



The Episcopal Church Of The Good Shepherd  
Venice, Florida

**April 19, 2026**

**Caribbean Sunday**

**The Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – 10:00 A.M.**



## Welcome

Voluntary

Prelude in D

J. Fischer

## THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn    **We Know That Christ is Raised and Dies No More**    Hymnal 296

## Opening Acclamation

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People:*    **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## Collect for Purity

*Presider:*    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.**

## Song of Praise

## My Heart Sings Out

*Refrain:*

Halle! Halle! Halle - lujah!

Halle! Halle! Halle - lujah!

Halle! Halle! Halle - lujah!

Hallelujah! Hal-le-lu-jah!

1. I am the Rock of Ages, cleft for me.
2. I am the Bread of Heaven, feed on me.
3. I am the Resurrection, live in me.

## The Collect of the Day

*Presider:*    The Lord be with you.

**People:**    **And also with you.**

*Presider:*    Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### The First Lesson - Acts 2:14a,36-41

Reader: A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

#### *Dilexi, quoniam*

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(b. 1930)



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Choir:

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my suppli-cation, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called up-on him.

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2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

**All:**

3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of sal-vation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanks-giving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
**Halle-lujah!**

Choir:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
And will be forever. Amen.

### **The Epistle Lesson    1 Peter 1:17-23**

Reader:    A reading from the book of First Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Reader:    The Word of the Lord.

**People:    Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence Hymn**

### **Open Our Eyes Lord**

**Open my eyes Lord, I want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that I love Him.  
Open my ears, Lord, and help me to listen.  
Open my eyes, Lord, I want to see Jesus.**

**Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

**Open their eyes Lord, they want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say that they love Him.  
Open their ears, Lord, and help them to listen.  
Open their eyes, Lord, they want to see Jesus.**

## **The Holy Gospel – Luke 24:13-35**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

**Fr. John Warfel**

*After the sermon, the people remain seated and observe a time of silent reflection on the Sermon.*

## **Nicene Creed**

All stand, as able

**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**

How shall we repay the Lord for all the good God has done? Let us offer the prayers of our hearts, saying, "Stay with us, Lord Jesus; *and set our hearts on fire.*"

Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us by your own precious blood. Once again, as a holy community, we place our faith and hope in you.

Silence, **Stay with us, Lord Jesus;**

**And set our hearts on fire.**

Save us, O Lord, from corruption. Deliver the nations and peoples from greed and hatred. Place in your children hearts of repentance.

Silence, **Stay with us, Lord Jesus;**

**And set our hearts on fire.**

O Lord, you are the giver of good things. We thank you for this planet; we thank you for its gifts. We pray a blessing on the seeds that were sown this spring that the harvest might be bountiful.

Silence, **Stay with us, Lord Jesus;**

**And set our hearts on fire.**

O Lord, you are made known in the breaking of bread and so we pray for all those who lack bread. We pray for the hungry. You feed us generously at your table.

Help us to generously feed the world.

Silence, **Stay with us, Lord Jesus;**

**And set our hearts on fire.**

Whenever we call upon you, gracious Lord, you incline your ear to us. We raise our voices for those for whom we care: those who are ill, those who are struggling, those who are in need of your mercy.

Silence, **Stay with us, Lord Jesus;**

**And set our hearts on fire.**

Jesus, the health of the world, pour out your balm on our souls and the souls of all in pain or sorrow. Be the source of life for all people. We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Karen, Pam, John, Elaine, Paul, Sarah, Ann, Mary Jo, Alan, Judy, Jerry and Dandy, Granddaughter Stephanie and baby, Charles, Mary, Ed, Philip, Keni & Parents, Jim, Jeff, Ingrid and Libby. *We also pray for those on today's prayer sheet. Are there others?*

We remember those celebrating their birthday this week: Wanda Huddleston, John Bernardini, Mark Higgins and Pam Clark; and those celebrating their anniversary this week: Nancy and Larry Fees, Babs and Art Pringle, and Sue and Dale Strang.

The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God by the Parish Family of Good Shepherd.

Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants. We trust you with our dead and with our dying. Jesus, be gracious with them, we pray.

