# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

The Celebration & Administration of

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

for

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

7 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.

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	(Day-Spring of Eternity)	

#### **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	Aurelia	Hymnal 525
All stand and sing.		

# The Word of God

The Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria in excelsis	Mathias	Hymnal S278
The Collect of the Day: 5 Easter	~	BCP 225
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.** 

#### The First Lesson

# Acts 7:55-60

#### All sit.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God.

# At the Gradual, Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 Sung by all.

Plainsong



- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to / shame; \* deliver me / in your / righteousness.
- 2 Incline your / ear to me; \* make haste / to de/liver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my / stronghold; \* for the sake of your Name, / lead me and / guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly / set for me, \* for you are my / tower / of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my / spirit, \* for you have redeemed me, O / LORD, O / God of truth.

- 15 My times are in your / hand; \* rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from / those who / persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your / servant, \* and in your loving-/kindness / save 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 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

> "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and

"A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

# At the Sequence, a Hymn *All stand*.

# The Holy Gospel

#### John 14: 1-14

Hymnal 243

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Salvation

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Rev. Jeff Bohanski

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed *All stand*.

BCP 358

# The Prayers of the People

Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people. Let us pray to our good God, saying, "Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving kindness save us."

In you, O Lord, does your church take refuge. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to do great works in Jesus' name. May your church glorify you in all our doings. Make your face to shine upon us, **and in your loving kindness save us.** 

Ancient of Days, rescue the innocent from the hands of those who persecute them. Hold in your strong hands the oppressed and the abused. Make your face to shine upon us, **and in your loving kindness save us.** 

God, our strong rock, give us eyes to see your hand at work in our world. Lead us and guide us that we may be good stewards of your creation. Make your face to shine upon us, **and in your loving kindness save us**.

Tower of Strength, assure those who are unemployed or living in poverty that they are precious in your sight. Make your face to shine upon us, **and in your loving kindness save us.** 

Merciful God, incline your ear to those in need of deliverance. Calm the troubled hearts of the suffering and the sorrowful, of the sick and the anxiety-plagued. We pray for those on our prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Rachel, Gary, Patty, Bruce, Sue, Jeanne, Nancy, Arlette, Roy, Jameison, Ann, Birgitt, Mark, John, and Rosie. Make your face to shine upon us, **and in your loving kindness save us.** 

God of truth, we commend the dying and the dead into your hands. We rejoice in Jesus' promise that he has prepared for us a place in your eternal home. We pray for those who have died, including Tony, Lynne, Alice, and Edith. Make your face to shine upon us, **and in your loving kindness save us.** 

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

# 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

O Thou, Whose All-Redeeming Might

O Thou, whose all-redeeming might crowns every saint in glory bright, on this commemoration day hear us, good Jesu, while we pray.

Contending for thy holy name thy servants earned their saintly fame, which pious hearts with praise revere I n constant memory year by year.

Earth's fleeting joys they counted naught, for higher, truer joys they sought, and now with angels round the throne unfading treasures are their own.

O grant that we, most gracious God, may follow in the steps they trod; and, freed from every stain of sin, as they have won may also win.

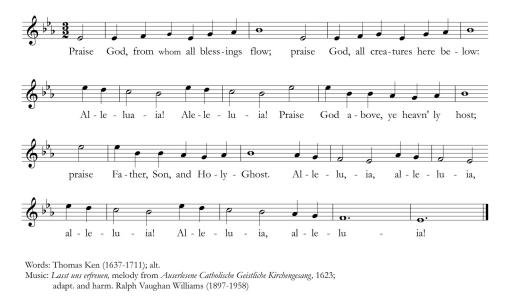
To thee, O Christ, our loving King, all glory, praise and thanks we bring; whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

# Words: Richard Benson Music: Plainsong, arr. David Blackwell

# At The Presentation, a Hymn

Lasst uns erfreuen

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.



The Great Thanksgiving: Euchar	istic Prayer B	BCP 367
Sanctus et Benedictus	Mathias	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	Middlebury	Hymnal 213
	Nyack	Hymnal 318

The Post-Communion	Prayer & Blessing	BCP 366
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Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by the Eyuboglu family 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 the Rev. John Binford by Cathey Harrison.

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, hear our prayers for this parish family."

# Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:

Sarrah 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 Bruce Steinhauer, parishioner at St. Andrew's Sue Schuler, friend of Gary and Diana Burton 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 Saylors 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 Bohanski John Luciani, son of Margaret Day Rosie Berry, friend of Arlette Pharo and Michel Feray

#### We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Tony Pryor, parishioner at St. Andrew's Lynne Jewett Smith, friend of Sharon Klander Alice Meriwether, friend of Sharon Klander Edith Chevalier, mother of Don Chevalier

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@saecheights.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

**Youth Group:** The youth want to thank everyone who participated in yesterday's car wash. Your generosity and support of our mission trip helps make the Kingdom of God on earth a little more of a reality. Now it's off to McAllen!

**Youth Sunday:** The youth meet tonight at 5 PM in the parish hall for food, fellowship, and fun. It's time for another round of Charades (Episcopal Edition)!

**The Ladies of St. Andrew's:** The Ladies of St Andrew's will meet at Hungry Like The Wolf, 920 Studemont St #900 on Wednesday, May 10, at 7 PM, for dinner, drinks, and an all-around spiritual time. All ladies are welcome to join!

**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.

**Church Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM for infants though 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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