



Holy Trinity

Anglican Church



*Fourth Sunday
of Easter*

May 11, 2025

Preparation for Worship

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father, and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us, and given to us, in the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the scriptures below.

Processional: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (522)

The Acclamation

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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 Summary of the Law

Priest: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

Kyrie

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

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*All: 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

The Celebrant says to the people.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ 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.***

Please be seated for the readings of the Holy Scripture. The Psalm will be read responsively by half verse.

First Lesson: Psalm 100

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Reader: ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, *

All: ***all the earth!***

Reader: ²Serve the LORD with gladness!*

All: ***Come into his presence with singing!***

Reader: ³Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;*

All: ***we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.***

Reader: ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!*

All: ***Give thanks to him; bless his name!***

Reader: ⁵For the LORD is good;*

All: ***his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.***

Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: *

*All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.*

Second Lesson: Acts 13:14b-16, 26-39 Page 1172

¹⁴ but they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. ¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent a message to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have any word of encouragement for the people, say it.” ¹⁶ So Paul stood up, and motioning with his hand said: “Men of Israel and you who fear God, listen. ²⁶ “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. ²⁷ For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. ²⁸ And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. ³² And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers,

³³ this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you.”³⁴ And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.”³⁵ Therefore he says also in another psalm, “You will not let your Holy One see corruption.”³⁶ For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption,³⁷ but he whom God raised up did not see corruption.³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the gradual hymn.

Gradual: Thou Whose Almighty Word (371)

Gospel Lesson: John 10:22-30 **Page 1141**

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter,²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon.

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: “My Sheep Hear My Voice”

The Reverend Matthew L. Rusch

The Nicene Creed

All stand for the recitation of the creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.***

The Prayers of the People

As you prefer, you may kneel, sit, or remain standing for our prayers.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “Hear our prayer.”

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God. Lord, in your mercy:

All: ***Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For Steve Wood, our Archbishop, and Alex Farmer and David Bryan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese and congregations:

Christ Church, Vero Beach;
St. Peter's in the Glen Anglican Fellowship,
Glen St. Mary;
Incarnation Tallahassee, Tallahassee;
Jody Farmer, John Strachovsky
and Robert Stull.
Lord, in your mercy:

All: ***Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others. Lord, in your mercy:

All: ***Hear our prayer.***

Reader: For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service, especially President Trump, Governor DeSantis, and Mayor Deegan. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [especially _____]. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For all those who have departed this life, in the certain hope of the resurrection in thanksgiving let us pray. Lord, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

*You may now add your own prayers here either silently or aloud.
The Priest offers concluding prayers.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Priest: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

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.*

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words

Priest: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And with your spirit.

The people stand and greet one another proclaiming to one another the peace of God that comes from Christ and Him crucified.

A Prayer for Women & Announcements

All: We thank you God for women, for from the beginning of the world you created us male and female. Your Son Jesus Christ was born of a woman, and you have blessed the world through the faithful, loving, and compassionate witness of women. May you bless all the women present and fill them with your unending joy this day and let them know that they are special because of you. Amen.

Priest: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Psalm 96:8

Offertory: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Doxology

The Congregation stands for the Doxology.

***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 Sursum Corda

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again 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:

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

The Prayer of Consecration

As we continue in prayer; you may sit, stand or kneel, as you prefer.

Priest: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us.

In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Priest: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.*

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.*

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Prayer of Humble Access

*All: We do not presume to come to this your table,
O merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your abundant and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up
the crumbs under your table;
but you are the same Lord
whose character is always to have mercy.
Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by
his body, and our souls washed through his most
precious blood, and that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Priest: 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 are welcome at the Lord's Table. During Communion, the Congregation is invited to sing.

Communion 1: Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless (343)

Communion 2: Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks (178)

The Post Communion Prayer

After Holy Communion, the Priest and Congregation pray together.

All: *Heavenly Father, 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 forever. Amen.*

The Blessing

Priest: 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: O God, Our Help in Ages Past (680 vs. 1-5)

Please stand for the recessional.

Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of our resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Coast Women's Services: We will be participating in the Annual Baby Bottle Campaign which kicks off on Mother's Day. The way it works is simple. We place an order for empty baby bottles that they provide which we then distribute to our congregation on Mother's Day to fill with spare change, cash, or checks to be returned on Father's Day. With the money raised, First Coast Women's Services is able to provide material support and much-needed supplies. Every cent helps serve more clients and save more lives.

1 Corinthians: **Every Wednesday** Father Matt presents a teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall beginning at **6 p.m.**

Every Sunday Father Matt is presenting a teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall starting at **9:15 a.m.**

Youth Group: Meets tonight from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Youth Room upstairs in the education building

Sunday School and Youth Classes: Classes for children and youth start at 9:15 a.m. in the education building.

Fellowship Offerings

Regular childcare is available from 10 a.m. until noon, on the first floor of the education building for Sunday services.

If you want your children with you at Communion please come pick them up from childcare at the Peace.

Sunday Morning Groups starting at 9:15 a.m.

Rector's Forum: Father Matt is presenting teaching on 1 Corinthians in the fellowship hall.

Malachi: Followers of the Cross meets in the education building, down the hall on the left.

Women's Wednesday Morning Study of Mark:

This study will resume in the fall.

Wednesday Noon: Come Wednesdays from **12 to 12:45 p.m.** to enjoy a teaching followed by the Eucharist.

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Ladies' Third Thursday Sewing Group:

We meet to make simple dresses and shorts for needy children. This year we will help with Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes and OKOA-US refuge in Africa. We gather to cut, sew, hem, and do the finishing touches to make 300 dresses a year. Join us for fun and fellowship from 9-11:30 a.m. upstairs, in the education building. No sewing skills necessary.

Friday Men's Fellowship Group and Breakfast:

Currently we are studying *Exodus for You* by Tim Chester. Come for breakfast and discussion at **8:00 a.m.** each Friday in the **fellowship hall**.

Friday Young(ish) Men's Lunch:

We grow stronger in our faith together. Come join this lively men's community group as we discuss Sunday's sermon text. We meet at noon each Friday at the Falafel X Bar.

VESTRY

Chris Yates	Jonathan Cox
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MAY BIRTHDAYS

03	Angie Lewitt
05	Mihail (Mike) Usanov
09	Suzanne Suttles
10	Kendall Bryan, Jr.
10	Eli Tucker
14	Dan Brazzano
15	Timothy & John David Rusch
18	Evan Tucker
31	Mollie Saunders

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

06	Carolyn & Evan Tucker
10	Windy & Tom Parker
13	Mimi & John Barley
16	Janet & Charles Radford
18	Bonnie & Mark Simons
18	Karen & Bob King
20	Brooke & Jake Harris
26	Debbie & Mike Saunders
28	Jenny & Chris Gaffney

Greetings Holy Trinity Family,

I pray that this letter finds you doing well, and that you are continuing to rejoice in the glorious news of Jesus' resurrection. I am thankful for the special fellowship that Christ is knitting together here at Holy Trinity. It is a joy to worship with each of you, and to spend time studying God's amazing Word together, week in and week out.

It is hard to believe, but my family and I have been here for over 7 years! It is amazing to look back and see what the Lord has accomplished during this time and I am confident that His hand is upon us and that He has many more plans for this next season of ministry as well. The Gulf Atlantic Diocese advises pastors to take a sabbatical every 5-7 years in order to rest and prevent burnout. Your vestry has encouraged me that the summer months of June, July, and August would be the perfect time for this rest in preparation for the upcoming season.

This time away will not only allow me to rest, but also to be rejuvenated through study and to spend valuable time with Catie and our boys. You will be well taken care of by some pastors—including Bishop Minns—that I have hand-selected to fill in for me both pastorally and in the pulpit while I am away.

I know this sabbatical will not only prepare me for the upcoming ministry season, but it will also create opportunities for each of you to yield to the Holy Spirit and utilize your gifts in service of the church and the needs that may arise.

Should you have any questions about my sabbatical please do not hesitate to reach out. God bless you all, and thank you so much for your presence and service to Christ and His special outpost of Heaven, Holy Trinity.

Your Grateful Pastor,

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