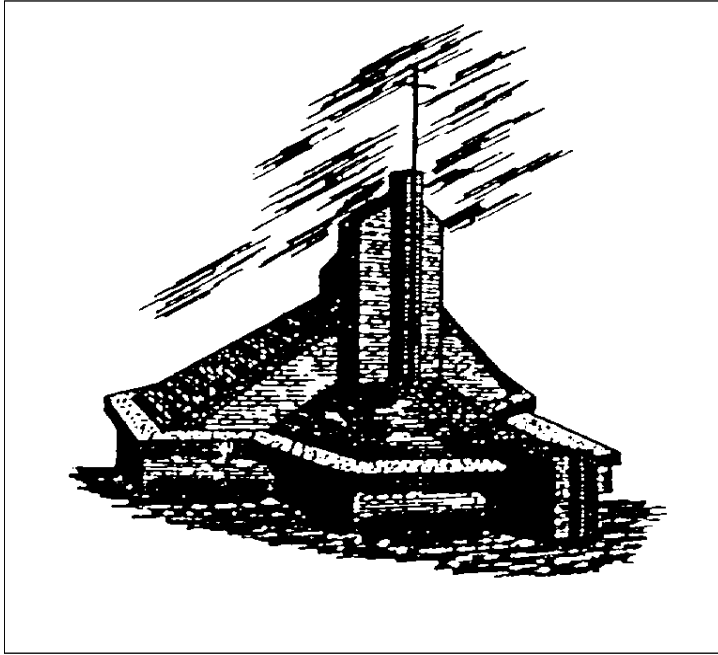


# Holy Trinity Episcopal Church



## Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 26, 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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## Prelude

Tim Davis

**Processional Hymn: 645** “*The King of Love my shepherd is*” (vs. 1,2,5,6)

- 1.** *The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.*
- 2.** *Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*
- 5.** *Thou spread’st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!*
- 6.** *And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

## The Word of God

BCP p.355

*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**

BCP p.357

*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:** *(we sit)*

**The First Reading:**     Acts 2:42-47

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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

**The Second Reading:**      (read responsively)      BCP p.612

Psalm 23

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**      A reading from the first letter of Peter;

1 Peter 2:19-25

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.

*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 10:1-10

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.”

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



**The Sermon** (we sit)                      **Rev. Becky**

**The Nicene Creed**    (we stand)                      BCP p.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**

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: Mark, Nolan, Mel, Sharon, & Susie. We pray for our Family & Friends: David Coffeey, 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, 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: St. Paul's, New Smyrna Beach; .and St. Peter the Fisherman, New Smyrna Beach;

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** BCP p.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. 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: 708** “Savior, like a shepherd lead us” (vs. 1-2)

- 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.**
- 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.**

### Dismissal

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

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



# 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.

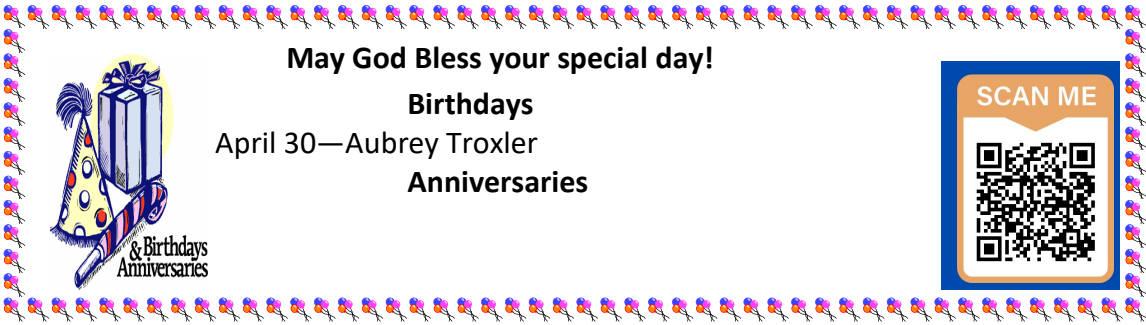


If you're interested or would like to learn more, please reach out to Rev. Becky, Carolyn Holton, Shari Camden, or Pam Burby.



*The Altar Flowers are Given Today to the Glory of God and in memory of Audrey & Garrett Swindal from their children*

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

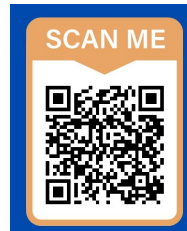


**May God Bless your special day!**

**Birthdays**

April 30—Aubrey Troxler

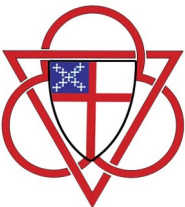
**Anniversaries**



- Friday 8am Parish Breakfast @ Broadway
- May 24<sup>th</sup>—Pentecost Picnic
- June 6<sup>th</sup>—Dynamite Pool<sup>2</sup>, Pinball & Pizza Party.
- Allene Chambers’ new address is: 771 Carpenter Way, Apt 220, Lakeland 33809, phone 863 370-7432

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**  
 Worship Attendance— 54  
 Tithes & Offerings— \$ 4,475.00  
 Weekly Budget—\$4,712.00

May 3, Readings: Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14



**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*