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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rogation Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite II, Year A, Revised Common Lectionary
Sunday, May 10, 2026, 10:30 AM

As the procession enters and the lights flash, please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE AND PROCESSION "Prelude on 'For the beauty of the Earth'"

LANI SMITH

GREETINGS

OPENING HYMN "All things bright and beautiful" (*Royal Oak*) All sing.

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea - tures great and small,
All things wise and won - der - ful, The Lord God made them all.

Verses

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each
2. The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And

1. lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing
2. riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the
3. pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the
4. lips that we might tell How great is God Al -

to Refrain

1. col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
2. morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
3. gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
4. might - y, Who has made all things well.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; Cecil Francis H. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
Music: Trad. English melody; adapt. by Martin Shaw, 1875–1958.

Liturgy of the Word

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*The St. Mary Mass*) CARL MAULTSBY *All sing.*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther.
re - ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Please stand as you are able.

SALUTATION

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The People sit.

THE FIRST READING Acts 17:22-31

Reader A reading from Acts.

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."

(Silence)

Reader

People

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



7 Bless our¹ God, you¹ peoples; *
make the¹ voice of his¹ praise to be¹ heard;

8 Who holds our¹ souls in¹ life, *
and will not al¹low our¹ feet to¹ slip.

9 For you, O¹ God, have¹ proved us; *
you have tried us¹ just as¹ silver is¹ tried.

10 You brought us¹ into¹ the¹ snare; *
you laid heavy¹ burdens up¹ on our¹ backs.

(Second half)

†11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through¹ fire and¹ water; *
but you brought us out¹ into¹ a¹ place of re¹freshment.

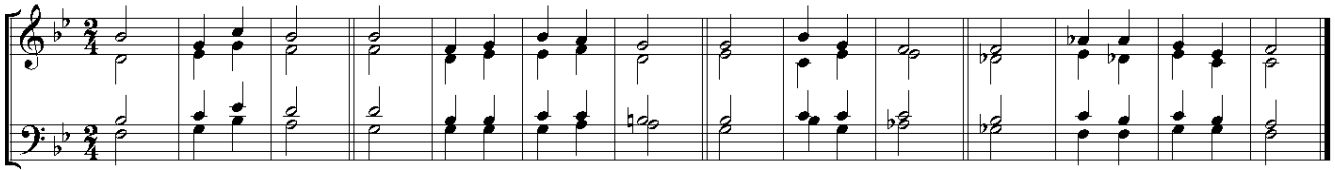
12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will¹ pay you my¹ vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my¹ mouth when I¹ was in¹ trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the¹ smoke of¹ rams; *
I will¹ give you¹ oxen and¹ goats.

14 Come and listen, all¹ you who fear¹ God, *
and I will¹ tell you¹ what he has¹ done for me.

15 I called out to¹ him with my¹ mouth, *
and his¹ praise was¹ on my¹ tongue.

The psalm continues on page 5.



rd me the Lord would not have heard me the Lord would not have heard me
 17 But in truth God has heard me 17 But in truth God has heard me 17
 of my prayers attended to the voice of my prayers attended to the voice of
 rejected my prayers who has not rejected my prayers who has not rejected
 me nor withheld his love from me nor withheld his love from me.

Second half



THE EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

Reader A reading from First 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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and remain standing until the Sermon time.

SEQUENCE HYMN "We plow the fields, and scatter" (*Wir pflugen*) All sing.

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain
All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;


then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir Pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800).

ALLELUIA VERSE

*The cantor sings the "Alleluia." The congregation repeats the "Alleluia."
The cantor chants the verse. The congregation sings the "Alleluia."
Stephen O'Connell, cantor*

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

Verse Those who love me will keep my word:
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 14:15-21

Gospeller 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."

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

The People sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

NICENE CREED

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 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.

The People stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Let us pray that Christ's resurrection may be seen throughout the world.

