

WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 26, 2026

10:15 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 visiting, 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. A nursery is available for children ages 0-4, should you wish to make use of it during the service. I invite you to participate in today's worship service, and thank you for joining us this morning.

Daryl T. Hay+
Rector

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay, Rector
Dr. Linda Patterson, Director of Music
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 26, 2026

The Rev. Benjamín Sánchez, Vicar of Espiritu Santo

The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
10:15 AM

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Piano Sonata No. 50 in D Major, Hob. XVI: 37, Allegro con brio
David Cates, Pianist

Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1839)

OPENING HYMN 410 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 sung as Hymn 645 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Children in Pre-K through second grade are invited to follow the Processional Cross to Children's Chapel.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Daryl T. Hay

THE NICENE 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.

Brothers and Sisters, Jesus bore our sins on the cross so that we, free from sins, might live in righteousness. Let us pray to our Lord, saying, "Revive our souls, *and guide us along right pathways.*"

Guardian of our souls, call your Church to greater righteousness. Help us to live by your example and follow in your steps. We pray especially for Sean, the Presiding Bishop; Andy, Hector, Jeff, Kai, and Brian, our Bishops; Daryl, our Rector; Benjamín, the Vicar of Espíritu Santo; Amy, our Iona School student; and those discerning a call to ministry. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Alban's, Houston; St. James', Houston; and St. Luke the Evangelist, Houston. We also pray for Middleway Urban Monastery, that it may provide space for those seeking hope, comfort, and peace.

Revive our souls, **and guide us along right pathways.**

Guardian of our souls, spread out your table in the presence of those who are troubled. Feed their souls and bodies with your good and generous gifts.

Revive our souls, **and guide us along right pathways.**

Guardian of our souls, you have blessed us with a beautiful planet full of places where we can find rest and peace. May we care for it, as you care deeply for all you have made.

Revive our souls, **and guide us along right pathways.**

Guardian of our souls, we remember your mercy and faithfulness toward those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Justinn, Mike, Augustine, Abigail, Linda, Joan, Kimberly, and Vicki. Thank you for the gift of their lives and the joy they bring to our community. Bless them in the year ahead with health, happiness, and a deepening awareness of your love.

Revive our souls, **and guide us along right pathways.**

Guardian of our souls, you desire the goodwill of all the people. Give us generous hearts and open hands.

Revive our souls, **and guide us along right pathways.**

Guardian of our souls, it is your presence that comforts us. Make your presence known to the sick and the sorrowful, to the fearful and the weak, especially Julia, Deb, Courtney, Rick, and James.

Revive our souls, **and guide us along right pathways.**

Guardian of our souls, you came that we may have life, and have it abundantly. Bring the dying and the dead into your eternal home, especially Tom Ritter and Margaret Ann Hudson.

Revive our souls, **and guide us along right pathways.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Sheep May Safely Graze"

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Sheep may safely graze and pasture in a watchful shepherd's sight. Those who rule, with wisdom guiding, bring
to hearts a peace abiding,*

*Night and death are drawing near. Yet now danger shall alarm me, death and darkness ne'er can harm me. In
his arms I feel no fear.*

*Like a shepherd God doth guide us into pastures calm and blest.
Safe we lie by peaceful waters, and like sheep securely rest.*

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380, verse 3

The people stand.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Celebrant says

The people remain standing throughout the Great Thanksgiving.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a proper preface is said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125 Holy, holy, holy (*Proulx*)

Celebrant and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People remain standing.
The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us

from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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."

After supper he 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

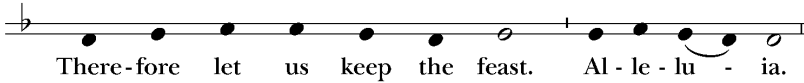
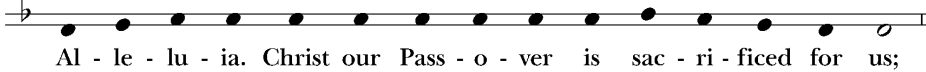
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

This setting is not used in Lent.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

INVITATION

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION ANTHEM: The Lord is My Shepherd

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

COMMUNION HYMNS

HYMN 664 My Shepherd

HYMN 343 Shepherd of Souls

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

EASTER 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.**

CLOSING HYMN 708 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

DISMISSAL

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

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"The Rejoicing" from Music for Royal Fireworks by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

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The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST: Arthur, Suzan, Beth, Stu, Atreyu, Fran, Nathan, Mary, John, Randy, Dixie, Barbara, Marvin, Norm, Sarah, Danna, Liz, Bill, Bob, and Nancy

