



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande  Florida

Sunday Worship at 9:30AM

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Welcome



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year B
May 9, 2021

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Land of Rest

arr. George Shearing

THE PROCESSIONAL

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal, 529 (v. 1&3)

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

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. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 10:44-48

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the

Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 98

Lector The psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 98.
Let us read responsively by half verse.

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *

for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm *

has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; *

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *

with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *

the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *

and the peoples with equity.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Celtic Alleluia

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time. The notes are primarily eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Alle lu ia" are repeated three times, followed by a final exclamation "Alle lu ia!". The melody includes several grace notes and slurs.

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

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Celebrant The Word 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: 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

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one sharp. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff begins with 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly'. The second staff begins with 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry'. The third staff begins with 'Bless - ed is he who comes'. The fourth staff begins with 'san - na in____ the high - est.'

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

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time (indicated by '4'). The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics 'A - men,' are repeated three times, followed by a dash and the word 'men!' on a single note.

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 *Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing* Hymnal, 344 (v. 1&3)

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE *I Love Thee, My Lord* arr. George Shearing



What's Happening at St. Andrew's this week ...

Serving Today at 9:30AM

Lector: Janet Guenther

Usher(s): Don and Joan Farrar

Serving next Sunday at 9:30AM

Lector: Kathy Courtney

Usher: Tom Courtney

It's not too late to register for our "Faith and ..."!



(A speaker series that explores the intersection between our faith and our lives.)

Our next presentation explores the historical development of Sunday in the American culture on **May 11 at 4:30PM** with professor Alexis McCrossen.

Register TODAY! Use the link below.
<https://bit.ly/3nVa5Py>

Whatever happened to the Sunday comics? How many of you remember blue laws? Why is Sunday deemed a "day of rest"... and if it is, how is that reflected in today's culture of seven-day convenience and twenty-four hour shopping? Is Sunday just another day of the week?

It seems almost impossible to imagine now, but can you believe that massive protests greeted attempts to open the 1893 Chicago World's Fair on a Sunday? But the issue of the meaning of Sunday is one that has historically given rise to a wide range of strong emotions and pitted a surprising variety of social, religious, and class interests against one another. Whether observed as a day for rest, or time-and-a-half, Sunday has always been a day apart in the American week.

Supplementing wide-ranging historical research with the reflections and experiences of ordinary individuals, Alexis McCrossen traces conflicts over the meaning of Sunday that have shaped the day in the United States since 1800. She investigates cultural phenomena such as blue laws and the Sunday newspaper, alongside representations of Sunday in the popular arts. Holy Day, Holiday attends to the history of religion, as well as the histories of labor, leisure, and domesticity.

Try our Men's Group via zoom. We invite men in the community to participate in a bi-weekly engaging conversation involving our joys and concerns followed by a "no homework" discussion of the Gospel. We meet every other Monday. The commitment is carving out the time 9:00AM to 10:00AM on alternate Mondays and opening our heads and hearts to one another and God. Retired priest, Fr. Read Heydt participates in this Zoom gathering and helps to guide and stretch our theological understanding **Our next meeting is May 10.** If you have any questions, please contact Gerry Miller at gerrym@abbot-stuart.com



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. Kimberly Whipple will lead our summer 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.



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, Jerry Kirk

MILITARY PRAYER LIST

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

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”

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Eternal God, Redeemer of all, today we celebrate motherhood here in this sacred place and across our nation. The word “mother” conjures up different feelings for us all. We thank You for mothers who modeled for us what it means to be compassionate, loving, and more fully human, shaping us into who we are today.

We thank You for every new mother who is experiencing the gift of new life. We ask that You would grant them space to enjoy this newness amongst the beauty and the challenges that come with navigating parenthood for the first time. We ask You to give comfort to those coping with the heartbreak of infertility or the grieving of a miscarriage. We ask You to give hope to mothers who are estranged from their children. We ask You to give strength to every mother who is caring for a terminally ill child.

We ask You for peace for those who are grieving the loss of a mother.

We ask You for grace for those who are reminded today of the abuse or neglect inflicted by a mother. We pray for courage for those who feel the societal pressure to bear children when that is not what they desire. We look to You as we remember motherhood today and what it means for us. We thank You for life and for Your maternal heart for all people, wherever we are on our journey.

Amen.

Happy Mother's Day!