

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 17, 2020 (10:30 am)
Presider: The Rev. LaClaire Atkins
Preacher: The Rev. John Schaefer
Lector: The Rev. Robert Gross
Organist: Dr. Michael Bauer
Music Director: Ms. Susie Thorne

Prelude: "Footprints" by Wayne Shorter

Announcements

Opening Hymn: Good Christians all, rejoice vs. 1

The Hymnal 1982 - #205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity

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: The Hymnal 1982 - #417 vs. 1

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, _____ whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, _____ and
 3 Sing _____ with all the peo - ple of God, _____ and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For _____ the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



1 blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. [Ant.]
 2 hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. [Ant.]
 3 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. [Ant.]
 4 God and the Lamb for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]
 5 gun his _____ reign. _____ Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Final Antiphon



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Presider: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

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.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18

Jubilate Deo

**7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

**8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

**9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

**10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

**11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

**12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

**13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.**

**14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

**15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.**

**16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

**17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

**18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt

from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: "As The Deer" Words & music by Martin Nystrom



1. As the deer pant-eth for ___ the wa-ter, so my soul longs af - ter You. ___
2. Instrumental (thru meas. 8)

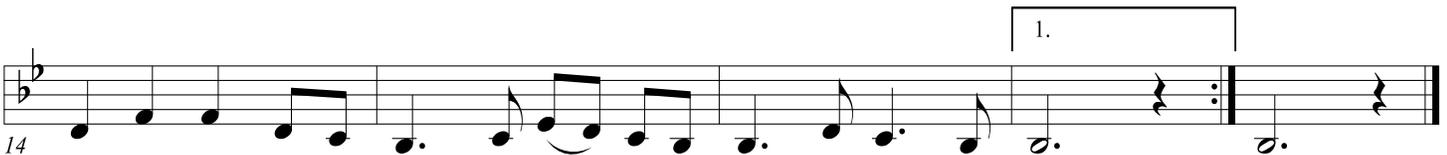


You a - lone are my heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship You. }

Vocal back in:



You a-lone are my strength my shield, to You a-lone may my spi-rit yeild.



You a - lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor - ship You. You.

The Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the

world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer

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.**

Song: "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Traditional Hymn

Adapted with alternate lyrics by Kim Burrell

What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer

O what peace we often forfeit

O what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations

Is there trouble anywhere

We should never be discouraged

Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share

Jesus knows our every weakness

Take it to the Lord in prayer

When you're all alone, feeling down

No need to feel that way too long

You have a God that cares

So remember to pray – oh pray

Mmm pray

I'm going down down my knees

When trouble arrives

And pray...just pray

To the Lord in prayer

Prayers of the People

Jesus, you are the Risen Lord and the Good Shepherd of your people. Hear the cry of your flock as we pray that the Holy Spirit might shield those who work in health care, grant healing in the lives of those infected, and by the power of God, that this global pandemic be brought to a quick end.

Silence.

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, you call us to follow where you lead. Give us ears to hear and know your voice, and give us the courage and strength to lay down our lives for one another, even as you laid down your life for us. We pray especially for those who in these days feel isolated or alone, and for those with little access to healthcare.

Silence.

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, gather to yourself the people of the world so there will be one flock under your reign. Bless and guide all leaders and ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Scott, our Bishop; and our own priests and deacons.

Silence.

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, lead all those who govern and judge, especially Donald, our President; Pete, our Governor; and Jean, our Mayor. Forgive us for our hatred and divisions.

Silence.

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, even when wolves attack your flock, you never leave your loved ones; even in the valley of the shadow of death, you are present. Be with all victims of violence. Comfort them in their distress and lead us to a world where violence ceases to exist. Comfort children who depend on school for food and safety.

Silence.

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, you have blessed us with vast expanses and majestic mountains—places in your world where we find rest and renewal. We thank you for the beauty of the earth. In our parish cycle of prayer, we give thanks for the Cosgrove, Craine, Crosman and Culp families. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Matthew's, Lincoln The Rev. Amanda Gott, The Rev. Steve Lahey · For the retired Bishops of our Diocese: Joe G. Burnett & James E. Krotz

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, you love us so much that you call us each by name. We pray for the healing of our brothers and sisters and all who are in need. Especially Chris: (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook)

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

Good Shepherd, source of our salvation, grant to all who have died a dwelling place in your house forever. (pause, people may add their own petitions, please write petitions in the comment section of Facebook)

**Good Shepherd,
*Receive our prayer.***

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace:

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Prayer for St. Andrew's Parish

Gracious God, who called the Apostle Andrew to follow Jesus; give each of us at St. Andrew's parish the same grace to follow Jesus without delay. Through our worship, work and daily lives may we bring others into your gracious presence. Grant that each of us be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit so that our lives will reflect your love in the world. Through Christ our Savior. Amen

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.**

**We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;**

**but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.***

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing:

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn : Jesus is Lord of all the earth vs. 1

The Hymnal 1982 - #178 Jesus is Lord of all the earth

Descant

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

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Repeat Refrain

He is the King of crea - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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Dismissal

Postlude: Sonata II: Allegro Maestoso Mendelssohn

A blessed Eastertide to all!

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 joyfully making a difference by....
 Worshipping, Loving, Welcoming, Including, Supporting***

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 The Rev. Dr. John Schaefer-----Rector
 The Rev. Robert A. Gross-----Assisting Priest
 The Rev. LaClaire Atkins-----Bishop's Society Curate**