

WELCOME TO SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9 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

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 Two
9:00 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.

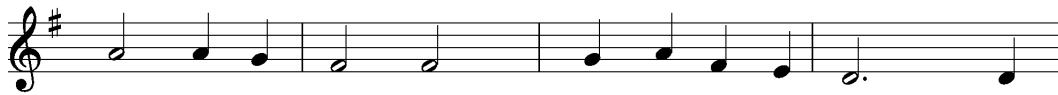
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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!
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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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.

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
Children and youth are invited to follow the Processional Cross to Children's Chapel.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8
All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord 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."

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

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!

rit.

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right

hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Andrew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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,
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



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

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.

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

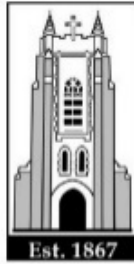
UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 28 Introduction to the Episcopal Church, 10:15 AM
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

WEEKLY MINISTRIES

- 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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