Leader Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son met the women and asked them to tell the disciples about his resurrection. Guide Christians everywhere to witness to the resurrection in their lives. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son proclaimed himself to the two disciples from the Scriptures and made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. Reveal him to us and all people through the teaching of your word and the celebration of your holy meal. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son strengthened the faith of Thomas by telling him to touch his hands and side. Reassure those who are troubled by doubts, and strengthen their faith in your goodness. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son demonstrated the power of the resurrection in his healing of the sick. Hear our prayers for **Bonnie, Charlie, Don, Michelle, Karen, Carol, Emma H., Savanna, Linda K., Stuart, Kathy S., Seamone, and Priscilla.**

For our members who are unable to attend in-person worship: Molly, Faith, Hazel, Ruth, Val, Bill, Tom, Sandra, Tom, and Serena.

And for those whom we name before you now either aloud or in silence.

For the whole St. Richard's Community, the clergy, the vestry, the staff and volunteers.

Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son conquered death by his death and won the victory by his resurrection. Be with those who are dying, and lead them to life with you forever. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Your Son was resurrected from the dead. Be with those who have died and those we name now before you. Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant that all who now celebrate these joyful holy days here on earth may finally praise you forever, with all the angels and saints in heaven. We ask this through your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

— Adapted from the Lutheran Church of Australia's *Worship Planning Page*

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
All **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

PEACE

Celebrant 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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *The People sit.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Fill your hearts with joy and gladness" SARAH QUARTEL

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, sing and praise your God and mine! Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine! He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine! Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know; those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe; humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and pow'r laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain; spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again; grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain. Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days; love his laws, declare his judgments, walk in all his words and ways; he the Lord and we his children: praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Please stand as you are able. All sing.

PRESENTATION HYMN "Doxology on *Lasst uns erfreuen*"



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God a - bove ye heav'n - ly hosts, Cre - a - tor, Son and Hol - y Ghost.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand as you are able.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

SURSUM CORDA

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

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

But chiefly are we 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 his 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:

The People remain standing.

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS (The St. Mary Mass) CARL MAULTSBY *All sing.*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 9/8 time signature. It consists of four lines of music with lyrics underneath. The first line begins with a *mf* dynamic and contains the lyrics: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might, ___". The second line continues with "Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. ___ Ho -" and features a *f* dynamic. The third line contains "san - na in ___ the high-est. ___ Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." with a *mp* dynamic. The fourth line repeats "Ho - san - na in ___ the high-est. ___" with a *f* dynamic. The score concludes with a double bar line.

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The People stand or kneel.

Celebrant

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.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

All

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

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.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PASCHA NOSTRUM "Fraction Anthem: Alleluia! Christ our Passover"

(The St. Mary Mass) CARL MAULTSBY

Jevon Clarke, *cantor*

Antiphon *Cantor, then All*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse

Cantor Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us. *All* There - fore, let us keep the feast.

All Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

COMMUNION HYMN "Gift of Finest Wheat" (Bicentennial) All sing.

Refrain



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat;



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

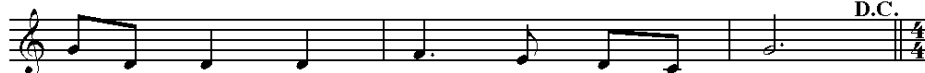
Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
 2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
 3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
 4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
 5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
 blood of Christ out-poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant

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.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

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.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

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.

All

Amen.

Celebrant

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

CLOSING HYMN "In the Garden" C. AUSTIN MILES

1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice Is so
3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him Though the

1. dew is still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fall - ing
2. sweet the birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He
3. night a - round me be fall - ing; But He bids me go through the

1. on my ear, The Son of God dis - clos - es.
2. gave to me With - in my heart is ring - ing.
3. voice of woe, His voice to me is call - ing.

And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He

tells me I am His own, And the joy we share as we

tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

ROGATION LITURGY

CANTICLE: A SONG OF CREATION *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*
Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65

We will say the Canticle in Procession to the gardens.

Invocation

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

I *The Cosmic Order*

**Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

II *The Earth and its Creatures*

**Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.**

III *The People of God*

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

This Litany is prayed when the procession has arrived at the garden.

Leader Blessed by the God of all creation.

