



The Episcopal Church Of The Good Shepherd
Venice, Florida

May 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)
Rogation Sunday and Mother's Day
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two – 10:00 A.M.



Welcome

Voluntary

Largo

G. Giordani

THE WORD OF GOD

Processional Hymn

The Spacious Firmament on High

Hymnal 409

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 How Great Thou Art

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Lesson Acts 17:22-31

Reader: A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

Choir:

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

All:

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of re-freshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

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 3:13-22

Reader: A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel John 14:15-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

People stand or kneel, as able

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of God's praise to be heard, saying,
"We call out to you with our mouths; *your praise is on our tongues.*"

Lord Christ, you have not left us orphaned but have given your Church an Advocate. May that same Holy Spirit teach us to keep your commandments and comfort us with divine love.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

Loving God, bless the suffering. May those who suffer for doing good find a friend in Christ Jesus. May those who suffer from disasters beyond their control find you attentive to the voice of their prayers.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

Lord of heaven and earth, you made the world and everything in it. You give to all mortals life and breath and all things. May we be faithful stewards of all you have created.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

Merciful Lord, bless the people of this city with a spirit of gentleness and reverence. May we be set free from fear to live, instead, in hope.

God, you are not far from each one of us. You love us as your children. Reveal your love, especially this day, to the sick and sorrowful.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

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: Lawler Family, Mike and Debbie, Mary Jo, Victoria, Brett, Carole & Tony, Don, Mary Rose, Wayne, Marvin, Holly, Brittany, Di, Herbie, Jessica, Becky, Joseph, 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: Bob Hazelrigg, Larry Freeman, Edie Haack, Elise Logan, Bob Manz, Peter Walker, and Mary Ellen Reilly-Scott.

We remember those celebrating their anniversary this week: Greg and Margaret Achterling and Tom and Carolyn Hinton.

The Altar Flowers are given in memory of Maureen Flanagan by Marty Flanagan.

The candle is given to the Glory of God by the Parish Family of Good Shepherd.

Heavenly Father, you hold our souls in life. You have saved us in baptism. Because your Son Jesus lives so do we rejoice in the hope of unending life in you.

Silence

We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

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

The Gift of Love

H. Hopson

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 **O Wheat, Whose Crushing Was for Bread**

**O wheat, whose crushing was for bread,
O bread whose breaking is for life,
O life, your seeming end is seed,
a seed for wheat, our bread and life.**

**O fruit whose crushing was for wine,
O wine whose flowing is for blood,
O blood, your pouring out is life,
our life in you, O fruitful vine.**

**O life whose crushing was for love,
O love whose spending was to death,
O death, your mourning is our joy,
full joy and birth to lasting life.**

Communion Hymn **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** **Hymnal 686**

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

O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown

Hymnal 292

The Dismissal

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

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

Voluntary

Rigaudon

A. Campra

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Rogation Procession

After the Deacon's Dismissal, the congregation is invited to gather in All Saints' Memorial Garden for prayers and to bless and dedicate the new Cross.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon this sacred space, our Memorial Garden, and grant that it may serve to your glory and for the welfare and refreshment of your people. **Amen.**

That it may please thee to grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and heathy foliage, grasses, trees and plants for all to enjoy.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless all lands and waters, and those who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for thy people.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord

That it may please thee to look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of thy creation may abound from age to age.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

At the Blessing of a Cross

Antiphon

We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection

V. Christ for us became obedient unto death:

R. **Even death on a cross.**

Let us pray

O gracious God, who in your mercy ordained that your Son should suffer death on a cross of shame: We thank you that it has become for us the sign of his triumph and the banner of our salvation; and we pray that this cross may draw our hearts to him, who leads us to the glory of your kingdom; where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Birthdays

May

- 10 – Bob Hazelrigg
Larry Freeman
- 11 – Edie Haack
- 12 - Elise Logan
- 13 – Bob Manz
Peter Walker
- 14 – Mary Ellen Reilly-Scott

Anniversaries

- May 10th
Greg and Margaret Achterling
- May 12th
Tom and Carolyn Hinton

May 10-16, 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.



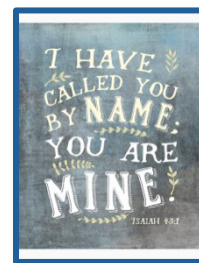
If you are a first-time visitor to Good Shepherd, we welcome you! At announcement time, if you are comfortable, we invite you to introduce yourself.

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 10-16, 2026

We pray for those on our ongoing prayer list: Lawler Family, Mike and Debbie, Mary Jo, Victoria, Brett, Carole & Tony, Don, Mary Rose, Wayne, Marvin, Holly, Brittany, Di, Herbie, Jessica, Becky, Joseph, Jerry and Dandy, Granddaughter Stephanie and baby, Charles, Mary, Ed, Philip, 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. James' House of Prayer, Tampa; St. John's, Tampa; St. Mark's, Tampa; St. Mary's, Tampa; St. Catherine's, Temple Terrace; Holy Innocents Church, Valrico; St. Paul's, Wesley Chapel, and St. Elizabeth's, Zephyrhills.

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The Sanctuary Candle is 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
 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 May 10, 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 Michael Kitt	Deacon Michael Kitt
Server Acolyte Crucifer Acolyte	Elaine Hedrick	Bob Sawyer Carole LaBate
1st Lesson 2nd Lesson Prayers of the People	Carolyn Wolf Elaine Hedrick Deacon	Melissa Wall Roger Murphay Pam Clark
Prayer Team		EK Beall/Elaine Hedrick/Liz Bosch/Pam Clark
Altar Guild	Team 2	Team 2
Greeters		Mary Beth Russell/ Bob Slocum
Ushers	Barbara Davis	Pat Madyda Donna McCutcheon
Tech Team	Sound – Bob Sawyer/Bob Tumbleston	Cameras – Maria Voreh CamCorder – Rich Trautwein Sound – Bill Flack Director – Nancy Fees
Secure Building		Libby Chinman

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

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

MONDAY 05/11 No Scheduled Events

TUESDAY 05/12 Finance Committee Meeting 9:00 a.m.
 CFW Fashion Show 10:00 a.m.
 Executive Committee Meeting 10:00 a.m.
 Staff Meeting 10:30 a.m.
 Women's AA Meeting 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 05/13 Centering Prayer – 3:00 p.m.
 Community Dinner – 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 05/14 Good Shepherd Clergy Meeting 8:00 a.m.
 Memorial Garden Crew – 8 a.m.
 Holy Eucharist – Ascension Day 9:00 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 05/15 Creative Design Outreach - 9:30 a.m.

SATURDAY 05/16 Altar Guild & Flower Guild – 9:30 a.m.