Silence, **Stay with us, Lord Jesus;**

**And set our hearts on fire.**

*The Presider adds a concluding Collect.*

**The Peace** *(All stand, if able)*

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### **The Offertory**

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

**Offertory Anthem**

**Calypso Hosanna**

**L. Snow**

**Presentation Hymn** (Doxology)

Old 100<sup>th</sup> – Isaac Watts

**Hymnal 380 (vs.3)**

*(Sung by the people, standing while offerings are presented and placed on the altar.)*

**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.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(People remain standing, as able)*

#### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Presider:* 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 (chanted by Presider)*

*But chiefly we are 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 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:

**Sanctus** *(sung by All)*

**Hymnal S-130**

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

*(The people stand, or kneel as able)*

*Presider:* 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." ✠

*Presider:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Presider:* 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.

**The People: AMEN.**

*Presider: 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 Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

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

**Fraction Anthem** (*sung by people*)      **Agnus Dei**      **F. Schubert**      **Hymnal S-164**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace.**

*Presider: 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 are welcome to receive Communion**

### **Communion Chorale**

**We come to thy table Lord,  
Hungry, thirsty for thy word,  
Humbly kneeling, weak are we,**

Strengthen us we pray thee.

We receive the bread and wine,  
Precious gifts, dear Lord, are Thine,  
Cleanse our sins and make us free,  
For this grace, we thank Thee.

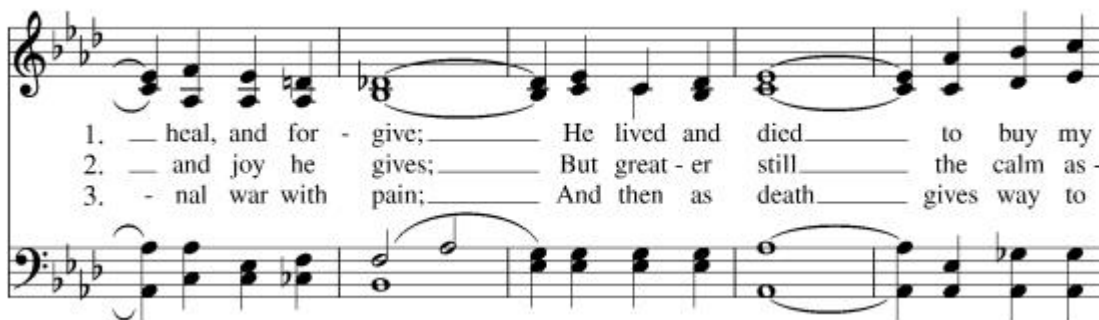
O dear Lord, Your life You gave,  
For our sinful souls to save,  
Now we take Thee to our heart,  
Be with us as we depart.

## Communion Hymn

## Because He Lives



1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —  
2. How sweet to hold — a new - born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —  
3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -



1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my  
2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -  
3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to



1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —  
2. sur - ance, — This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives. —  
3. vic - t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor-row; Be-cause He lives

all fear is gone; Be - cause I know He holds the

fu - ture, And life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives.

## Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

**Post Communion Prayer** *(People stand or kneel, as able)*

Presider: Let us pray.

**All:** Eternal God, 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.

**Processional Hymn**      Siyahamb' Ekukhanye' Kwenkhos' (We Are Marching in the Light of God)

We are marching in the light of God  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching in the light of God  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, we are marching ooh  
We are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, we are marching ooh  
We are marching in the light of God

We are singing...  
We are dancing...  
We are praying...  
We are marching

**The Dismissal**

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

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

**Voluntary**

“The Rejoicing”

G.F. Handel

***A special thank you to all our musicians that contributed to our Caribbean Sunday:  
John Mitchell, Nancy Fees, Bob Hazelrig, Bob Clark and Fr.Frank Wilson.***



**Birthdays**

**April**

- 20 – Wande Huddleston
- 22 – John Bernardini
- 25 – Mark Higgins  
Pam Clark

**Anniversaries**

**April 22nd**

Nancy and Larry Fees

**April 25**

Babs and Art Pringle  
Sue and Dale Strana

**April 19-25, 2026**  
**Good Shepherd Welcomes All!**  
**We're glad you're here!**

If you are new, we invite you to fill out a WELCOME CARD found in the back of the hymnal and at the WELCOME DESK in the entry. Cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to an usher.



If you are a first-time visitor to Good Shepherd, we welcome you! At announcement time, if you are comfortable, we invite you to introduce yourselves.

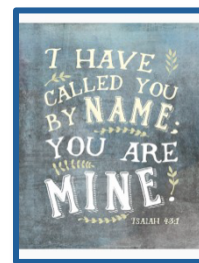
We also invite you to join us at coffee hour immediately after our 10 a.m. service. Please sit at our Visitor table and our Hospitality team will serve you coffee and goodies and then spend some time getting to know you.