People **For in your goodness, you make all things new.**

Leader God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Leader Gracious God, you open wide your hand and give of your goodness to all things living. Renew the face of the earth and increase the sustainable harvests of the world that the land may bring forth enough for all, and your people may share justly and give honor to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Leader Today we gather to bless this garden. May its fruits nourish this community and restore justice to all.

We give thanks for the soil and its nutrients, the tools and seeds, the sun and water that feeds the garden, the pollinators that help it grow, and the produce – the flower and food – that we will enjoy. We give thanks for this garden.

People **We give thanks for this garden.**

Leader We give thanks for the hands, legs, backs, and grains that built this space apart. And we give thanks for those who love this garden.

People **We give thanks for those who love this garden.**

Leader We give thanks for the land upon which this garden rests. May our efforts here add health to it, and may we work to steward rather than to consume the resources it holds. We give thanks for this land.

People **We give thanks for this land.**

Leader Bless this garden with rain and sunshine, that new life may spring up, contributing to the interconnected natural cycle that supports all life on this earth. May this garden be blessed.

People **May this garden be blessed.**

Leader Bless the workers of this garden, that they may enjoy community amongst themselves and the plants and fine spiritual sustenance in those connections. May the workers be blessed.

People **May the workers be blessed.**

Leader Bless us all that we may live in true unity with the integrity of all Creation. Strengthen us as inhabitants of your magnificent garden, our sacred Earth, to speak up when it is being

abused and misused, to stand firm in our conviction to be faithful contributors to the health of our common home. May we all be blessed.

People **May we all be blessed.**

Leader We give our most heartfelt thanks for the blessings we have received already from this garden, and those that are to come. We give thanks for this garden.

People **We give thanks for this garden.**

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

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"All things bright and beautiful" (*Royal Oak*)

"We plow the fields, and scatter" (*Wir pflugen*)

"In the Garden," C. Austin Miles

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came out to help with the Pet Cemetery Clean-Up.

Your time, care, and willingness to lend a hand made a meaningful difference in preserving this special, peaceful place. It's because of your efforts that the area continues to reflect the love and respect we all share for our cherished pets.

Sacred Time, Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Lady Chapel at St. Richard's. Join us for an hour of contemplative prayer, silence, and gentle guidance in a peaceful setting. All are welcome; no prior experience is needed.

Summer Soloists Needed

If you would like to sing a solo and lead a service this summer, please send an email to Dr. MaultsBy at organist@strichards.org with your name, telephone number and vocal range. You may also speak directly with him following the 10:30 AM service.



Guest Celebrants/Preachers to be Welcomed at St Richard's on May 17 and 24

We will welcome the Rev. Jim Spenser to our Pulpit and Altar on Sunday, May 17 at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. On Sunday, May 24, we will welcome the Rev. Michael Goldberg at both morning services. These are both retired priests of our diocese who are excited to spend a morning with us and who heartily share our mission and vision. Please welcome them in St Richard's style.

Rev. Dale Truscott will be out of town from Wednesday, May 13 through Monday, May 25. For pastoral care, contact Rev. Harry Coverston or call the office.

Prayer REQUEST
we want to stand with you

We pray for Bonnie, Charlie Wilson, Don Smith, Michelle Christoph, Karen Nelson, Carol Alves, Emma Haw, Savanna, Linda K., Stuart, Kathy S., Seamone, and Priscilla. For our members who are unable to attend in-person worship: Molly, Faith, Hazel, Ruth, Val, Bill, Tom, Sandra, Tom, and Serena. And family, friends, for the whole St. Richard's Community, the clergy, the vestry, the staff and volunteers.



Christian Education

Sunday Adult Education

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Children's Education

Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am in the Conference Room.

Tuesday Night Bible Study, 6:30 pm

"The Little Letters." We will cover Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, 1, 2, 3 John, and Jude. We meet online via Zoom. Meeting ID 987 9473 5512 Passcode: 031992

Wednesday Morning Bible Classes

Wednesday Morning Bible Class!
10 AM in the Conference Room
Taught by Rev. Dr. Dale Truscott, Adjunct Professor of World Religion, Philosophy and Ethics, Valencia College and assisting clergy at St. Richard's since 2011.

