



The Episcopal Church Of The Good Shepherd
Venice, Florida

May 18, 2025

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – 10:00 A.M.**



WELCOME

PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! *Gelobt sei Gott*

Hymnal 205

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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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

Gloria in Excelsis

R. Powell

Hymnal S 280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through

Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18

Reader: A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148 *Laudate Dominum*

William Russell
(1777–1813)



Choir:

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the /Lord • from the/ heavens; *
—/ praise • him/ in • the/ heights.

All:

2 Praise him,/ all • you/ angels of his; *

—/ praise • him,/ all • his/ host.

3 Praise him,/ sun • and/ moon; *

praise him,/ all • you/ shin- • ing/ stars.

4 Praise him,/ heaven • of/ heavens, *

and you/ waters • a-/bove • the/ heavens.

5 Let them praise the/ Name of • the/ Lord; *

for he com-/manded, • and/ they were • cre-/ated.

6 He made them stand fast for/ ever • and/ ever; *

he gave them a law which/ shall • not/ pass • a-/way.

7 Praise the/ Lord • from the/ earth, *

you/ sea-monsters • and/ all/ deeps;

8 Fire and hail,/ snow • and/ fog, *

tempestuous/ wind,/ doing • his/ will;

9 Mountains and/ all/ hills, *

—/fruit trees • and/ all/ cedars;

10 Wild beasts and/ all/ cattle, *

creeping/ things • and/ wing- • ed/ birds;

11 Kings of the earth and/ all/ peoples, *

princes and all/ rul- • ers/ of • the/ world;

12 Young/ men • and/ maidens, *

—/old • and/ young • to-/gether.

13 Let them praise the/ Name of • the/ Lord, *

for his Name only is exalted,

his splendor is/ o- • ver/ earth • and/ heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his/ loy- • al/ servants, *

the children of Israel, a people who are/ near • him./

Hal- • le/lujah!

Choir:

Glory to the Father and/ to • the/ Son,// and/ to • the/ Ho- • ly/ Spirit;

As it was in the be-/ginning, • is/ now,// and will be for-/ev- • er./ A/men.

THE EPISTLE LESSON **Revelation 21:1-6**

Reader: A reading from the book of Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN O Holy City, Seen of John *Morning Song* Hymnal 583

THE HOLY GOSPEL - John 13:31-35

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

THE SERMON

Fr. Joe Hudson

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

NICENE CREED

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All: 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 worshipped 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

Intercessor: Beloved in Christ, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, "Loving God, make all things new."

Heavenly Father, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons. *Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

All: Make all things new.

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven.

Silence

Intercessor: Loving God,

All: Make all things new.

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation.

Silence

Intercessor: Loving God,

All: Make all things new.

Grant, O God, that our city might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred. *Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

All: Make all things new.

Mighty God, wipe every tear from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. For all those in danger and need, the sick and the suffering, the strayed and the lost. For those on our ongoing prayer list: (Sarah and her family, Barbara, Shawn, Mike and Debbie, Steven, Terri, Jason F., Susan, Anne W, Michael, Abigail, Jane, Patrick and Vickie and family, Linda S, Jim, Jaime, Ruthie, and Jeanne, Christopher, Samantha, and Abigail, Joyce Harmon, Cindy Silva, Kay, Nancy, Jack, Kate B, Judy, John, Pam, Ellie and Sharon, Lilly and family, Bernice, Kay, Ellen, Carole, Jerry, Marcia, Harper, Christopher, Babs, Pam, Britney, Elli, David, Gretchen, Ruth, Jameson, Scott, Traci, Tom, Haydon, Janet, Nancy, Larry, Ted, Calli Rose, Kim and Jim,) and those on today's prayer list... are there any others? *silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

All: Make all things new.

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life. *Silence*

Intercessor: Loving God,

All: Make all things new.

We remember those celebrating their birthday this week: Denise DeCessna, Jean Smithies, and Duane Ruppert, as well as those celebrating an anniversary: Ellen and Martin Flanagan.

The flowers in the church today are given to the Glory of Almighty God in loving memory of Denny Ludwig by Bonnie Kropff, and the Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of Almighty God in the loving memory of Francis Lynch by Joan Lynch.

