

WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

11:15 AM



In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, welcome! I am honored and delighted that you have chosen Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church as a place to worship this morning. If this is your first time to visit I encourage you to fill out a **Connect Card** on the back of the pew in front of you, and drop it in one of the offering plates so we can learn about you and thank you for worshiping with us. Please also pick up one of the red folders which includes information about Saint Andrew's life and ministry. I invite you to participate in today's worship service and thank you for joining us this morning.

Daryl T. Hay+
Rector

La Santa Eucaristía se está celebrando en el Salón Principal de la Iglesia St. Andrew's, ubicado en la entrada por el parqueadero.

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector
Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 28, 2024

The Rev. Benjamin Sánchez, Church Planter
The Holy Eucharist: Rite One
11:15 AM

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Preludes on *Hyfrydol*

David Cherwien (b. 1957) and Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

OPENING HYMN 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE WLP 880 *Christ our Passover (Williams)*

The following is sung, all standing



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The People kneel.

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 Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

The People sit.

A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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

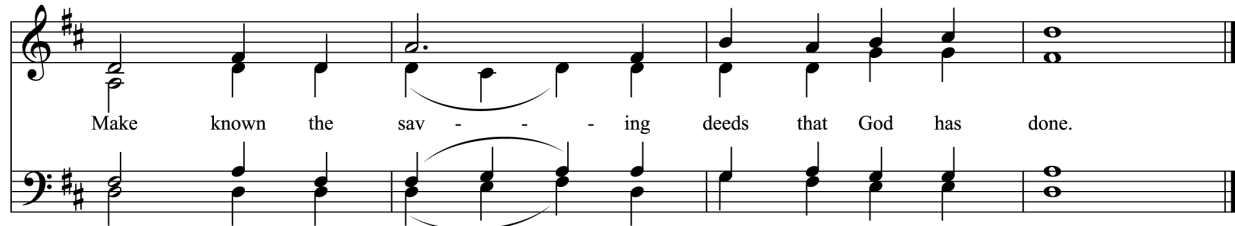
at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30

Remain seated.



²⁴ My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

ANTIPHON

²⁶ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷ For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸ To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

ANTIPHON

²⁹ My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰ They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

ANTIPHON

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

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.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 487 Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8
All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Daryl T. Hay

THE CREED

All stand.

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people kneel.

We give you thanks for those who offer their best as leaders of your people – for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Pray for those who carry out your mission under their leadership. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff, and Kai, our Bishops; Daryl, our Rector; Benjamin, our Church Planter; Hayden and Michael, our Seminarians, and those who discern a call. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for All Saints', Fort Worth; All Souls, Arlington; and Faith, Wichita Falls. Pray for God's church. We pray for Middleway Urban Monastery, that it may provide space for those seeking hope, comfort, and peace. We also pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Mike, Augustine, Abigail, Linda, Joan, Kimberly, Cassandra, Kyle, Janet, and Caleb.

Silence.

We offer our prayers for the leaders of our nation—for our president, our governor, Congress, and the courts of this land. Give them courage and wisdom and a heart for justice. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

We pray for mercy for those who suffer from hunger, in poverty, in the wake of violent storms, after earthquakes. Sustain them in their struggles and give them hope. We are thankful for compassionate people who answer their call for help. Pray for those who suffer around the world.

Silence.

We pray for those who are ill, for those who live in fear and whose spirits are restless, especially for Pat, Lacey, Carole, Cliff, Kendrick, Claudia, Lisa, Don, Tom, Mary, Bill, Penni, Max, and Layan. Give comfort for those who are dying and those who stand beside them as they find their way home. Pray for new and unending life in this world and the next.

Silence.

We pray for those who have died, especially for Willis Marti and Margaret Ann Hudson.

