

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande † Florida

*"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"*

## Sunday Worship

9:30 A.M.

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## The Third Sunday of Easter

Year B

April 14, 2024

# Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a connection between your desire to come and what you experience. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ, expressed by forgiveness and acceptance rather than getting it right. However you identify, you belong here. We connect with each other by knowing and accepting each other as we are, and together serve others here in Boca Grande and in the wider community. Visitor cards are in the pew to help us get to know you better. They can be returned in the offering plate at the back of the church or handed to an usher.

**Restrooms, extra seating, and speakers are located  
next door in the Chapter House.**

**If you need to step out to attend to a little one,  
consider the Chapter House as a place to let them run free while  
you are still able to hear the service.**

## Serving Today

<b>Usher</b>	Bob Burke
<b>Lector</b>	David Smith
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	Rick Granger



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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## *The Word of God*

### THE PRELUDE

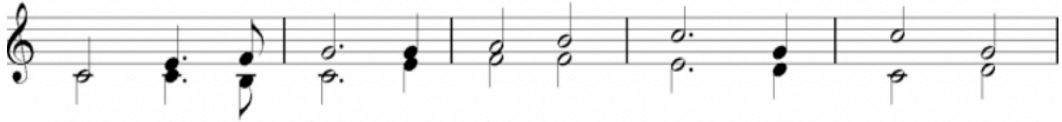
*The Trumpet Shall Sound (from the Messiah)*

G.F. Handel

### THE PROCESSIONAL

*Christ is alive!*

Hymnal, 182



Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

### THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 JOHN 3:1-7

Lector A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

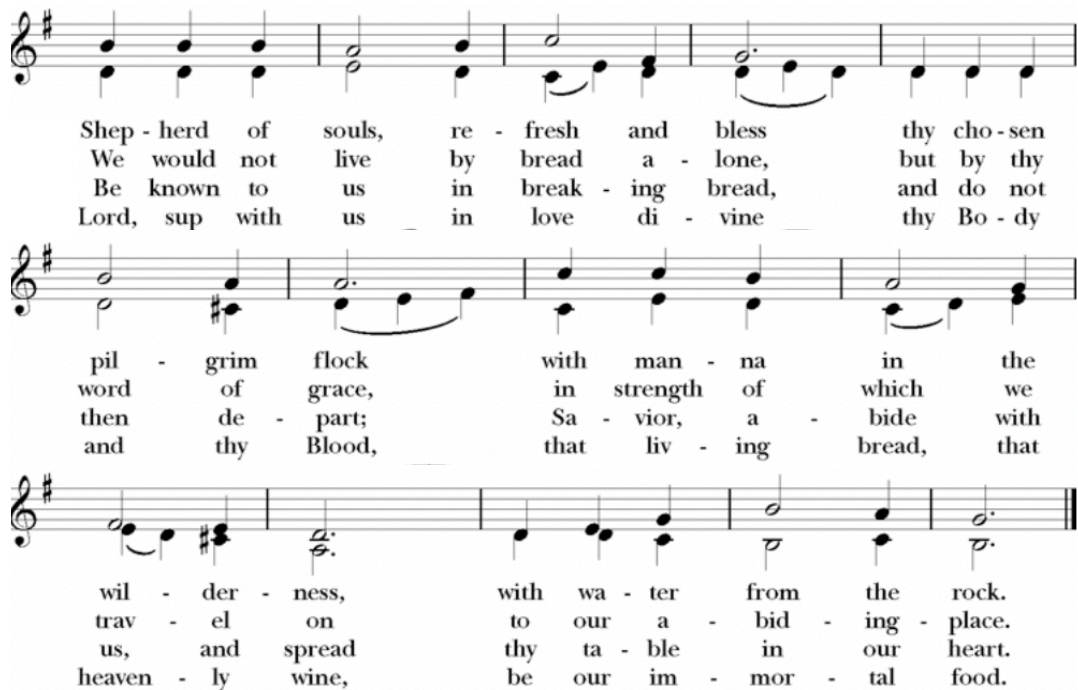
People **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