The Search Committee Has Been Selected

The Search Committee for a new Rector for St Richard's has been selected by the Vestry.

They are:

- Phil Anderson
- James Cooper
- Mazrine Duncan
- Lindsay Elliott
- Carmen Graham
- Lisa Grant
- Irv Lipscomb
- Susan McConnell
- Cydney Ogilvie
- Bob Cochrane – Vestry Representative
- Deb Sponsler – Vestry Representative



The committee, vestry and clergy will meet with Rev. Brust, the Transition Officer of the Diocese on a date to be determined in early June, to go over the process and responsibilities. The Search Committee will then meet and organize itself with a chairperson and any other leadership positions it deems necessary.

Among their first responsibilities will be surveying and otherwise listening to the congregation as to our understanding of our history, mission and vision. From this and other data, they will prepare a Portfolio for publication and potential candidates will be able to access. At that point, candidates will be screened and the interview process will be developed. All this takes time. We need to be patient, support the work of the Search Committee and pray for their faithfulness and success.

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)
9:00 AM Childcare available in the Nursery
9:30 AM Children Education (Godly Play Room)
9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parish Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church/Online)
5:00 PM Evening Worship

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

9:00 AM Morning Prayer Facebook Live
9:30 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)
5:30 PM 12-Step Group (St Richard's Rm.)
6:30 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Office)

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

9:00 AM Morning Prayer Facebook Live
9:30 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)
10:30 AM Sacred Time (Lady Chapel)
6:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study on ZOOM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

9:00 - 11:00 AM Food Pantry
9:00 AM Morning Prayer Facebook Live
10:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study (Conf. Rm.)
11:00 AM Pastoral Counseling By Appointment
11:00 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)
11:30 AM ACA (St. Richard's Rm)
12:00 PM Healing Service (Lady Chapel)
1:00 PM Dream Group (Conf. Rm.)
3:00 PM Violin Lessons (Conf. Rm.)

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

9:00 AM Morning Prayer Facebook Live
10:00 AM Tai-Chi (Parish Hall)
10:00 AM OBC Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
11:00 AM Dreamers Group (Lady Chapel)
11:00 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)
12:00 PM AA (St. Richard's Rm)
2:00 PM Organist in the Church
6:00 PM Scouts (Conf. Rm.)
7:00 PM Schola Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

9:00 AM Home of Bright Choices (Conf. Rm.)
9:00 AM Morning Prayer Facebook Live
10:30 AM Home of Bright Choices (Kitchen)
11:00 AM Orlando Bridge Club - Private (Parish Hall)
3:00 PM Painting Rocks! All are Welcome (Conf. Rm.)

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

9:00 AM Altar Guild (Church)
9:00 AM OA (St. Richard's Rm)
10:00 AM Eating Disorder Anonymous (St. Richard's Rm)
11:00 AM ACA (Men Group) (St. Richard's Rm)
11:00 AM Home of Bright Choices (Conf. Rm.)
12:00 PM ACoA (St. Richard's Rm)
2:00 PM Organist in the Church
7:00 PM AI-Anon (St. Richard's Rm)

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I (Church)
9:00 AM Childcare available in the Nursery
9:30 AM Children Education (Godly Play Room)
9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parish Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church/Online)
12:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Conf. Rm.)
5:00 PM Evening Worship

Office Volunteers Needed

Tired of being Retired?

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist in the church office.

Available Shifts:

Monday: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Volunteer Responsibilities:

Answer phone calls, Greet visitors, Assist the Parish Administrator and Rector, Help parish members as needed, Update the church database, Support special projects as they arise

Requirements:

Basic computer experience is helpful but not required

If you are interested in serving and supporting our church community, we would love to hear from you!

Group Experience to Process Recent Distress

Next Session: Saturday, June 13, 2026, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Conference Room

Register: Text 407-443-3497 or email mjmchaneylmft@gmail.com

MEMBER MINISTRIES STRICHARDS.ORG

For Seasons Ministries

"Our mission is to serve the community in Jesus' name through a community food pantry and other community outreach efforts." Open Wednesdays, 9 AM – 11 AM www.forseasonsministries.org

Music Lessons with Willie Rast

For information on percussion lessons at St. Richard's, contact J. Willis Music, Willie Rast, Owner, willie.rast@gmail.com, or call 407-928-1270.