Our hearts are full this day, Lord, as we embrace new life in you. We give you thanks for the gift of song and joyful spirits.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Love One Another Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
Patty Creel, Soprano soloist

DOXOLOGY

The people stand.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here be -

low, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Praise Him ab - ove, ye heav'n - ly host, Praise

Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, O - praise Him, O - praise Him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

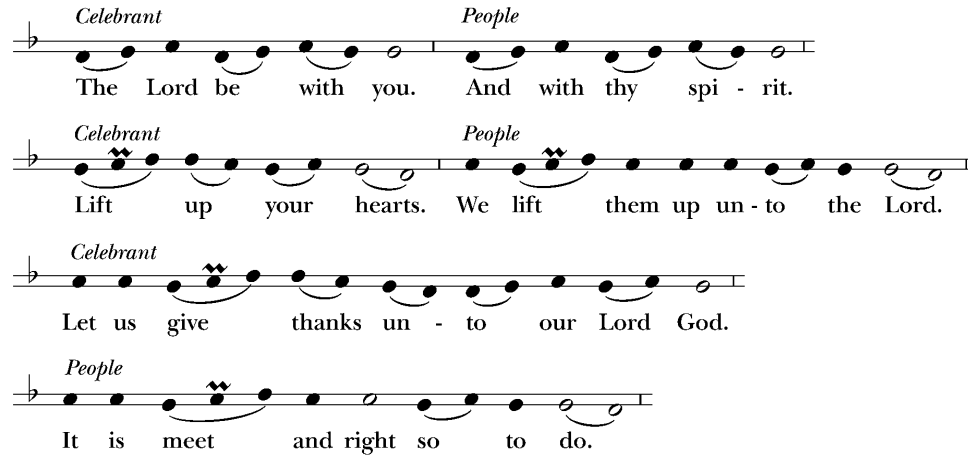
lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The people remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving.

The Celebrant faces them and sings



Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People
It is meet and right so to do.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

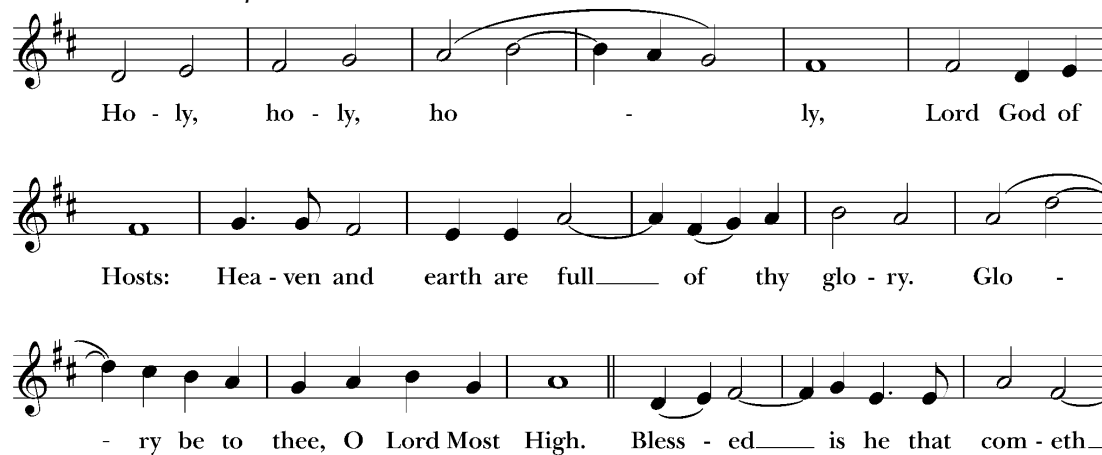
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS S 114 *Holy, holy, holy* (Willan)

Celebrant and People



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -



The People remain standing.
The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM (*please join us in singing the refrain*)

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN 335 I Am the Bread of Life

WLP 806 If You Believe and I Believe

If you be-lieve and I be-lieve and we to - geth - er

pray, the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple

free, and set God's peo - ple free, and set God's peo - ple

free; the Ho - ly Spir - it must come down and set God's peo - ple free.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

May 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.**

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 657 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

DISMISSAL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Sonata III, Con moto maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC: Today's Opening Voluntary pieces were composed by two leading contemporary Lutheran composers, using the tune of our Closing hymn. This Sunday's Sequence hymn reflects a line in the Collect of the Day, "the way, the truth and the life." The Gospel reading's theme of loving each other is echoed in our Closing Hymn, "Love Divine."

