

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
for
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28 April 2024 at 10:30 am

Concerning the Liturgy

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with “S” are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

VOLUNTARY *Modal Prelude* Alec Rowley

THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;
may God meet you in your celebration
and give you the Spirit's peace;
may God bless you and at the last,
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

In Procession, a Hymn *Abbot's Leigh* Hymnal 379
All stand and sing.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis Mathias Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day: *5 Easter*

BCP 225

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

All sit.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Gradual, Psalm 22: 24-30

Simplified Anglican Chant

Sung by all.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as | sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who | wor-
ship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall | praise him: *
"May your heart live for | ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the | LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow be | fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the | LORD; *
he rules over the | nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in | worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall be | fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall | serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for | ever.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un | born *
the saving deeds that he has | done.
- Glory be to the Father, and to the | Son,
and to the Holy | Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is | now,
and will be for ever. A | men.

The Second Lesson**1 John 4: 7 –21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn*Noël nouvelet*

Hymnal 204

*All stand and sing.***The Holy Gospel****John 15: 1-8**

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch

that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people—for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership. Pray for God’s church.

Silence

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help. Pray for those who suffer around the world.

Silence

We pray for those who are ill, especially Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Sharon, Gary, Jeanne, Carla Mae, Louise, Ralph, Deborah, Sam, Karen, Susan, and David. We pray for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand beside them as

they find their way home. We pray for those who have died, especially Frank, Pam, Katherine, and Bill. Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

Silence

The priest adds a concluding collect.

In keeping with both the rubrics in The Book of Common Prayer and the practice of the church, the Confession is omitted during the season of Easter.

The Peace

BCP 332

All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



At the Offertory, an Anthem

O Voice of the Beloved

O voice of the Belovèd!
Thy bride hath heard Thee say,
“Rise up, My love, My fair one,
Arise and come away.
For lo, 'tis past, the winter,
The winter of thy year;
The rain is past and over,
The flowers on earth appear.

“And now the time of singing
Is come for every bird;
And over all the country
The turtle dove is heard;
The fig her green fruit ripens,
The vines are in their bloom;
Arise and smell their fragrance;
My love, My fair one, come!”

Our Easter Sun is risen!
 And yet we slumber long,
 And need Thy Dove's sweet pleading
 to waken prayer and song.
 Oh breathe upon our deadness,
 Oh shine upon our gloom;
 Lord, let us feel Thy presence
 And rise and live and bloom.

Words: Jackson Mason, based on Song of Solomon
 Music: Grayston Ives

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Lasst uns erfreuen

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low:
 Al - le - lua - ia! Ale - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heavn' ly host;
 praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly - Ghost. Al - le - lu, - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); alt.
 Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623;
 adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1897-1958)

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| The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B | | BCP 367 |
| Sanctus et Benedictus | Mathias | Hymnal S128 |
| The Lord's Prayer | | BCP 364 |
| The Breaking of the Bread | | |
| Fraction Anthem | Plainsong | Hymnal S171 |

Agnus Dei

Mathias

Hymnal S165

All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.

At the Distribution, a Hymn

*Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt
Alleluia No. 1*

Hymnal 323
Hymnal 178

The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 366

In Procession, a Hymn

Ellacombe

Hymnal 210

The Dismissal

BCP 366

VOLUNTARY

God Moves In a Mysterious Way

George Dyson



Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall on the 2nd floor, which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.

Introducing new ministries for St. Andrew's

The Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work over the last several months assessing the results of the parish summit and strategizing how to implement the five core pillars. One of these is the need for ministries that address specific populations within our parish. If you would like to be more involved in the St. Andrew's community and are looking to get to know fellow parishioners with common interests a little better, please consider these opportunities and reach out to the organizers to express your interest and learn more.

St. Andrew's Grief Group

We realize that many members of our community have been touched with grief in the last few years, and while we know that there is no path around grief except through it, we also know that the grieving process can be helped with support, connection, and prayer. If you are interested in a grief group here at St. Andrew's, please scan the QR Code and help us plan by taking a quick survey. The information we gather will help us understand the type of group our community would like for grief support.



Movie on the Lawn Night

To better engage church members and families with youth and expose the church to the community, an annual movie event on the lawn has been proposed. As we know from Blessing of the Animals, our corner is very "porous" to the community. People walking by can walk right into whatever we have going on and it is this advantage we hope to exploit with this event. We are in search of someone to organize this event. To find out more and volunteer, please contact committee representative Andrew Bowden (drew_micro@hotmail.com).

Group for Seniors

Sound open-ended? That's because it is...and we need your input! What will it be? A monthly potluck with card games, dominoes, and fellowship? A base for excursions to sites around town? Or both? Please join us on Saturday, May 18, at the home of Vinnie Lusk from 3-5 pm for an exploratory conversation about what a senior's group at St. Andrew's might look like. Please RSVP to Vinnie at mamachkn1@aol.com or (713) 444-7042. Vinnie's address is 4502 Mount Vernon St Houston, TX 77006.

LGBTQ+

St. Andrew's has a sizable group of LGBTQ+, a source of great pride and joy for all of us. Now it is time to bring us all together to get to know each other more. Mark your calendars for a "ministry launch" at the home of Bruce and Oscar Banta-Guevara on Sunday, May 5, 1 pm. It will be Cinco de Mayo themed. Please RSVP with Bruce at banta.bruce@gmail.com or (713) 805-0065. Bruce and Oscar's address is 4517 Rose St Houston, TX 77007.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”

Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarra Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Sharon Klander, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Gary Burton, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Carla Mae Richards, *friend of Michael Mergens*
Louise Ornelas, *mother of Margo Ornelas*
Ralph Ornelas, *father of Margo Ornelas*
Deborah Smith, *friend of Kay Lynn Jenkins*
Sam Hsu, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Karen Crenshaw, *sister of David Rennie*
Susan Peterson, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
David Smith-Malbrough, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Frank Pineda, *father of Byron Pineda*
Pam Murphy, *sister of Priscilla Burroughs*
Katherine Dennis, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Bill Southwell, *friend of Lisa Moore*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at cconti@saecheights.org. If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

Parish Life & News

Parish Retreat Registration: The St. Andrew's family is invited to gather at Camp Allen May 10 through 12 for our annual Parish Retreat. For more information and how to register, please use the QR code that will take you to our website.



Meals on Wheels Blanket Drive: During the month of May Meals on Wheels will be collecting homemade and store-bought blankets for the 5,000+ seniors they serve. Please scan the QR code to get more information on the drive, including directions to make a blanket, where to buy a blanket, and where to bring your donations. You may also put your donations in the yellow bin in the Oak Table Room.



Weekly Voice: Are you receiving the *Weekly Voice* newsletter in your inbox every Wednesday? If not, you can easily subscribe to receive weekly updates and news from St. Andrew's by scanning this QR Code.



Church Nursery: The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants through 3 years.

Volunteer at St. Andrew's: To sign up to help with St. Andrew's partner ministries (including Lord of the Streets, Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, St. Andrew's Garden, etc.) please scan this QR code. To learn more about our partner ministries please visit our website saecheights.org/community-outreach



Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at jgrace@saecheights.org



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