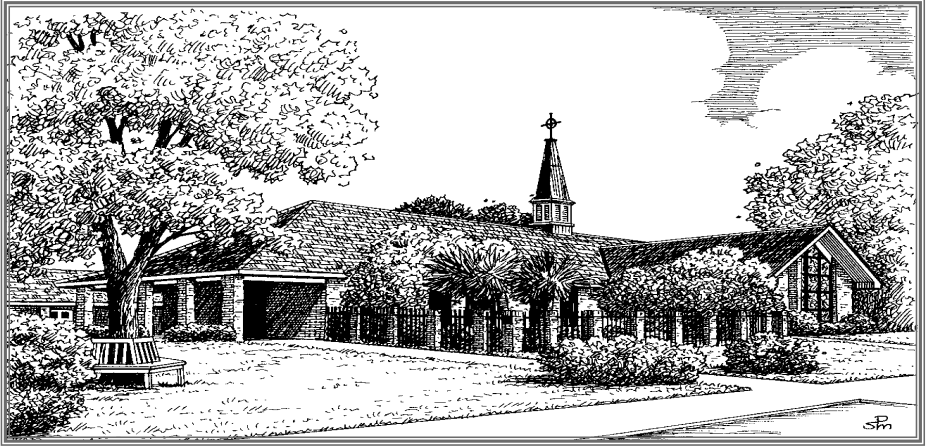


ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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April 19, 2026—10:00 a.m.
Third Sunday of Easter



Worshipping God; Caring for others; Growing in Christ.

(Romans 12:1; Galatians 5:14; Ephesians 4:15)

The Reverend Dr. Bryan Owen, Rector

The Reverend Trish Toburen, Associate Rector & Chaplain

Mission Statement:

*“We are a community committed to caring for one another,
to spiritual growth, and to bringing others closer
to God through Jesus Christ.”*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD FROM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing.

Opening Hymn

No. 199

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

The people standing, the Bishop says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

The Bishop continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter

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.

First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 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 salvation *
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 thanksgiving *
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.
Hallelujah!

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.

All stand and remain standing for the Gospel.

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Sequence Hymn

No. 343

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

Gospel

Luke 24:13-25

Deacon or Priest 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,

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

Presenters

I present *these persons* for Confirmation.

I present *this person* to be received into this Communion.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates

I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?

People

We will.

Bishop

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellow-
ship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you
fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the
Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commit-
ment to Christ.

A person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver *them*, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open *their hearts* to your grace and truth.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill *them* with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep *them* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach *them* to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send *them* into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring *them* to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Silence

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in *these your servants* the covenant you have made with *them* at *their* Baptism. Send *them* forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before *them*; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confirmation and Reception

Then the Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and ever living God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these your servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may

serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Forrest

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Doxology

Hymn No. 380, v.3

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: Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said by the Celebrant who then continues with

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:

The following is sung by the Congregation

Sanctus

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Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Receiving Holy Communion - *All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in The Episcopal Church.*

The following is sung by the Congregation.

Communion Hymn No. 306
Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to Be Our Guest

Communion Hymn No. 708
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

When there is a dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following form is used:

Dismissal of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

The Celebrant and People say together:

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one Body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

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.*

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

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

The following is sung by the Congregation, all standing

Closing Hymn

No. 492

Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing With Gladness

Dismissal

A Deacon or Priest says the Dismissal

The People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lay Ministers Serving Today

Acolyte

Lightsey Breaux

Madeline MacDowell

Lily Baucom

Altar Guild

Susan Alligood

Joan Barron

Lynda Bedeian

Liz Guerry

Jan MacNaughton

Marsha Sills

Lector

Courtney Breaux

LEM

Cheryl Palmer

MC

Wanda Allphin

Usher

Gordon Denker

Johnnie Allphin

Bill MacNaughton

Todd Ulmer

LEV

Mary Lee Bass

Mimi Macmurdo

Cheryl Patterson

Greeter

Amy Binck

Gloria McKenzie

Flower Guild

Loree Fields

Janet Holladay

Parish Choir

Jennie Bae
Sarah Bolt
Owen Cope
Don Hill
Steve Irving
Keith James
Jennifer Johnson
Cody King
Jaden LeBean
Katherine Norton

Dr. Jo Ann Puissegur
Robin Sills
Sarah Stogner-Dickinson
Ben Thomas
Laura Thomas
Dr. Richard Webb
Dr. Mark Zielinski
Rhonda Zielinski
Wilma Loe, Accompanist
Terry R. Bowman, Director

Hospitality Team

Marianne Denker
Joanne Carver
Brookie Allphin
Jason Danos
Mary Leteff
Rob Hawkins
Bridget Collins
Jackie Lawless

Robin Coever
Jean Blanche
Robin Sills
Carolyn Grace Millet
Brittany Allphin-Smith
Margo Gonzalez
Chinyere Agu

Vestry

Laura Thomas-Sr. Warden
Adam MacDowell-Jr. Warden
Lacey Anderson-Secretary
Brian Binck
Gordon Denker
John East

Sharon Edmon
Tessie Edmonds
David Holladay
Mary Leteff
Gloria McKenzie
David Palmer

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS ARE

GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

BY HIS FAMILY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELI PALMER ON HIS BIRTHDAY