PSALM 4

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 4. Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
**how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"**
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
**when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
**and put your trust in the Lord.**
- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
**more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
**for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**



Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36b-48

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glorify you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE NICENE CREED

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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant In this Eastertide we celebrate and proclaim the signs of Jesus, that all might believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing they may have life in his name. Therefore, that everyone may experience the new life in Christ in the midst of the old life of sin and doubt, let us pray for all God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That amid all the doubts which threaten to destroy the community of faith, Christ's peace may be shared and experienced for the strengthening of belief, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Lector That all who have come to new birth in holy baptism and all who have received the forgiveness of sins in absolution may live in peace with each other, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord have mercy.**

Lector That the sick, the infirm, and the disturbed might experience the healing power of the Spirit of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord have mercy.**

Lector That we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad who put their lives in harm's way for us; let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord have mercy.**

Lector That all who have died in the faith, especially Shelley Lewis, may serve as examples to us who continue in our pilgrimage on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief, and hear us for the sake of the one who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, even Jesus Christ, the first and the last, the living one, in who name we pray. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

*That Easter Day with Joy was Bright*

## THE DOXOLOGY

**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.**

Hymnal, 380

## *The Holy Communion*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where 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:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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. 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 has 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.

People sing 

A - men, A - men, A - men!

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

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**



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

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

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

*(All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion. If it is not in your conscience to receive, please consider coming forward for a simple blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know when you come forward to receive)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

**O God, the giver of all that is true and lovely and gracious: We give you thanks for binding us together in these holy mysteries of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that by your Holy Spirit, Caroline and Gus, now joined in Holy Matrimony, may become one in heart and soul, live in fidelity and peace, and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who love you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE PROCESSIONAL

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

Hymnal, 493



O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
Glo - ry to God and praise and love be now and ev - er given



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
by saints bel - ow and saints a - bove, the Church in earth and heaven.

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

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

## THE POSTLUDE

*Rondeau*

Henry Purcell

# What's Happening at St. Andrew's

🍷 Join us for a delightful Year-End Reception today following worship service! 🍷

As we bid farewell to this season, let's gather together for a wonderful time of fellowship, mimosas, and refreshments. It's a perfect opportunity to share stories, laughter, and fond memories as we embrace the transition ahead. Let's make this a memorable farewell!

## Faithful Departed

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Shelley Lewis** who returned home to God last Sunday. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Please keep Roger and their family in your prayers.

**Shelley's Memorial Service will be on Saturday, April 27  
at 11:00 a.m. in our church.**



## Cleaning out your pantry?

As many of you prepare to head north, please consider donating nonperishable food items to St. Andrew's for the Charlotte County Homeless Coalition's Food Pantry. Be sure to check the expiration dates on all donated items before dropping your donations in the church narthex. We will do the rest for you. Thank you for your support.

*Your Prayers are Requested for ...*

### Pastoral Prayer List

John Berley	Rob Knapp
Dennis Berry	Jenna Larson
Bill Bertsch	Kathy Litzinger
Sandy Bertsch	Priscilla Masselink
Shawn Peterson Cain	Bobby Parker
Emily Clegg	Jeanne Phillips
Bob Corl	Maurice Price
Hadley Cox	Frankie Rediker
Betsy Dalrymple	Hal Russell
Sue Embres	Pat Ryan
Gene Findlay	Gislene Schurmann
Tom Floyd	Amy Staples
Pam Hannah	Stephanie Vick

### Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess  
Ben Constantinides  
John Life Ikenberry  
Colin Jackson  
Karl Jackson  
Anthony Kopp  
Alex Lovo  
Michael Manetti  
Renier van Breen  
Arch Wilson

## The Alternate Reading for Today

Acts 3:12-19

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

## ST. ANDREWS' VESTRY MEMBERS

### Class of 2025

Rick Granger  
Jim Griesemer  
Kay Kemper  
David Smith \*

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Anne Beatty  
Michael Courts \*\*  
Kimberly Whipple

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