

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

*All Baptized Christians, regardless of age or church affiliation, are
welcome to take communion.*

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

MORNING PRAYER RITE II

Prelude

The Word of God

Processional: *On this day, the first of days* Hymnal 47

The Easter Acclamation Officiant: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

People: The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia

Opening Sentence BCP 81

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him. Alleluia.

Venite BCP 82

The First Lesson Acts 7:55-60

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16 BCP 622

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 2:2-10

Sequence: *Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* Hymnal 487

The Gospel John 14:1-14

The Sermon Mrs. Bliss Peterson

The Apostles Creed BCP 96

The Lord's Prayer BCP 97

Suffrages B

BCP 98

Collect for Sundays BCP 98

The Collect of the Day BCP 225

Prayers of the People Intercessor

The Peace *(All greet one another in the name of the Lord)*

Offertory Music: *Jesus lives! thy terrors now* Hymnal 194

The General Thanksgiving BCP 101

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP 102

Recessional: *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness* Hymnal 492

Dismissal

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Postlude

Welcome to Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

If this is your first time with us, we hope you will join us for coffee hour after the 8:30 or 10:30AM services for fellowship & refreshments. Please sign the guest book or fill out a guest card so we can answer any questions you may have about ECA. Thank you for joining us today.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Prayer List

Elizabeth, Jackie, Laura, Zack & Charlotte, Rae & Chris, Lucas, Jeannie & John, Bill, Irene, Jan, Tom, Dionne, Don, Steve, Marge, Chuck, Jada, Diane, Leo, Gladys, Emberly, Marcia, Julia, Gavin, Corbin, Brandi, Sarah, David, Charles, Holly, Berkenkamp Family, Shannon, Trez, John, Tom, Alaina, Shannon, Piper, Darryl, Dawn, Bill & Sue, Keith, Bella, Ed, Dianne, Betsy, Craig, Diane, Joann, Bob; for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Paul, Les, Tod, Ryan, Mark & Josh;
and for any unspoken prayers.

Birth Announcement

Prayers of Gratitude for the birth of twins Sadie and Liam Harrison, born on April 23 and April 24, to parents Corinne and Hayden Harrison, and proud Grandparents, Phil and Nancy Harrison.

Birthdays

5/3 John Bowen 5/9 Dan Miller
5/8 Janice Maxwell 5/9 Geza Martiny

Anniversaries

Vestry Investor this week, Investor Spotlight: Buildings & Grounds

ECA is not just buildings, you'll discover something more: a peaceful, beautiful setting that feels like a sanctuary for wildlife and a truly special place to worship. The quiet surroundings, open space, and natural beauty create an atmosphere that invites reflection, fosters fellowship, and encourages connection. What often goes unnoticed is the work required to care for it all. Maintaining the grounds alone takes ongoing effort, landscaping, seasonal cleanup, and ensuring everything remains safe and welcoming. The buildings also require constant attention. From routine maintenance and repairs to addressing the challenges that come with aging structures, there is always something that needs attention. This dedicated group of parishioners work faithfully behind the scenes. They generously give their time and talents to keep everything running smoothly. Much of their work happens quietly and without recognition, yet it plays a vital role in everything that happens at ECA. Please take a moment to thank them when you see them and let them know how much their hard work is appreciated.

The Sunday Commissioning

In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of Church of the Annunciation, we send you out bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people that those who will receive them with us may experience the majesty and mystery of His presence. We who are many are one body

People: Because we all share one bread and one cup.

ECA Children/Youth Christian Formation meeting today!

ECA Children/Youth Christian Formation meets on the first and third Sunday of each month at 9:40am. Youth Family breakfast meets on the second Sunday of each month.

Episcopal Church Women Meeting today at Noon in the Activities Bldg.

Episcopal Church Women meet monthly on the first Sunday of the month in the Activities Building. The next ECW lunch is Wednesday, 5/13 at Jim & Nick's BBQ. See Janice Maxwell to RSVP or with questions. All Ladies Welcome!

ECA Finance Committee Meeting today at Noon in the Act. Bldg.

All are invited to attend the ECA Finance Committee Meetings typically meeting on the first Sunday of each month in the back right room of the Activities Building.

Journeys Group to meet Saturday, May 9th at 11:30am in the Activities Bldg.

This is a group that offers support, care, and compassion to those coping with grief, loss or any difficult life challenge meeting on the second Saturday of each month from 11:30am-12:30 in the Activity Building. Please call Suzie Hart at 404.234.5294.

Youth Sunday is Next Sunday, May 10th! Come support our youth.

Mark your calendar for the ECA Annual Youth Sunday, where the youth lead the majority of Sunday service. It is a beautiful service showcasing our youth and their dedication to their faith. Please come join us and support our youth!

ECA Reach Collecting Canned Goods for the Ministries we Support

ECA Supports Must Ministries, Never Alone & Papa's Pantry by donating canned goods and non-perishables. Please bring donations on Sunday and place them in the baskets provided. During these cold months these items are greatly needed.

Joint Worship Service May 14th - All are invited!

ECA has been invited to worship with St. James, St Benedicts, and St Catherines on Thursday May 14th with a covered dish supper at 6pm and then worship at 7pm. Our choir members will be singing in a joint choir with members from the other churches. Fr. Paul will be celebrating the Eucharist. All are welcome to come!

Next Concert under the Pavilion: Hammy Wood on May 30th. Reserve a table!

Join us on May 30th for our own Hammy Wood 6 - 8PM. All are welcome! Invite a friend! As always, tables will be available for a donation or bring your own chairs/blankets. Tables are \$50 and are set under the pavilion.

Mark Your Calendar: ECA 40th Anniversary Events all through Fall 2026

Join us in celebrating our 40th year as ECA! Activities and Events are scheduled throughout the year. All are invited to join us on August 23 for a Family Service and Fun Day at Lake Allatoona. You are also invited to an Anniversary Cruise on Royal Caribbean (5 Night Western Caribbean) September 21-26. We will be apple picking and wine tasting in North Georgia (transportation available) on October 3rd. Other events include an Investors Dinner on January 30th, an ECA cookbook and the big finale All Church Celebration on April 24th. We are honored to continue this journey with you all!

Each Month we provide our Year-to-Date Financials

Through March 2026	Actual	Budget	+/-
Revenues	\$63,144	\$73,540	(\$10,396)
Expenses	\$58,760	\$86,279	\$27,519
Net Year	(\$4,384)	(\$12,740)	(\$17,123)

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