



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande  Florida

Sunday Worship at 9:30AM

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Welcome



Ascension Sunday

Year B

May 16, 2021

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

THE PROCESSIONAL *All hail the power of Jesus' name* Hymnal, 450 (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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:11-11

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or

periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 93

Lector The psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 93.
Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Celtic Alleluia

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia sequence hymn. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the staff. The second staff is also in G major and 6/8 time, with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 6/8. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the staff.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 24:44-53

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Michelle Robertshaw

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

Lector On this day that we celebrate the ascension of Christ, let us pray with amazement, wonder, and awe. Joining Christ who intercedes for the church and all the world, let us offer our prayers to God saying: God of resurrection, in your mercy, hear us.

A brief silence.

Lector Lord most holy, you sent your Son to redeem all creation. Christ ascended from the earth in order to be everywhere at once. Enlighten and expand the witness of the holy catholic Church. Ground us in the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. God of resurrection,

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

Lector Ruler of all the earth, you formed the creatures of the deep and the birds of the air. Give us wonder and wisdom to care for them as you commanded. Help us to revive their habitats. God of resurrection,

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

Lector Sovereign God, you reign over the nations. Raise up wise and compassionate leaders in each neighborhood, country, and region. Give them courage and strength for the service to which you call them. God of resurrection,

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

Lector Healer of our every ill, you know our deepest pains and sorrows. Restore those who are depressed, bereaved, or exhausted. Mend the brokenhearted. Restore the sick and all who live with cancer; we prayer especially for all who are on our parish prayer list. God of resurrection,

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

Lector Risen and Ascended Lord, you continue to feed us through Holy Scripture and the Sacrament. As we digest the Word shared today and feast at the table, satisfy our hunger. Fill us with the hope to which we are called. Make us bread for the world. God of resurrection,

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

Lector Eternal One, your faithfulness endures in every age. Thank you for the witness of the first apostles. Thank you for all the saints who have traveled with us on this disciple road, especially those who have recently died and now see you face to face. God of resurrection,

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

Celebrant O God, keep us in the spirit of amazement and accept our prayers and all whom we commend to your mercy. Keep us believing when we cannot see; keep us hoping while we wait; keep us looking for your presence. Fix our eyes on Christ our Lord who ascended to intercede and who will come in greatest glory.

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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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.

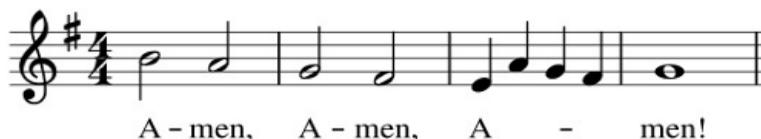
The Celebrant continues

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

Crown Him with many crowns

Hymnal, 494 (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



PASTORAL PRAYER LIST

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



MILITARY PRAYER LIST

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



Announcements



Serving Today at 9:30AM

Lector: Kathy Courtney

Usher: Tom Courtney

Serving next Sunday at 9:30AM

Lectors: Jackie Thompson and Mike Courts

Usher: Nigel Spencer-Barnes

A Welcome Message for Visitors

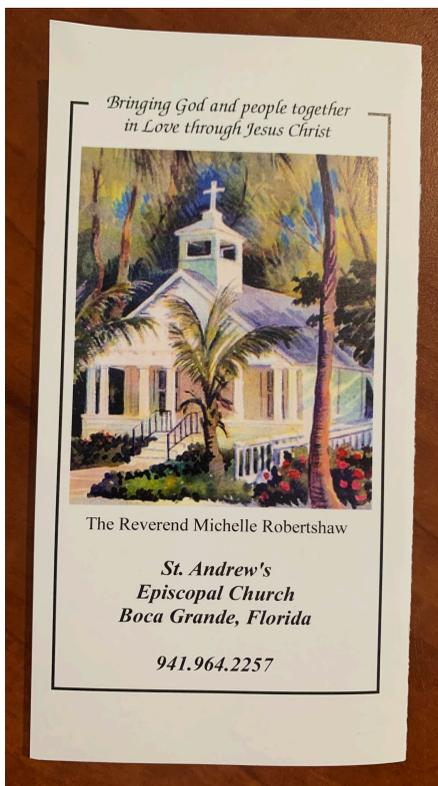
Are you visiting St. Andrews this morning?
Welcome! We hope you enjoy the service.

We hope you will feel comfortable asking any of
our parishioners or staff questions about our
church and/or service.

Additionally, we ask that you fill out our visitor
pamphlet found in your pew this morning
(pictured on left).

Once you have filled out the information you may
drop it in the offering plate or you may hand to
the usher.

It's wonderful to have you with us as we lift our
hearts and voices in prayer and praise to God
this day.





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.

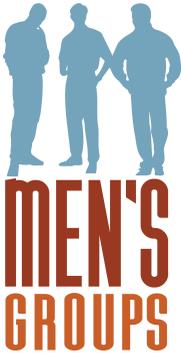
Women's Bible Study - Fridays at 10:00AM - Zoom.

Kimberly Whipple will lead our summer study of Paul's Letter to the Romans ... which kicked off last week. 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.



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. Give the group a try! **Our next meeting is May 24.** If you have any questions, please

contact Gerry Miller at gerrym@abbot-stuart.com

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Have a great week!

ST. ANDREWS'S 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

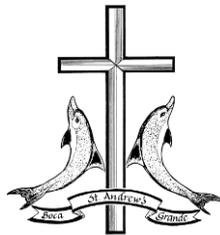
Connie Duckworth (Treasurer)

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.*

Our Mission Statement:

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



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