



**ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ENGLEWOOD, FLORIDA
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 11, 2025
9 A.M.**

WELCOME to St. David's Episcopal Church. Whether you are only with us for a short while or you would like to join us as a church family, we hope that you will experience the grace and love of God here. The strength of our ongoing ministries enables St. David's to be a secure spiritual home for growing number of families and individuals of all ages and a resource and a sign of God's love in the community.

Time of Quiet Reflection

Psalm 25:4

*"Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long."*

LEADERSHIP AT TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Reverend Vickie McDonald
Deacon:	The Reverend Micki Thomas
Music Director:	Janine Bowes
Altar Guild:	Johanna Kadin & Pat Black
Eucharistic Minister:	
Lectors:	Debra Sigismondo, Tom Davis
Cantor:	Mark Gentile
Intercessor:	The Reverend Micki Thomas
Greeter:	Kathie Vincent
Ushers:	Ron Thomas, Ruth Baum
Videographer:	Carol Rowan
Vestry Person of the Week:	Alex Tyree
Transportation:	Dave and Colleen Spaeth

*The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.
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*When you enter the sanctuary, please refrain from conversation so others can meditate
and pray in silence and please silence your cell phones.*

THE WORD OF GOD**Entrance Hymn****The King of Love My Shepherd Is***Hymnal 645***Greeting****BCP 355/standing****The Gloria***Please refer to pew card***The Collect of the Day****BCP 225****The First Lesson****Acts 9:36-43***seated*

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.

Psalm 23**Shepherd Me, O God***BCP 612***The Second Lesson****Revelation 7:9-17***seated*

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."

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

The Gospel

John 10:22-30

standing

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."

Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Vickie McDonald

Silence

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358/standing

The Prayers of the People – VI		BCP 392/standing or kneeling
The Peace	<i>We greet one another in the name of the Lord.</i>	BCP 360
Birthdays, Anniversaries & Travel Prayers		<i>Please refer to pew card</i>
Announcements		
THE HOLY COMMUNION		
Offertory Sentence		
Offertory Hymn	<i>Shepherd of Souls Refresh & Bless</i>	Hymnal 343
Doxology	<i>At the presentation of the alms</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving		
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP 367 /standing
Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread		
	<i>All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Everyone is welcome to come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers available upon request.</i>	
	<i>Please follow the ushers' directions.</i>	
Communion Hymn		<i>Instrumental</i>
Post Communion Prayer		BCP 365/standing or kneeling
Recessional	<i>That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright</i>	Hymnal 193
Blessing and Dismissal		BCP 366/standing or kneeling

*All are invited to coffee in the Parish Hall.
Please call the office if you would like a clergy pastoral care call or visit.*