

The Fifth Sunday in Easter, Year C
May 19, 2019 *8:00 AM Worship*
The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1

Welcome to
St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA



An Affirming Church

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Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we used a fixed “script” to guide us through a worship experience in which all are participants. Although you may be new to a liturgical form of worship, much of the liturgy we use is ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; other parts, such as the Lord’s Prayer and parts of the Prayer of Consecration are original to Jesus himself.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service, including suggestions for when it would be appropriate to stand, sit, or kneel; when it would be appropriate to “cross” oneself, etc. However, these are only suggestions and we don’t expect anyone to do anything they’re not comfortable doing or incapable of doing.

Additionally, **the responses which the congregation makes** are shown in bold text. And in case you were wondering, this symbol ✚ is placed in the worship booklet at places where it would be appropriate to make the sign of the

Cross. Finally, this little bell icon  serves to remind the Acolyte when to ring the Sanctus Bells, which are used during the Eucharistic Prayer to emphasize and call attention to particular moments in the liturgy; this practice dates from the 15th century.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don't hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you. Or, you can call the church office at (405) 372-3357. You can also call or text Fr. Jim Cook at (405) 780-5316. Or, you can visit our website: www.SaintAndrewsChurch.org

Childcare is provided from 9:15 AM through to the end of the 10:30 AM worship. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions to the nursery.

Bathrooms are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

Make no mistake, we're glad you've joined us for worship! While you're waiting for the service to begin, please take a moment to **silence your cell phones** and other electronic devices. Thanks!

Entrance of the Ministers

*The People may **stand**, as they are able, or remain seated.*

Opening Sentences

BCP 323

✝ Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

“Glory be to God on High” *BCP 324*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth
Peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high † in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

The People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

Almighty god, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy 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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our

Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

Readings from Scripture

ACTS 11:1-18

A reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then

everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148

Let us recite this portion of the psalter responsively by the whole verse.

1. Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
2. **Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.**
3. Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
4. **Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.**
5. Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
6. **He made them stand fast
for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law
which shall not pass away.**
7. Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. **Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
9. Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
10. **Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;**
11. Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
12. **Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.**

13. Let them praise the Name of the Lord, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14. **He has raised up
strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel,
a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

REVELATION 21:1-6

A reading from The Revelation to John.

Isaw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no
more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.” Also he said,

“Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The People may **stand**, as they are able, or remain seated.*

JOHN 13:31-35

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

✝ At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

*Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity,
the People may be **seated** for the sermon.*

Following the sermon, a few moments of silent reflection are observed.

*Afterwards, the People may **stand**, as they are able, or remain seated.*

The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

Let us reaffirm our faith.

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 People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

The Prayers of the People *BCP 328*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree

in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers — especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Edward our Bishop, Jim & Jeff our priests — that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land — especially the President of the United States, the Members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court — that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those in need of healing, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those with other cares and concerns, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who have ✝ died, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those who travel, especially [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

In the St. Andrew's Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: our Lay Eucharistic Ministers, led by

Joan McKeever; our Lay Eucharistic Visitors, led by Ellen Ross; our Nursery attendants; and our Outreach Committee, led by Jim McCollom.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Philip's Church in Ardmore, and for Ardmore Village in Ardmore.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: the Anglican Church of Melanesia, The Most Revd George Takeli, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, and Bishop of Central Melanesia

And we give thanks for the many blessings of this life:

We join in thanksgiving with [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

And in thanksgiving for [*Names*]; and any others we might name in our hearts or aloud.

We pray for those celebrating a birthday or wedding anniversary this week and invite them to come forward for a special prayer.

The birthday tradition at St. Andrew's is that when you come forward for your prayer, if

you wish, you may place in the birthday cross an amount of money in coins equal to your age. The funds contributed are added to the clergy discretionary fund.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect.

Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution *BCP 331*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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.**

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 Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.

John 2:1-2

*The People may **stand**, as they are able, or remain seated.*

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And with thy spirit.

*The People may greet one another with a sign of peace.
Afterwards, they may be **seated**.*

Greetings & Announcements

The Offertory

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.

*The People may **stand**, as they are able, or remain seated.*

The Presentation

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving *BCP 340* *Eucharistic Prayer II*

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
It is meet and right so to do.

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.

Proper Preface for the Resurrection 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,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. † Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The People may kneel, as they are able, or remain seated.

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

BCP 336

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

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

- ❖ *All persons who seek God are invited to receive Holy Communion.*
- ❖ *To receive the Bread, extend your palms, one crossed over the other, upwards towards the Minister, and a wafer will be placed into your hands. **Gluten-free wafers are available**; make your request known to the Minister administering the Bread.*

- ❖ *To receive the Wine, please assist in guiding the cup to your lips. Alternately, you may dip the wafer in the wine and place it in your mouth.*
- ❖ *If you wish to receive only a Blessing, cross your arms over your chest while kneeling or standing at the altar rail.*
- ❖ *If mobility-issues prevent you from coming to the Altar, Communion can be brought to you. Please alert the Greeter to your situation.*
- ❖ *Finally, it would be helpful if you blotted your lips of any lip balm or lipstick, as it leaves an oily and/or waxy residue on the linens that is difficult to remove.*

Sending out the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the Name of God, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood; for though we are many, we share one Bread and one Cup. Amen.

*The People may **kneel**, as they are able, or remain seated.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving *BCP 339*

Let us pray.

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.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, ✚ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The People may **stand**, as they are able, or remain seated.*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Departure of the Ministers.

Introduction to the Bible Readings.

Acts 11:1–18

In this reading from the story of the early church, followers of Jesus living in Judea and Jerusalem are astonished to learn of the conversion of Gentiles as Peter tells them of his heavenly vision and how the Holy Spirit fell upon the new believers. The vision helped Peter understand that the observance of food laws and the like was not essential for discipleship.

Psalms 148

The whole of creation and all peoples join together in praise of the Lord.

Revelation 21:1–6

In this lesson John the Seer has a vision of the renewal of all creation and of the new Jerusalem as the city in which God will abide with redeemed humanity. The old order has passed away and death is no more, neither pain nor the causes of distress and sadness. Christ in

victory, the Alpha and Omega, promises living water to any who thirst.

John 13:31–35

In our gospel lesson Jesus speaks to his disciples on the night that he is to be betrayed and handed over to death. Yet his dying as the Son of Man will also be the way that God is glorified—both because of Jesus' sacrifice on behalf of others and because of his resurrection and victory over the power of death. Jesus' disciples will now be known by their following of his new commandment — that they love one another with the same sacrificial love he has shown them.