



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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

April 28, 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

Usher	Bob Burke
Lector	Jay Spurgeon and David Smith
Chalice Bearer	Ellen Manetti

Altar Flowers

The flowers placed on the altar today are given to the Glory of God by Roger Lewis and family in loving memory of Shelley Lewis.



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer/Abide in Me

Bradbury/Monk/Beethoven

THE PROCESSIONAL

Love Divine all loves excelling

Hymnal, 657



Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE GLORIA

Hymnal, S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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 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?
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Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 22:24-30

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 22. Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 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

Be thou my vision

Hymnal, 488



Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Chris Gray

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 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 Roy Calderon Berley, 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

O Christ the word Incarnate

How/Mendelssohn

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.

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,
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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia, 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)

COMMUNION

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

Christ is made the sure foundation

Hymnal, 518



Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

THE POSTLUDE

Rejoice, the Lord is King

John Darwall

What's Happening at St. Andrew's

Altar Flowers

Do you have a special day you'd like to commemorate? How about a someone you'd like to honor or remember? You can sign up to provide altar flowers and have that event or person noted in the Sunday announcements. A sign up sheet can be found in the narthex. More than one individual can sign up for the same day. Cost is \$65 per bouquet and we have two spaces available each week. Checks should be made payable to *St. Andrew's*.

Sign up to be a lector, usher, or chalice bearer

We are seeking lector, ushers, and volunteers for Sundays. Please sign up in the narthex and we will contact you. Mother Michelle will provide training if this ministry is new to you.

Name tags

Help us to remember old faces and get to know new ones. **If you have not ordered a name tag yet or if you have misplaced yours, please place your name on the sign-up sheet located in the back of the church or contact the church office** and we will order one for you. We provide everyone with their first name tag. We can also provide a replacement name tag for \$10.00.

Church directory with pictures is available on our website. It is password protected. If you do not have the password contact the church office and we will make it available to you.

Please help us keep our records current. Let us know if you move, get a new phone number, change your email address or have a different way you wish to be contacted. Any significant changes to your household or status (single, married, widowed, divorced etc.) let us know. We do try to keep up, but sometimes the only person to tell us about these changes is you. If you need to update us, please contact Parish Office.

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.

Today we prayed for the faithful departed, Rodolfo (Roy) Calderon Berley, under the Prayers of the People. Ellen Manetti and Michael Courts have known Roy since he was a child, they are dear friends of his parents. Roy passed away at the age of 32. Please keep John & Rita Berley his parents in your prayers.

Your Prayers are Requested for ...

Pastoral Prayer List

John Berley	Rob Knapp
Dennis Berry	Jenna Larson
Bill & Sandy Bertsch	Kathy Litzinger
Shawn Peterson Cain	Priscilla Masselink
Emily Clegg	Larry Pardee
Bob Corl	Bobby Parker
Hadley Cox	Jeanne Phillips
Betsy Dalrymple	Maurice Price
Marjorie Edwards	Frankie Rediker
Sue Embres	Hal Russell
Gene Findlay	Pat Ryan
Tom Floyd	Gislene Schurmann
Bette 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

ST. ANDREWS' VESTRY MEMBERS

Class of 2025

Rick Granger
Jim Griesemer
Kay Kemper
David Smith *

Class of 2026

Mick Aslin
Anne Beatty
Michael Courts **
Kimberly Whipple

Class of 2027

Renee Farnham
Jay Spurgeon

** Senior Warden ** Junior Warden*

Connie Duckworth (Treasurer)
Rick Granger (Assisting Treasurer)

Mary Campbell (Clerk)

The Alternate Reading for Today

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