The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist April 28, 2024 · 10:30 am

Welcome to St. Andrew's.

We are grateful for your presence with us this morning. If you want to learn more about St. Andrew's or want us to contact you, sign the guest registry in the Narthex, our Foyer, or fill out a green pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to a clergy person or mailed to the Parish Office. For more detailed information about our worship, ministry, outreach and community please visit our website: www.standrews-madison.org.

Children's Programming at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Church School and Youth Group meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Pre K-2nd grade and a 3rd – 5th grade classes meet on the lower level of the church at 10:15 with the kids returning to their families in the pews at the Peace. Youth Group meets in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. The Nursery, located on the lower level of the church, is staffed on Sunday mornings from 10 am – noon. You will find a changing table and diapering supplies in the bathroom at the foot of the steps in our foyer.

PRELUDE | Fantasia con Imitatione in B minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

The Word of God

The service follows the service for Holy Eucharist: Rite II, which begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Music can be found in the blue Hymnal in your pew rack.

Congregational responses are printed in bold.

HYMN | On this day, the first of days (Gott sei Dank)

hymnal 47

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.*

FIRST LESSON Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no

more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30 The congregation joins in singing the verses in bold print.



- 24 My praise is of you in the | great as | sembly; *

 I will perform my vows in the | presence of | those who | worship you.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, ~ and those who | seek you shall | praise you:*
 "May your | heart | live for | ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall re | member and | turn to you, * and all the families of the | nations shall | bow be | fore you.
- 27 For yours is the royal | power, O | God; * you | rule | over the | nations.
- 28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth bow | down in | worship; * all who go down to the | dust | fall be | fore you.
- 29 My soul shall live for you; ~ my de | scendants shall | serve you; * they shall be | known as | yours for | ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a | people yet un | born * the saving | deeds that | you have | done.

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THE EPISTLE 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one

another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

HYMN | In Christ there is no East or West (McKee)

hymnal 529

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Gospeller: The Gospel of Our Savior.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

A brief silence follows the sermon.

NICENE CREED

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Intercessor: Risen Lord,

People: Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

All greet one another in the name of the Lord.

CELEBRATIONS AND INVITATIONS

Gifts and pledges of financial support to the life, work, and ministry of St. Andrew's make up 95% of our operating budget. If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's today, you may place it in the offering plates, when they are passed through the congregation during the Offertory Anthem. If you would like to make a pledge of financial support to St. Andrew's you will find pledge cards on the window sills at the back of the church, or you may pledge online at: https://www.standrews-madison.org/give.html

The Holy Communion

ANTHEM | I am the true vine

text from John 15:1-3, 5, 8-9, 12 music by Peter Aston (1938-2013)

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman

Ev'ry branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit.

I am the vine, ye are the branches.

He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much furit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

At the Presentation:

The people stand as the offering is brought forward.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A, Expansive Language Version

SURSUM CORDA



Celebrant:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS sung

S127 in front of the hymnal

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God:

People: In your infinite love you made us for yourself;

Celebrant: And, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and

death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to

reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

People: Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered

himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the

whole world.

Celebrant: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior

Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my

Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given

thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the

remembrance of me."

Celebrant:: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in

this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

People: Recalling *Christ's* death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Celebrant: Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body

and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and

unending life in Christ.

People: Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your

eternal kingdom.

Celebrant: All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with

Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and

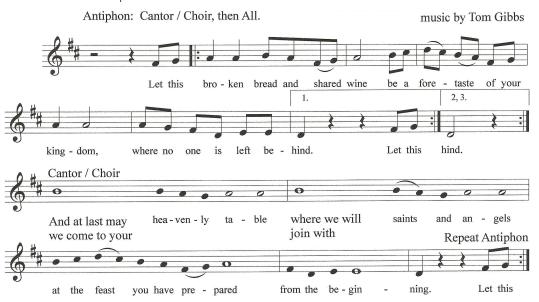
glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Celebrant: As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer contemporary, sung

S149 in front of the hymnal

THE FRACTION | Let this bread be broken



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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

Hymn | Come, my Way, my, Truth, my Life (The Call)

hymnal 487

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

HYMN | Lord dismiss us with thy blessing (Sicilian Mariners)

hymnal 344

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE | Fuge in B minor

J.S. Bach

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THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Monday April 29

8am Senior Exercise (Parish Hall)

Tuesday, April 30

7:00am AA Meeting*
9:45am Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
6:45pm Hymn Study
7:00pm Easter Formation—Praying To Frame The Day
7:30pm Regent Recorder Ensemble

Wednesday, May 1

6:30am Dawn Patrol Bible Study 8:00am Senior Exercise (Parish Hall) 7:30pm Benedictine Cell Group

Thursday, May 2

7:00am AA Meeting* 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 730pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

*AA Meetings held at St. Andrew's are closed groups, meaning they are only open to A.A. members and those who have a drinking problem and "have a desire to stop drinking."

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8:00am Eucharist

Spoken Eucharist

10:30am Eucharist

Choral Eucharist

Online Worship can be found at https://www.standrews-madison.org/online-church.html
The recording of the live-streamed service will be available after the service has been recorded.

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