**Would you like to be listed in our Good Shepherd Parish Directory?**

If so, please complete the yellow Directory Sign Up card that is located at our Connections Center near the garden doors at the back of our Parish Hall.



See Nancy Fees to have a photo taken for the directory



**Name Tags**

If you would like a Good Shepherd name tag, please put your name on the list at the Connections Center. Your completed tag will be available at the table near the Welcome Desk the next Sunday.

**PRAYERS - April 19-25, 2026**

**We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list:** Karen, Pam, John, Elaine, Paul, Sarah, Ann, Mary Jo, Alan, Judy, Jane, Carole, Eon, Marla, Wesley, Lois, Bill, Jerry and Dandy, Granddaughter Stephanie and baby, Charles, Mary, Ed, Phillip, Keni & Parents, Jim, Jeff, Ingrid and Libby.

**SERVING OR LIVING IN HARM'S WAY:** Robert Matern, Kevin Sweet, Max Wilson, Matthew Stricker, Sam Blair, Mason Roush, Chris Hoffman, Joseph Sharpe, James Kilroe, and Matthew Kilroe.

**FOR OUR DIOCESE AND COMPANION DIOCESES:**

The Diocese of Southwest Florida— The Rt. Rev. Douglas F. Scharf, Our Companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Companion Diocese of Georgia, Companion Diocese of South Carolina, Companion Diocese of Western Louisiana.

**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYERS:** St. Anne of Grace, Seminole; St. Augustine's, St. Petersburg; and St. Bartholomew's, St. Petersburg.

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Sign up for flower or candle dedications in the white binder located at the CONNECTIONS CENTER near the garden doors in the Parish Hall.

**Weekly Email Blast** - If you do not receive the weekly email blast & would like to be added, please contact Nancy Fees at [communication@goodshepherdvenicefl.org](mailto:communication@goodshepherdvenicefl.org) or call the church office 941-497-7286.

**The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

When the office is closed, you may leave a voice message by telephone or email us. The office phone number is 941-497-7286. The email address - [office@goodshepherdvenicefl.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdvenicefl.org).

If you are calling with a pastoral care emergency after hours, please leave a message on the church office voicemails. Voicemails are monitored overnight and on weekends. OR, you may call any of our Clergy directly at the numbers below if you need assistance, support, and prayer.

Fr. John Warfel at (845) 548-9064  
 Archdeacon Michael Kitt at (847) 525-5546  
 Deacon Rich Wilson at (407) 461-2109  
 Deacon John Riherd at (503) 753-5115

**Serving in Ministry at Good Shepherd  
 Third Sunday of Easter: Caribbean Sunday  
 April 12, 2026**

	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. John Warfel Fr. John Warfel	Fr. John Warfel Fr. John Warfel
Assisting	Deacon Rich Wilson	Deacon Rich Wilson
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Steve Eibling	Degen Sayer Gigi Freeman
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	Carolyn Wolf Steve Eibling Deacon	Suzanne Wilson Liz Bosch Roger Murphy
Prayer Team		EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick/Liz Bosch
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Greeters		Mary Ann Medhurst Fred McKinley
Ushers	Barbara Davis	Vince and Brenda Greco
Tech Team	Sound – Bob Sawyer/Bob Tumbleston	Cameras – Sue Greene CamCorder – Peter Walker/Paul Altimier Sound – Joe Bentley Director – Maria Voreh/Nancy Fees
Secure Building		Rich Trautwein

**This Week at Good Shepherd  
 Third Sunday of Easter: Caribbean Sunday**

**SUNDAY** Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m.  
 04/19 Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 a.m.  
 Men's AA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY** No Scheduled Events  
 04/20

**TUESDAY** Women's AA Meeting – 4:30 p.m.  
 04/21 Vestry Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** Easter, Season of Realized Hope – Deacon John Riherd – 1:00 p.m.  
 04/22 Centering Prayer – 3:00 p.m.  
 Community Dinner – 4:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY** Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m.  
 04/23 Morning Prayer Live Streamed with Deacon Rich – 9:15 a.m.  
 Women's Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.  
 Choir Practice – 6:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY** Creative Design Outreach - 9:30 a.m.  
 04/24

**SATURDAY** Altar Guild & Flower Guild – 9:30 a.m.  
 04/25 Cursillo Ultreya 3:30  
 Saturday Holy Eucharist – 5:00 p.m.