



Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 2025 • 10:30 a.m.

Restoring all people to loving unity with Christ

We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.

Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.

“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Hymn 366, v. 1, 2, 4, 5

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

The Celebrant continues

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.**

Great is the Lord

Insert

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request,

"Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them.

Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. [Acts 9:36-43]

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

A brief period of silent reflection follows the reading.

Psalm 23 (To be read together, in unison)

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

A Reading from the book of Revelation

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." [Revelation 7:9-17]

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Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless Hymn 343

The Gospel

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." [John 10:22-30]

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

The Sermon **Mtr. Sarah Minton**

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed **BCP 358**

The Prayers of the People

At the end of each petition

People **Hear our prayer.**

A brief silence is kept. The Celebrant then says the concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin **BCP 360**

The Peace **BCP 360**

Announcements

Offertory

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Shepherd **Insert**

The Doxology *(sung)*

People **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. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP 361**

At the Breaking of the Bread, we say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at Holy Comforter. Approach the altar in a double line in the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the bread in your hand. You may sip the wine directly from the common cup or dip the bread in the cup. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine for any reason, fold your arms across your chest and the priest will give you a blessing instead.

If you would like to receive Communion but are unable to walk to the rail, tell a greeter and a minister will be happy to bring Communion to you at your pew.

Behold the Lamb **Insert**

The King of Love My Shepherd Is **Hymn 645**

Prayer After Communion **BCP 365**

The Blessing

Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken **Hymn 522, v. 1, 2, 4**

The Dismissal **BCP 366**

Welcome!

At Holy Comforter, we strive to follow and obey Christ as our Savior and Lord. Everyone is welcome in our church. Whatever your background may be, whether you have some faith or no faith, whether you're looking for a church home or just wanting to see what a church is like, we're glad to have you with us.

Your Gift Makes a Difference



HCEC runs solely on the generosity of its members.

Give today via the offering plate; or text **GIVE** to **(844) 462-8754**; or scan this code with your phone to give online. You can also mail your gift to Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, Attn: Finance, 2015 Fleischmann Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32308.

Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each Sunday. Please see Ms. Hannah or Ms. Caitlin in the Narthex.

The altar flowers today are sponsored by Sandi & Andy Granger in loving memory of their mothers, Nita Granger & Marion Sankovic. May they rest in heavenly peace.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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Great Is The Lord

Verse

Great is the Lord
He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord
He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

Chorus 1

Great is the Lord
And worthy of glory
Great is the Lord
And worthy of praise
Great is the Lord
Now lift up your voice
Now lift up your voice
Great is the Lord

Chorus 2

Great are You Lord
And worthy of glory
Great are You Lord
And worthy of praise
Great are You Lord
I lift up my voice
I lift up my voice
Great are You Lord

Ending

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Shepherd

Verse 1

Though I walk through the valley
And I can't see the way
When the shadows surround me
I will not be afraid
For I know You are with me
You will always provide
Though the path may be lonely
You will stay by my side

Pre-Chorus

I will rest my soul
I'll trust in You alone

Chorus

For the Lord my Shepherd leads me leads me
And He is all I need
In the darkest valley I know I know
My shepherd is all I need

Verse 2

Lord I know that You seek me
When I'm trying to hide
And Your love it pursues me
All the days of my life

Bridge

I rest my soul in You alone
You light my way You lead me on

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As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

Pray for the students & faculty of our school.

Pray for those celebrating birthdays,
especially Joan, Genny, Julie, Lisa, Barbara,
Alexandra.

Pray for those celebrating anniversaries,
especially Fred & Julianne, and James &
Katherine.

Behold The Lamb

Verse 1

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

Verse 2

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings
us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

Verse 3

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice

Verse 4

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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Prayers of The Church

Pray for: Celeste, Mae, Cynthia, Herb,
Rhonda, Bonnie, Lee, Russell, Marcie,
Sterling, Marcie, Jan, Anita, Valerie, Suzy,
Mason, Kayleigh, Elizabeth, Patsy, Susan,
Pat, Joy, Diane, Josefa, Avri, Vicki,
Marguerite, Diane, Allison, Jack, and Dennis.

Pray for all who have died.

Pray for all who serve in the military.

**Pray for our companion churches & their
Clergy.**

Upcoming Events

- May 14 - The Foundations Course @ 6:30p
- May 18 - Step Up Sunday & Buck Breakfast
- May 21 - The Foundations Course @ 6:30p
- May 24 - Rogation Sunday