

St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
for
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

14 May 2023 at 11:15 am

Concerning the Liturgy

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The red, italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

VOLUNTARY *O Perfect Love* Janet Linker
THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;
may God meet you in your celebration
and give you the Spirit's peace;
may God bless you and at the last,
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

In Procession, a Hymn *Victory* Hymnal 208
All stand and sing.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Opening Acclamation BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis Mathias Hymnal S278
The Collect of the Day: *6 Easter* BCP 225
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.

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

All sit.

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.

At the Gradual, Psalm 66:7-18

Plainsong

Sung by all.



- 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 al/low 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 up/on 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 re/freshment.
- 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 with/held his / love from me.

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,
and to the / Holy / Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is / now,
and will be for / ever. / Amen.

The Second Lesson

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.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

St. Bartholomen's

Hymnal 514

All stand.

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.

The Sermon

The Rev. James M.L. Grace

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

All stand.

The Prayers of the People

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of God’s praise to be heard, saying, “we call out to you with our mouths; your praise is on our tongues.”

Lord Christ, you have not left us orphaned, but have given your Church an Advocate. May that same Holy Spirit teach us to keep your commandments and comfort us with divine love. We call out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongues.**

Loving God, bless the suffering. May those who suffer for doing good find a friend in Christ Jesus. May those who suffer from disasters beyond their control find you attentive to the voice of their prayers. We call out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongues.**

Lord of heaven and earth, you made the world and everything in it. You give to all mortals life and breath and all things. May we be faithful stewards of all you have created. We call out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongues.**

Merciful Lord, bless the people of this city with a spirit of gentleness and reverence. May we be set free from fear to live, instead, in hope. We call out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongues.**

God, you are not far from each one of us. You love us as your children. Reveal your love, especially this day, to the sick and sorrowful. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Rachel, Gary, Patty, Jeanne, Nancy, Arlette, Roy, Jameison, Ann, Birgitt, Mark, John, and Rosie. We call out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongues.**

Heavenly Father, you hold our souls in life. You have saved us in baptism.

Because your Son Jesus lives so do we rejoice in the hope of unending life in you. We pray for those who have died, including Lynne, Alice, Edith, Casey, and Margaret. We call out to you with our mouths; **your praise is on our tongues.**

The priest adds a concluding collect.

In keeping with both the rubrics in The Book of Common Prayer and the practice of the church, the Confession is omitted during the season of Easter.

The Peace

BCP 332

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The loose plate (cash and coin) collection today will benefit Episcopal Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS). ECHOS was officially formed in 2001, in response to the health and social service needs of the rapidly increasing population of newly arrived immigrants and refugees who were being resettled in the community surrounding the Church of the Epiphany. The original purpose was and continues to be to help families meet their basic needs on their path to self-sufficiency, while addressing the social determinants of health. echoshouston.org

Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



At the Offertory, an Anthem

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
 And pleasure dearly I have bought:
 I missed of all: but now I see
 'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
 Here I will sit and rest awhile:
 Under the shadow I will be
 Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
 It keeps my dying faith alive;
 Which makes my soul in haste to be
 With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

Words: Anonymous

Music: Elizabeth Poston

At The Presentation, a Hymn

Lasst uns erfreuen

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low;
 Al-le-lua-ia! Ale-le-lu-ia! Praise God a-bove, ye heavn'ly host;
 praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly-Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); alt.
 Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623;
 adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1897-1958)

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

Sanctus et Benedictus

Mathias

BCP 367

Hymnal S128

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Plainsong

Hymnal S171

Agnus Dei

Mathias

Hymnal S165

All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.

At the Distribution, a Hymn

*Land of Rest
Royal Oak*

Hymnal 304
Hymnal 405

The Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

BCP 366

In Procession, a Hymn

Finnian

Hymnal 492

The Dismissal

BCP 366

VOLUNTARY

Ceremonial March

Herbert Sumsion



Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall on the 2nd floor, which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Betty Williams Simpson by Nancy Simpson.

To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.

ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”

Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarra Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Rachel Schevtz, *granddaughter of DeAnna Bosch*
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Patty Mejia, *spouse of Frank Guevara*
Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Nancy Tice, *friend of Bruce and Oscar Banta-Guevara*
Arlette Pharo, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*
Roy Shirner, *father of the Rev. Joann Saylor*
Jameison Farquhar, *nephew of Karin Farquhar*
Ann Weeks, *mother of Alli Jarrett*
Birgitt Haderlein, *friend of Pat Caver and Bill Gilbert*
Mark, *brother of the Rev. Jeff Bobanski*
John Luciani, *son of Margaret Day*
Rosie Berry, *friend of Arlette Pharo and Michel Feray*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Lynne Jewett Smith, *friend of Sharon Klander*
Alice Meriwether, *friend of Sharon Klander*
Edith Chevalier, *mother of Don Chevalier*
Casey Rennie, *wife of Tony Rennie and sister in law of David Rennie*
Margaret Bailey, *friend of DeAnna Bosch*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at cconti@saccheights.org. If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

Parish Life & News

Pentecost Sunday: On Sunday, May 28th, we will have special service times for Pentecost. Our Rite I service will still be at 7:30 AM. There will be only one Rite II service at 10 AM. A potluck brunch in the Parish Hall will follow. Bring a dish to share!

Two Special Services for Evensong: Mark your calendar! The St. Andrew's Choir presents Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday, May 18th at 7 PM. On Sunday 21 May at 5, the Choristers choir will present a service of Evensong to celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Choristers will also receive their Voice for Life ribbons and medals to recognize their achievements throughout the year. Please join us as we celebrate with the Choristers choir!

Faith & Film: The St. Andrew's Faith & Film group will discuss *The Most Reluctant Convert*, on Monday, May 22nd at 7 PM. Email lpucio@saecheights.org for a Zoom invite.

Air Conditioning Update: The HVAC replacements are on order. Our current completion estimate for the unit servicing the Parish Hall is mid June. The estimate for completion on the house downstairs air conditioning is end of May.

Church Nursery: The nursery is open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM for infants through 3 years.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Alanon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at jgrace@saecheights.org.



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