

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Sunday, May 3, 2026*



## Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Know that whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here. The Ushers are available to orient you to the building and assist you; please let them know what you need. Children are invited to worship in the children's area. We invite everyone to join us for coffee and fellowship following the service. We pray that your time at worship with us draws you nearer to God and is a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing.

*Please turn off or silence your cell phone during worship.*

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Opening Hymn H518

"Christ is made the sure foundation"

*Westminster Abbey*

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# Gloria S280

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.

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God 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 WORD OF GOD

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Acts 7:55-60*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

*Read responsively by half verse*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; \*  
**deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
**make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
**for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
**for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
**for you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
**and in your loving-kindness save me.**

## A Reading from the First Letter of Peter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*1 Peter 2:2-10*

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn H487

“Come my Way, my Truth”

*The Call*

## The Gospel

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

*John 14:1-14*

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Katrina L. Grusell

## 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

Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Pause for individual prayers either silently or aloud*

*Celebrant*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

### Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

### Offertory Music

**Presentation Hymn H525** “The church’s one foundation” *Aurelia*

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All are invited to receive communion; those not receiving communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please let the clergy know. If you need to receive communion seated in the pew, due to mobility, please let the ushers know.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer D

*The Congregation responds with the words in bold*

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Then, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

## Sanctus

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel, as able, then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you,  
We bless you,  
We give thanks to you,  
And we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

**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**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is said*

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

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

*The Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn WLP791**

“Peace before us”

**Communion Hymn WLP810** “You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord”

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray,

*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.**

## SENDING OUT

### **The Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

*When a Lay Eucharistic Visitor is taking communion to a parishioner, the Celebrant brings the Communion kit to the Lay Eucharistic Visitor in front of the congregation and says,*

*Leader* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **The Blessing**

*Celebrant*

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord, send you forth renewed, restored, and ready to proclaim the Good News to all; and the blessing of God, the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn H484**

"Praise the Lord through every nation"

*Wachet auf*

### **The Dismissal**

*Priest* Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

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

## VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

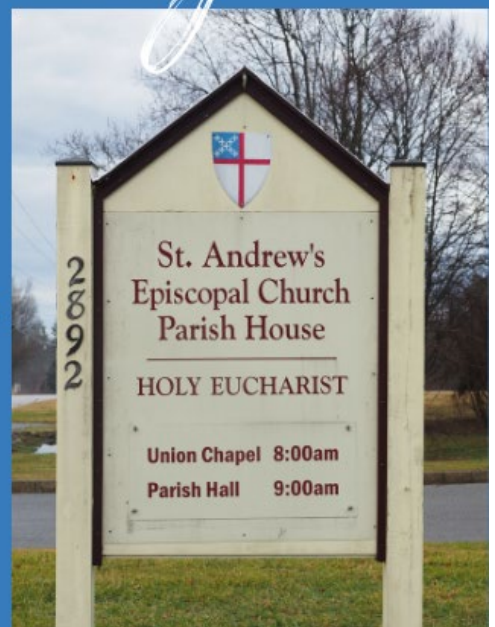
At its April monthly meeting, the Vestry:

- Unanimously approved the Parish Profile and the Vocational Hub in preparation for the search for the new Rector; and noted, with thanks, the fine work of the Profile Team: Gil Conley, Bev Bridger, John Alden, Karen Landry, and Pat McNeilly
- Voted unanimously not to renew the lease of Union Chapel at the end of 2026 (see the Letter to the Congregation in this Enews)
- Elected Linda Corr to fill the open Vestry seat
- The Interim Rector, Katrina, will celebrate her last Sunday at St. Andrew's on June 7th.
- Received the 2023 Financial Review of St. Andrew's from the review team of St. Mark's, Highland

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**  
**10:15 TO 11:30 AM**  
IN THE PARISH HALL

# *Parish Gathering*

**As the transition to a new rector continues, join us for conversation and parish planning for the months ahead.**



Dear Friends in Christ,

Historic Union Chapel holds a special place in the hearts of the people of St. Andrew's. It was St. Andrew's that rescued the building from disrepair and brought life to Union Chapel as a new Episcopal Church launched in Glenwood in 1980. Over the last decade, as demographics have shifted and attendance declined, conversations within the congregation and Vestry took place about continuing the lease with the Trustees of Union Chapel. In October 2025, Vestry members met with congregants from the 8:00 am service to discuss the future use of Union Chapel and how to maintain an 8:00 am service there.

On Sunday, March 29, 2026, following worship, a congregational meeting was held to discuss Union Chapel. Heartfelt memories were shared and St. Andrew's connection to the building was discussed. Yet, attendance at the 8:00 am service has continued to decline. On Easter Day, there were six congregants in attendance and on April 19, one person attended the 8:00 am service. While many ideas were shared at the congregational meeting, there is no demonstrative energy in parishioners to reinvigorate attendance or shift use of the building.

As we look to the future of St. Andrew's, and after much prayerful discernment and discussion within the congregation, the Vestry voted at its April meeting to not renew the lease of Union Chapel. The current lease ends on December 31, 2026.

As a Vestry, we recognize the significant impact this will have on those who regularly attend the 8:00 am service and on many who have deep, long connections to Union Chapel. We also understand the months ahead will require careful curation of items in the chapel that belong to St. Andrew's. We will begin this conversation on May 3 at Adult Forum in the Parish Hall at 10:15 am. In the meantime, Vestry members and our Interim Rector are available to support members of the congregation. As people of the Resurrection, we will care for one another in this time of change as we trust God to guide us into the future.

On behalf of the Officers and Vestry of St. Andrew's,

*Melinda Norbeck*  
Senior Warden

### **St. Andrew's Officers and Vestry**

<b>Melinda Norbeck</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b>Jan Brindza</b>	<b>Junior Warden, Vestry</b>	<b>Warden, 2028; Vestry 2027</b>
<b>Nanette Radue</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>2027</b>
<b>Diane Skeberdis</b>	<b>Registrar, Vestry</b>	<b>Registrar, 2029; Vestry 2028</b>
<b>Mary Nash Wilson</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>2027</b>
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<b>Betty Logan</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>2028</b>
<b>Jan Brendal</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b>Emily Brittle</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b>Betsy Ames</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>2029</b>

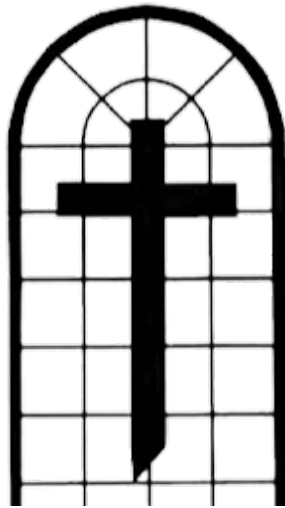
## **St. Andrew's Mission Statement**

The mission of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is to create an inclusive and welcoming community that is grounded in faithful worship, fosters lifelong spiritual growth and learning, and is committed to Christ's hospitable love.

**Prayers have been requested in the St. Andrew's Community for:** Cherry; Bob; Olly; Ralph; Melvina; Peggy; Marcia; Gloria; David; Jan Brendel; Irene; Bobby K; Insley; Carolyn; Eric; Sharon; Carol

**We pray for those on active duty in the armed services and their families:** Westley

**We pray for those who have died and their families:**



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