



St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral

Easter II

April 11, 2021 | Holy Eucharist, Rite II | 8:30 a.m.

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Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral! We are glad we can worship together today.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, EOW, PAGE 50

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP), PAGE 94

**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.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.**

The People may be seated.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133 *Read in unison*

**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.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF JOHN

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.**

People **Glory to you, O 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 Christ.

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Very Reverend Anne M. Maxwell

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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.

Grant, O Christ, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Here prayers are added.* Risen Christ, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Here prayers are added.* Risen Christ, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Risen Christ, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve you in them, and love one another as you

love us. *Here prayers are added.* Risen Christ, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Here prayers are added.* Risen Christ, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Here prayers are added.* Risen Christ, **Hear our prayer.**

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER 2

All stand.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death, and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Wherever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time, bring us, with Andrew and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 FRACTION

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

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THE INVITATION

During these next moments of meditation, wherever you are, please receive whatever gifts God makes available to you, in whatever form God makes available to you. We share communion with God and with one another in our prayers and presence.

The People may be seated. Maintain six feet distance as you come down the center aisle to receive communion. After receiving the sacrament, return to your seat before lifting your mask to consume it. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All stand and say together

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God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

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

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYER LISTS

TODAY WE PRAY FOR: Johnny Jones, Mike, Jason, Paul, Lynn Jenkins, Barbara Redmont, Joe Surkin, Paula Hutchins, Tracy Martin, Kit Fields, Donna Lander, Jimmy, Ed Rogge, Linda and Johnny Bass, Gracie Barret, Bill Randolph, Chris, Kitty Surkin, Mike Hughes, Daniel Wilkey, Kathy Howard, Lacey Madden, Bill Triplett, Kellis Moore, Mary Lee, Bill Alexander.

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Penny Hutcherson, Sam Lane, Jr., Susan Culbertson, John Jenkins, Arthur Bland, Dot Kitchings, Colin Monahan, Jack Boardman, Callie, Martha Graeber, Susan Dowdy, Sandra Price, Betty Scott, Mary Lane Wheatley, Nancey, David, Joyce Partridge, Mimi Salmon, Gwen Cole, Sofia, Bill Love, Merrill Dougherty, John Miller, Flo Stover, Susan Hill, Linda Fratesi, Kyleigh Selman, Matt Ross, Betty Vandiver, Donie, Gene Reeves, Philip Thompson, Frances Morse, Wayne Barrett, Larry Alderman, Nathan Ferris, Robert Gaillet, Nick, Jim Baugh, John Howard, Pat, Karen Quay, Valerie Selman, Timeka, Elaine Hallum, Pauline Stray, Cheryl, Mary Esther Walker, Olivia Thompson, Boyce Davis, Jonathan Spencer, Evelyn McGee, Lee Ann, Jeff, Eric Sholnik, Martin Bittick, Bruce Hutchins, Thomas "T" McLaurin, Katheryn Duguay, Bill Hill.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Susan Allenburger; Gerald Bridges, brother of Bettye Cox; Charles Jackson; Patsy Di Muzio, cousin of Elizabeth Bush; Scott Kirchner, brother of Kent Kirchner.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE BIRTH OF: Cooper Merrill Smith, son of Beth and Lucien Smith and little brother of Liam and McEwen.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE MARRIAGE OF: Clara Frances Cannon and William Cooper Simmons.

WE GIVE THANK FOR THE ORDINATION TO THE TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE OF: The Reverend Jenny Newman and the Reverend Marie Smith.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, April 11: Bill Howard, Jessica Shafer; Monday, April 12: Claire Ketner, Mike Scott; Tuesday, April 13: Walter Neely; Wednesday, April 14: Adam Strong, Maggie Fortier; Thursday, April 15: Holli Roach, Darian Gibson; Friday, April 16: Marjorie Blalock, Andrew Roach; Saturday, April 10: Tim Cannon, Joe Hegwood, George Penick, Nichol Rhoden, Whitney Harris; Sunday, April 18: Robert Ireland.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL: Judy and Bert Brown, April 4; Kathy and Bill Howard, April 17, 1971; Dawn and Mike Flannes, April 20, 2003; Meredith and Jimmy Creekmore, April 24, 1966; Susannah and Leif Mylroie, April 28, 2018.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER WE PRAY FOR WORKING TOGETHER JACKSON: This organization seeks to provide much-needed collaboration, coordination, and synchronization of efforts of persons and organizations dedicated to making more abundant life possible in our community. Its member organizations, including St. Andrew's, need individuals who wish to commit not only to doing justice and loving mercy themselves, but to humbly walk with others in concerted efforts to improve quality of life for all Jacksonians. For more information or to take part in the Cathedral's partnership with Working Together Jackson, contact Charles Hooker at Hook2115@aol.com

WEDDINGS | Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy. 601-354-1535.

HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton, at 601-487-2736 or jdeaton@standrews.ms

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. During the week, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less acute but longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please contact the Rev. Jennifer Deaton at jdeaton@standrews.ms

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

HOSPITAL VISITS, HOME VISITS, AND PASTORAL CARE | At this time, we may not be able to make in-person pastoral visits to hospitals or long term care facilities. However, please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy if you or a family member are in need of pastoral prayer or conversation. Voicemails are sent to our email inboxes. The Cathedral number is 601-354-1535.