As we move toward the Feast of Pentecost, the hymn "If You Believe" foreshadows the coming of the Holy Spirit, who, if we together pray, "must come down." This hymn was sung by those in prison in South Africa during their struggle for freedom.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley, composer of our Offertory Anthem, was the grandson of Charles Wesley, and the son of Samuel Wesley. He was an English organist and composer who began singing in the Chapel Royal as a boy. He served as organist of Hereford, Exeter, Winchester, and Gloucestershire Cathedrals during his career.

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST: Sharon, Erica, Tia, Barbara, Carmen, Gary, Inell, Jean, and Kevin.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Looking Ahead

To receive "The Line," our weekly e-newsletter, please email: office@standrewsbcs.org

Morning Prayer is offered Monday through Friday, 8 AM in the church.

Evening Prayer is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 5 PM in the church.

The 9 AM and 11:15 AM Sunday services are also Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube, and found on our website, www.standrewsbcs.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 28 Children & Youth Bowling Party at Grand Station, 1 PM
- May 1 The Feast of the Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James, 12:15 PM
First Wednesday Potluck & Program: Sharing Faith, 6 PM
- May 3 First Friday Open Doors, starts at 6 PM
BVMTA Focus Festival Winners & AGO Members' Recital in the church, 6:15 PM, 7 PM, and 8 PM
Ballet Folklórico Los Altos de Jalisco outside the church steps, 6:30 PM
Choral Compline by Candlelight, 9 PM
- May 3-5 Bishop Doyle's Texas Reunion at Camp Allen
- May 5 Adult Faith Formation: Celebrating God's Creation – Bees, 10:15 AM
- May 9 Ascension Day with the Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM
Rudder Choir Honors Recital, 6 PM
- May 10 Rome Pilgrimage Recap, 6 PM
- May 11 DOK Spring Brunch and Meeting, 9 AM
- May 12 UTO Offering – Bring in your blue UTO offering boxes
Baptism for Briston Pate, 9 AM
High School Senior Recognition & Teacher Appreciation, 10:15 AM
Second Sunday Luncheon at Cilantro Mexican Restaurant, 12:30 PM
- May 14 Vestry Meeting, 6 PM
- May 15 Public Service of Healing, 5:30 PM
- May 18 Brazos Church Pantry, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
- May 19 Pentecost in the Park at Sue Haswell Park, 11:15 AM
- May 22 The Holy Eucharist at Arbor Oaks at Crestview, 1:30 PM
ZOOM Book Study - *Citizen: Faithful Discipleship in a Partisan World* by C. Andrew Doyle, 7 PM

May 25 Brazos Mobile Food Bank at the Boys & Girls Club, 9 AM
Brazos Church Pantry, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

May 26 Trinity Sunday
Saint Andrew's 101, 10:15 AM
Plass Recital Series: Harmonia Carta, 2 PM

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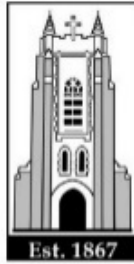
Sunday Faith Formation, 10:15 AM
La Santa Eucaristía, 11:15 AM

Monday Plantación de Iglesia Episcopal en Bryan - Catechism Class, 5 PM
BSA Bible Study, 6 PM (new location - Cooper's Old Time Pit BBQ)

Tuesday Good Grief Group, 10 AM

Wednesday Choir Practice, 3 PM
20/30 Vision, 6 PM
Choir Practice, 7 PM

Thursday Men's Breakfast, 7:00 AM
Ladies Breakfast at Toasted Yolk, 8:30 AM
Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM (last class will be May 16)
Grupo de oración at Middleway Urban Monastery, 3-5 PM
Clases de Lectura Bíblica, 6:30 PM



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