Children's Violin Studio with Andrea Williams

407-670-4557

The Orlando Bridge Club

offers ACBL Sanctioned games everyday, Monday through Friday at 12:00 noon. Please come and learn or play this fun and mentally stimulating game and bring a friend. We also offer beginner bridge lessons. 321-246-2715

Pet Academy Training & Behavior Modification

Lisa Lovell 321-396-7900 | email@petacademyllc.com

Artist: Drucila Mundo Ferrer

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Artist and Iconographer: Sayaka Kamakari

Talented icon writer and professional artist. You can see many of her gorgeous icons around St. Richard's. A limited number of her paintings and prints are for sale in St. Richard's church office. Available for commissions.

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Sexton

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- Michael Dey
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9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Sunday 5:00 p.m.
Worship Schedule

First Sunday of the Month:

Evening Prayer

Second Sunday of the Month:

Contemplative Eucharist in the Celtic Tradition, the Rev. Harry Coverston.

Third Sunday of the Month:

Evening Prayer

Fourth Sunday of the Month:

Taizé, the Rev. Dr. Harry Coverston.

Taize is a contemplative service with prayers & chanting.

Sunday Evening Worship

It is the practice of St. Richard's parish to offer three services every Sunday, an 8 AM Rite I Eucharist, a 10:30 AM Rite II Eucharist with music, and a 5 PM evening worship service.

On the second Sunday of each month, a Celtic Eucharist is held in the Lady Chapel. On the fourth Sunday of each month, a contemplative Taizé service is held with chants and prayers around the cross. On the first, third and occasional fifth Sunday of each month, our parishioners gather for Evening Prayer and Compline. This is a lay-led service of readings and prayers.

These services are intimate, quiet, offering peaceful worship at the end of long weeks and the beginning of the next. Everyone is invited to attend.

Pastoral Care Counseling Office

Gail Hencken, RN, LMHC, will be in the Pastoral Care Counseling Office from 11:00 am- 3:00 pm on Wednesdays to provide consultation for individuals, couples, families or groups of any age/stage of life, by appointment only. For further information please contact Gail directly.
phone/text 407-718-9128
email wehgh44@yahoo.com



Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.
St. Richard's Parish Hall

Join instructor Carol Alves for a gentle Tai Chi class designed for all ages and fitness levels. *Discover peace, balance, and strength through mindful movement and community connection.*



Birthdays: Scott Wilson 5/6, Sue Ahlers 5/10, Priscilla Pini 5/13, Tiffany Lane 5/13, Stan Zarolinski 5/14, John Blackford 5/18, Kathy Anderson 5/22, Raymond Pini 5/27, Sandra Barrett 5/30, Libby Harry 5/31

Anniversaries:

Robert McClure & Robert Harrison 5/3
Christopher Woodward & Stacy Woodward 5/4
Pete & Lisa Ikegami 5/27
Michael Poole & Leslie Poole 5/30

MARCH 2026 REPORT

• Highlights of March 2026 financial activities:

• **REVENUES**

• Total Revenues: **\$132,179.64**, which includes:

• > Total plate and pledge/loose plate offerings:

• **\$35,613.50**

• > Total special offerings:

• **\$15,266.80**

• > FEMA reimbursements for prior Hurricane damage:

• **\$71,968.00**, and

• > Other operational income in the amount of

• **\$9,331.34**

• **EXPENDITURES**

• Total Expenses: **\$ 53,398.82**

• **> NET CASH FLOW:**

• **\$ 78,780.82**

Weekly Giving Report

For the Week of Sunday, May 3, 2026

Plate & Pledge \$1,645

Special Offerings \$2,655

Other Offerings \$205

Sunday Total: \$4,505



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"...for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

We are a church on a mission to discover God's grace, change our lives and change the world. Whoever you are, and wherever you may be on the journey of the Spirit, St. Richard's Episcopal Church welcomes you.