NOTES ABOUT THE MUSIC: J. S. Bach wrote "Soli Deo Gloria," for the Glory of God, on many of his manuscripts, and he is known for his tremendous sacred compositions, but before he was a church musician, he was employed by the Court of the Duke of Weimar. Today's Offertory Anthem, "Sheep May Safely Graze," comes from a secular cantata, Cantata 208, commissioned for the birthday of his employer's friend, the Duke of Sachsen-Weissenfels in 1713. The shepherd was originally the Duke, but the text was later changed for sacred use and the piece became one of Bach's best-loved works.

LOOKING AHEAD

To receive *The Line* (weekly e-newsletter), email office@standrewsbcs.org

Morning Prayer: Tues–Fri, 8 AM | Evening Prayer: Tues–Thurs, 5 PM

10:15 AM Sunday service live-streamed on Facebook, YouTube, and www.standrewsbcs.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 26 – The Episcopal Way: Introduction to the Episcopal Church, 9:15 AM

May 1 – The Feast of the Apostles Saint Philip and Saint James, 12:15 PM | First Friday Open Doors, 6 PM with Choral Compline, 8 PM

May 3 – Saint Andrew's 101, 9:15 AM | Senior Sunday and Teacher Recognition, 10:15 AM

May 10 – Mother's Day Tea, 9:15 AM in the Upper Room | A/V Ministry Training, 9:15 AM in the Parlor

May 14 – Ascension Day with the Holy Eucharist, 12:15 PM

May 15 – Plass Recital Series: The Brad Leali Jazz Ensemble featuring Carla Helmbrecht, 7 PM

May 17 – Final Faith Formation session before the summer break

May 19 – Bach’s Lunch, 12:15 PM

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday, The Holy Eucharist at 8 AM & 11:15 AM (bilingual service) followed by lunch in the Parish Hall

May 25 – Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)

May 26, 27, & 28 – Making Waves VBS, 5:30 to 7:30 PM: Get ready to Make Waves with us this summer at Vacation Bible School, inspired by the United Thank Offering curriculum. Together, we will explore how small acts of gratitude and generosity can ripple outward, sharing God’s love in big ways. **Registration is open; look for flyers around the church.**

May 29 – W.I.N.E.©, 6 PM (location TBD)

May 31 – Trinity Sunday, The Holy Eucharist at 8 AM & 10:15 AM

WEEKLY/MONTHLY MINISTRIES

As plans occasionally shift, we encourage you to check the Saint Andrew’s online calendar for the most current information and a complete list of upcoming events.

Sunday – The Holy Eucharist: 8 AM and 10:15 AM | Faith Formation, 9:15 AM (final session May 17)

Monday – Brotherhood of St. Andrew Bible Study, 6 PM (offsite at St. Francis)

Tuesday – Good Grief Group, 9:30 AM | Youth Café Conversations, 6 PM (offsite at St. Francis)

Wednesday – Choir Practice, 3 & 7 PM | Handbell Rehearsal, time varies (contact Linda for more details) | Public Service of Healing (3rd Wednesday of the month) | 20–30 Vision, 6 PM

Thursday – Men’s Breakfast, 7 AM | Ladies Breakfast, 8:30 AM (offsite at Cracker Barrel) | Card Committee (3rd Thursday of the month)

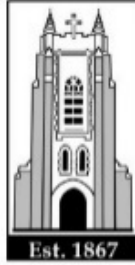
Friday – Music Play with Ms. Patty, 9:30 AM

Saturday – DOK, 9 AM (2nd Saturday of the month) | Flower Guild: Flower Arranging, 10 AM | Brazos Church Pantry Volunteer Day (3rd and 4th Saturday of the month)

SAVE the DATE

May 31–June 5 – Diocesan Music Camp: Calling all young musicians! Join us for Diocesan Music Camp, May 31–June 5. Open to rising 6th–12th graders. No audition required. Look for the registration link in *The Line*. **Registration deadline: Friday, May 1.**

October 9–12, 2026 – National Acolyte Festival: Saint Andrew’s acolytes are invited to be part of a special trip to Washington, D.C., October 9–12, 2026. On October 10, we will attend the National Acolyte Festival at the Washington National Cathedral and enjoy time for fellowship and sightseeing. This opportunity is open to all current and prospective acolytes and their families. **Look for the flyer in the vesting room to sign up or reach out to Jennifer Lilleker.**



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