Presider: Blessed are you, God our Father, whose Son lay down his life to take it up again. Hear the prayers we offer for every need, and make us one through your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 **"Praise, Praise!"** *G.F. Handel/ Liebergen*

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)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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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 (said by Presider)

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,

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 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

I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord *Land of Rest* **Hymnal 304**

A New Commandment

**A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.**

**By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
if you have love one for another;
by this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.**

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER *(People kneel or stand, 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.

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Austria* **Hymnal 522**

THE DISMISSAL

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE



Birthdays May

20 – Denise DeCessna
21 – Jeanne Smithies
24 – Duane Ruppert

Anniversaries May

21 – Ellen & Marty Flanagan

May 18 – 24, 2025 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.



PRAYERS - May 18 - 24, 2025

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Sarah and her family, Barbara, Shawn, Mike and Debbie, Steven, Terri, Jason F., Susan, Anne W, Michael, Abigail, Jane, Patrick and Vickie and family, Linda S, Jim, Jaime, Ruthie, and Jeanne, Christophe, Samantha, and Abigail, Joyce Harmon, Cindy Silva, Kay, Nancy, Jack, Kate B, Judy, John, Pam, Ellie and Sharon, Lilly and family, Bernice, Kay, Ellen, Carole, Jerry, Marcia, Harper, Christopher, Babs, Pam, Britney, Elli, David, Gretchen, Ruth, Jameson, Scott, Traci, Tom, Haydon, and Jim.

SERVING OR LIVING IN HARM'S WAY: Robert Matern, Kevin Sweet, Max Wilson, Matthew Stricker, Sam Blair, Mason Roush, Chris Hoffman, Joseph Sharpe and James 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 PRAYER: St. Mary's, Palmetto; Church of the Apostles, Parrish; Church of the Nativity, Sarasota; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota; St. Boniface, Siesta Key; St. Margaret of Scotland, Sarasota, and St. Wilfred's, Sarasota.

MEMORIALS AND DEDICATIONS

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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.

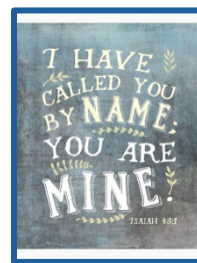
If you are a first-time visitor to Good Shepherd, we welcome you! At announcement time, if you are comfortable, we invite you to introduce yourselves.

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 nametag, 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.

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 am to 1:00 pm

When the office is closed, you may leave a voice message by telephone or e-mail 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. Joe Hudson at (573) 450-9059

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**The Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 18, 2025**

| | Rite I – 8 a.m. | Rite II – 10 a.m. |
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| Presider Preaching | Fr. Joe Hudson Fr. Joe Hudson | Fr. Joe Hudson Fr. Joe Hudson |
| Assisting Clergy | Deacon Michael Kitt | Deacon Michael Kitt |
| Crucifer Acolyte Server Acolyte | Rusty Shelley | Bill Flack Libby Chinman |
| 1st Lesson Prayers of the People 2nd Lesson | Carolyn Wolf Deacon Carolyn Wolf | Pam Clark Sue Greene Ed Silva |
| Prayer Team | | Elaine Hedrick/Liz Bosch |
| Altar Guild | Team 3 | Team 3 |
| Greeter (s) | | Libby Chinman Desiree Hudson |
| Usher (s) | Barbara Davis | Cindy & Don McKelvy |
| Tech Team | | Cameras – Sue Greene CamCorder – Bob Sawyer Sound – Joe Bentley Director – Nancy Fees & Bridget Blackburn |
| Secure Building | | Barbara Rao |

This Week at Good Shepherd**SUNDAY**

05/18

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite I - 8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II – 10 a.m.

Good Shepherd Singles Lunch – 12:30 p.m.

AA Meeting – 6 p.m.

MONDAY

05/19

C.S. Lewis Narnia Flock – 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY

05/20

Women's AA – 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

05/21

All Faiths Food Bank – 10 a.m.

Centering Prayer – 3 p.m.

THURSDAY

05/22

Morning Prayer with Deacon Rich on Facebook – 9:15 a.m.

Memorial Garden & Grounds Crew - 8:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study – 10 a.m. – Unlocking the Mystery of
The Bible

Choir Rehearsal – 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

05/23

Creative Design Outreach - 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY

05/26

Altar Guild & Flower Guild

Saturday Afternoon Eucharist – 5 p.m.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesdays – Acts of the Apostles
Resumes Wednesday, May 28 – 1 p.m.