

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande  Florida

**Sunday Worship at 9:30AM**

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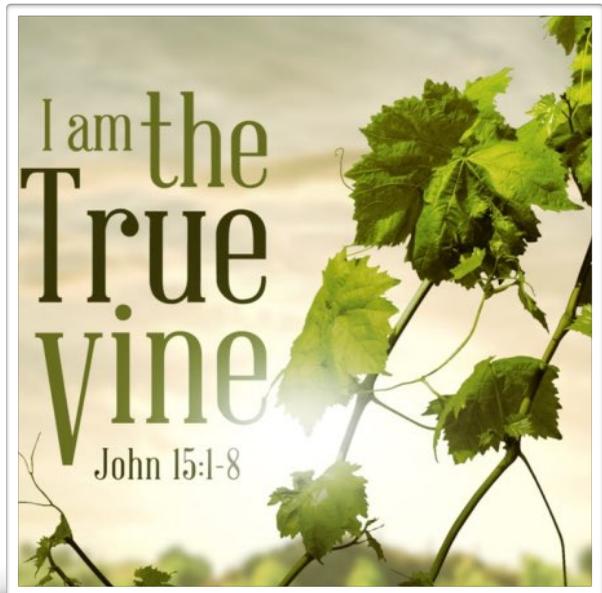
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## Welcome



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

May 2, 2021

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## *The Word of God*

### THE PRELUDE

*Intrada (from Miniature Suite for Organ)*

John Ireland

### THE PROCESSIONAL

*God is Love, let heaven adore Him*

Hymnal, 379 (v. 1&2)

### 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.

*Celebrant*

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 8:6-40**

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord  
**People**            **Thanks be to God.**

Lector The psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 22.  
Let us read responsively by the men reading the **even number verses** and the women reading the *odd number verses*

- 24 **My praise is of him in the great assembly; \***  
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship 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 before 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 before 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 unborn \***  
**the saving deeds that he has done.**

## THE SEQUENCE HYMN

## Celtic Alleluia

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,  
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

*Celebrant* 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 vinegrower. 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."

## THE SERMON

### 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: in your mercy, hear us.

*Lector* Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Lector* Holy God, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen Michael our Presiding Bishop, our own Bishop Dabney, all bishops and other ministers, and all the holy people of God. God of resurrection,

***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Lector* God our provider, as the Risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the scriptures, let the church find in the scriptures healing, mission, and good news for all. God of resurrection,

***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Lector* Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices. Slow down our rush to consume. God of resurrection,

***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Lector* Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Guide the people of this land, and all the nations in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Guard and guide all who serve in the military to protect our freedoms. God of resurrection,

***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Lector* Compassionate God, you heal us. For all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Today we pray especially for all those on our parish prayer list and all who have asked our prayers. God of resurrection,

***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Lector* God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We pray for all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn today. Hold the entire communion of saints in your love. God of resurrection,

***People* in your mercy, hear us.**

*Celebrant* Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy hear us, accept our prayers and all whom we commend to your mercy. With the Father and life-giving Holy Spirit, be with us always as the spring of new and everlasting life.

***People* Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist 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 give him 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 Pascal 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

*Land of Rest*

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 is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

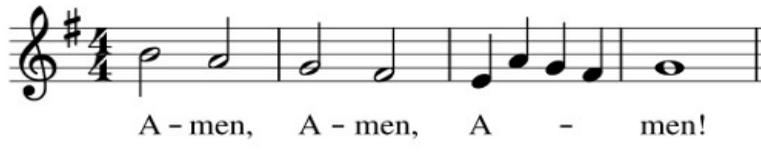
*The Celebrant continues*

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



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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*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.

*(All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion. If it is not in your conscience to receive, please come forward for a blessing of the church.)*

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through 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

*Lift high the cross*

Hymnal, 473 (v. 1&4)

## THE DISMISSAL

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

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

## THE POSTLUDE

*Solemn Procession*

William Lloyd Webber

## PASTORAL PRAYER LIST

Ivan, Ellen Adams, Louise Bell, John Berley, Riley Zellers Burton, Riley Callen, Vera Chelnokov, Brian Covachuck, Hadley Cox, Shannon Glenn, Connie Gregg, Michael Guadagnoli, Tonya Hillenbrand, Krystle Hollis, Jake Hulbert, Bud and Mary Jenne, Julia Jarman, Linda's sons, Jennifer Lilly, Hillary Lupo, Mac Martin, Peggy Mason, Bob McKinney, Nora Neely, Pete Nicholas, Ava Potts, Fletcher Rollinson, Jamie Rollinson, Hal Russell, Terry Sader, Valerie Thorson, Jennifer Weaver, Ginny Wharton, Hunter and Katie Wright, Shirley Thayer

## MILITARY PRAYER LIST

Blaise Bess, Max Hoffman, John Life Ikenberry, Colin Jackson, Anthony Kopp, Alex Lovo, Renier van Breen and Arch Wilson

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Serving Today at 9:30AM**

Lector: Roger Lewis

Ushers: Nigel and Judy Spencer-Barnes

### **Serving next Sunday at 9:30AM**

Lector: Janet Guenther

Usher(s): Don and Joan Farrar

### **Men's Bible Study and Fellowship - Tuesdays 8:30AM - Zoom**

Fr. Chris is leading this group in conversation. This week's conversation is about the Philippians. The book of **Philippians** can be summarized in the word "*encouragement*". Throughout this letter, Paul is encouraging the people of Philippi to live out lives that are obedient God and that are uplifting to one another. Paul wrote this letter while in prison to the church to also tell them how he was doing.

## **Women's Bible Study - Fridays at 10:00AM - Zoom**

Mother Michelle will lead our study on Romans. The book of **Romans** tells us about God, who He is and what He has done. It tells us of Jesus Christ, what His death accomplished. It tells us about ourselves, what we were like without Christ and who we are after trusting in Christ.

## **Thank you to everyone who has made a financial donation to support the St. James Food pantry during the pandemic.**

We are returning to red bag shopping/donations. Red bags, along with accompanying shopping list (inside pocket of red bag) are available in the back of the church. Please consider picking up a red bag, filling it with requested food stuffs and returning it to the church.

**Also ...** if you are leaving the island for the season, please consider using the red bag to donate dry food stuffs + canned goods from your pantry.

## **VESTRY MEMBERS**

### **2022**

Bruce Birgbauer  
Roger Lewis  
Louise Head  
Kimberly Whipple

### **2023**

Mary Campbell  
Rick Granger \*\*  
John Parish  
Ginny Bryant

### **2024**

Don Farrar  
Stan Ikenberry  
Kathy Silverberg \*  
Janet Williams

\* *Senior Warden*

\*\* *Junior Warden*

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Connie Duckworth (*Treasurer*)

*At St. Andrew's we aspire:*

- to be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish
- to provide meaningful worship services
- to provide pastoral care and guidance in times of need and celebration
- to respond to human needs locally, nationally and globally
- to grow as Christians through education and discipleship
- to be active in the community and ecumenical relationships
- to be generous stewards of our time, talent and treasure.

*“Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ”*



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