



THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 10, 2021

5:30 pm



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH



WELCOME—Thank you for joining us today for this special worship and occasion at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church! Our spiritual call is to "Worship Christ, Grow Together, and Serve Others."

GUESTS – We would love to meet you and give you a gift at the Welcome Kiosk in the Gathering Space. We ask that you please sign the Guest Register at the Welcome Kiosk. You may learn more about our parish family at [www.standrewsvalpo.org](http://standrewsvalpo.org).

CHILDREN – Our Children's Ministry classes for preschoolers thru 4th graders are now held on Zoom weekly on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm using the "Godly Play" curriculum, a method that engages the whole child – hands, heart, mind, senses, and intuition. You may contact Fr. Roger @ 477-0629 or Jen Rodd @ 678-429-0524 for the Zoom link. For more information on our Children's Ministry, please contact ministry Leader Jen Rodd at jenniferjrodd@yahoo.com.

YOUTH – Our classes for Youth in grades 5-8 are now held weekly on Sundays @ 5:00pm on Zoom. Our classes for high school youth are held on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 7:00pm on Zoom. To learn more, or to receive the Zoom link for the class, please contact our youth ministry leader, Sarah Colias, at 219-788-2895, or sarahcolias@comcast.net, or at <http://standrewsvalpo.org/get-connected/youthministry/>.

HOLY COMMUNION – We invite all baptized persons to receive communion.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday - Friday 9am-4pm

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES & BIBLE STUDIES

Saturday	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	9:00am	Worship
10:00am	10:00am	Bible Study
Tues.	7:00am	Men's Study
Mon.-Thur.	9:00am	Morning Prayer
Wed.	6:00pm	Worship/ Study
Thurs.	2:00pm	Bible Study

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Intercessory Prayer Ministry Team prays for those who complete a Prayer Request card, found on the box on the table in the back of the church for your completion.

**HOLY EUCHARIST WITH
BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE,
AND BLESSING OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**

The First Sunday After Easter Year B

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks
Bishop of The Diocese of Northern Indiana

Saturday, April 10, 2021

5:30 pm

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The Bishop says the 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.

The Gloria

The Bishop and People together

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Collect of the Day

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, * when brethren live together in unity!

2 **It is like fine oil upon the head * that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, * and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 **It is like the dew of Hermon * that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: * life for evermore.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he

himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel

John 20: 19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Sparks

Nicene Creed *Bishop and People*

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.

Prayers of the People

Leader Blessed are you eternal God,
People **to be praised and glorified for ever.**
Leader Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.
People **May we all be one that the world may believe.**
Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,
People **that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**
Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble.
People **In your presence may they find strength.**

Leader Look with your kindness on our homes and families.
People **Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**
Leader Make us alive to the needs of our community.
People **Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**
Leader Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.
People **Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**
Leader Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.
People **Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**
Leader We rejoice with those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week, especially parishioners **Regina Bluell (4-11), Ruth Foster (4-11), Rich Kado (4-11), Alice Pittman (4-14), Karen Brenner (4-15), Sandy Horne (4-16), Austin Yim, (4-16), Dan Paff (4-17), and Tim & Becky Ames (4-11).**
People **May they be filled with your grace.**
Leader We remember those who have died, especially Sheryl and Joseph.
People **Father, into your hands we commend them.**
Leader We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.
People **May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

We pray in silence for our own needs...

Bishop

God our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgivings and our prayer; for we put our trust in you the living God, risking disappointment, risking failure, working and waiting expectantly. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please be seated during the Offertory. The Bishop says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord. You may present your offerings to the Lord, and in support of your spiritual home, you may do one of the following: In-person may place your offering in the wooden church, virtual worshippers may mail your contribution to the church, Text to 844.419.0215, or make an online donation on our secure website.



Blessing of Stained-Glass Windows

Bishop Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for the beautification of your church, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate these stained-glass windows to your praise and glory;

People **I will make your windows of agates, and all your borders of pleasant stones.**

Bishop Look upon the rainbow, and praise him who made it:

People **How beautiful it is in its brightness.**

Bishop Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O Lord God, the whole world is filled with the radiance of your glory: Accept our offering of this window which we now dedicate to you for the adornment of this place and the inspiration of your people. Grant that as the light shines through it in many colors, so our lives may show forth the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving *Please stand.*

Bishop Christ is risen!

People **He is risen indeed.**

Bishop Lift your hearts to heaven

People **where Christ in glory reigns.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

The Bishop says

New Zealand Prayer Book

It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

The Sanctus

**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.**

Please kneel or sit, as preferred. The Bishop continues

Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.'

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me. After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me. Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

The Memorial Acclamation Bishop and People

God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

The Bishop continues

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine. Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first. Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. **Amen**

As Christ teaches us we pray

Bishop 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Bishop Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (BCP, p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharist is absolutely impossible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing.



Act of Reception *Bishop and People*

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly my own parish of St. Andrew's and those worshiping there, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. And particularly for all the blessings you have given me. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The Bishop says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Closing Prayer and Mortgage Burning

After Communion, the Bishop says

Dear friends, inspired by God's Holy Word and nourished by His Body and Blood, we are now sent out into the mission field to share the Good News of the Risen Christ. Gathered here in this church building, we rejoice that we have paid all indebtedness on it. As we go forth from this place, let us rededicate this building and rejoice in its holy use. Let us also rededicate ourselves to its mission.

Bishop Blessed be God who calls us together.
People Praise to God who makes us one people.
Bishop Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.
People Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.

Bishop Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.
People **Praise to God who is revealed as love.**
Bishop Blessed be God who alone has called us.
People **Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**
Bishop Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.
People **Amen. Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and you filled them.**

The Bishop and Senior Warden burn the mortgage

After the mortgage is burned, the people say

We now, the people of this congregation, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifices of our mothers and fathers in the faith, and confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
People **Now and forever**
Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
People **Who made heaven and earth**
Bishop May Almighty God bless you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Bishop Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



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