



The Episcopal Church Of The Good Shepherd
Venice, Florida

May 17, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year A)

Sunday After the Ascension

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



Welcome

Voluntary

Partita on Hyfrydol

C. Callahan

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymnal 450

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

Benedictus es, Domine

Hymnal S 236

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson Acts 1:6-14

Reader: A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Exsurgat Deus

Choir:

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee be-fore him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-way; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of
God.

All:

- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.**
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be-fore him!**
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habi-tation!**
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.**
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,**
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-heritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.**
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**
- 35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.**
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be
God!**

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 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

Hymnal 495

The Holy Gospel John 17:1-11

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Deacon Michael Kitt

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

To our God be the power forever and ever. Amen. Let us appeal to the Lord, saying, "We are yours; *be glorified in us.*"

Holy Father, protect your Church for your name's sake, so that we may be one even as you are one with your Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Restore, support, strengthen, and establish us and always for your glory.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Loving God, raise up witnesses to your love in all the world, even to the ends of the earth. Be a parent to orphans, a defender of widows and a provider to the poor.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Great God of heaven and earth, you graciously send rain to dry places. Give to the people of the earth enough to meet their needs; and yet protect us from dangerous excess. May we acknowledge that all good gifts come from your hand.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Mighty God, in our own community, exalt the humble in due time. May those who have known suffering and struggle have their dignity renewed. Bless them with gladness. Make their voices heard in shouts of joy.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

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: Wayne and Connie, Johnson Family, Nancy & Eric, Justin, Joseph and Jessica, Michael, Kim and Family, Lawlor Family, Mike and Debbie, Mary Jo, Victoria, Brett, Carole & Tony, Don, Mary Rose, Wayne, Marvin, Holly, Brittany, Di, Herbie, Jessica, Becky, Joseph, and Libby. We also pray for those on today's prayer sheet. Are there others?

We remember those celebrating their birthday this week: Virginia Pirro, Denise DeCessna, and Jean Smithies.

We remember those celebrating their anniversary this week: Paul and Tricia D'Angelo and Martin and Ellen Flanagan.

The Altar Flowers and candle are given to the Glory of God by the Parish Family of Good Shepherd.

God of all grace, we pray for the lonely and for prisoners, for the sick and the suffering. As they cast their anxieties upon you, may they experience your freedom and care.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

Heavenly Father, we have been granted eternal life in knowing you through your Son Jesus. Prepare a home for all of the dying and the dead, that they may continue forever in your goodness.

Silence

We are yours;

Be glorified in us.

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

Look Ye Saints, The Sight is Glorious

S. Pethel

Presentation Hymn (Doxology)

Old 100th – 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 Hymns

**Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor
Seek Ye First**

**Hymnal 307
Hymnal 711**

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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymnal 460

The Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

Trumpet Voluntary in D

D. Johnson



Birthdays

May

- 17 – Virginia Pirro
- 20 - Denise DeCessna
- 21 – Jean Smithies

Anniversaries

May 17th

- Paul and Tricia D'Angelo
- May 21st
- Martin and Ellen Flanagan

May 17-23, 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 yourself.

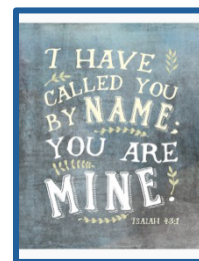
We also invite you to join us at coffee hour immediately after our 10 a.m. service. Please sit at our Visitor table and our Hospitality team will serve you coffee and goodies and then spend some time getting to know you.

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 - May 17-23, 2026

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Johnson Family, Nancy & Eric, Justin, Joseph and Jessica, Michael, Kim and Family, Lawlor Family, Mike and Debbie, Mary Jo, Victoria, Brett, Carole & Tony, Don, Mary Rose, Wayne, Marvin, Holly, Brittany, Di, Herbie, Jessica, Becky, Joseph, 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. Edmund's, Arcadia; Christ Church, Bradenton; St. George's, Bradenton; St. Mary Magdalene, Bradenton; Church of the Annunciation, Holmes Beach; All Angels by the Sea, Longboat Key; Holy Spirit, Osprey.

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

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 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.

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
 Seventh Sunday of Easter
 May 17, 2026**

	Rite I – 8 a.m.	Rite II – 10 a.m.
Presider Preaching	Fr. John Warfel Deacon Michael Kitt	Fr. John Warfel Deacon Michael Kitt
Assisting	Deacon Michael Kitt	Deacon Michael Kitt
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Judy Jarvis	Sue Miller Rusty Shelley
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	John Pearson Judy Jarvis Deacon	Patricia McNickle Sue Strang Ed Silva
Prayer Team		EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick/Liz Bosch/Pam Clark
Altar Guild	Team 3	Team 3
Greeters		Kim Biever/ Katie Wolfe
Ushers	Elizabeth Norton	Vince and Brenda Greco
Tech Team	Sound – Bob Sawyer/Bob Tumbleston	Cameras – Sue Greene CamCorder – Bob Sawyer Sound – Joe Bentley Director – Maria Voreh
Secure Building		Patricia McNickle

**This Week at Good Shepherd
 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

SUNDAY 05/17 Holy Eucharist Rite I – 8 a.m.
 Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 a.m.
 Men's AA Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY 05/18 No Scheduled Events

TUESDAY 05/19 Women's AA Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
 Vestry Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 05/20 All Faiths Food Bank -10:00 a.m.
 Centering Prayer – 3:00 p.m.

THURSDAY 05/21 Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m.
 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 05/22 Creative Design Outreach - 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY 05/23 Altar Guild & Flower Guild – 9:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Community Dinners
 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Each Month - 4:30 p.m.
 Join us if you would like to come enjoy dinner and fellowship.

**NO SATURDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE ON
 THE 4TH SATURDAY – MAY 23RD**

Next month's Saturday afternoon Eucharists
 June 13th and 27th – 5:00 p.m.
 Cursillo Ultreya on June 13th at 3:30 p.m.