Order of Service

for the

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

# St. Andrew's Church

An Episcopal Community

Holy Eucharist
10:30 am

We are so glad you've joined us for worship!
While you are waiting for the service to begin,
as a courtesy to others, please take a moment
to silence your cell phones and other electronic
devices.

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we use *The Book of Common Prayer* to guide us through our worship. If you are new to a liturgical form of worship you will quickly recognize that the vast majority of our prayer and praise is drawn directly from the words of Holy Scripture itself. Many of the forms that we use are ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; all of them are inherited from generations of faithful Christians who have gathered to celebrate redemption in Jesus Christ.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service. Throughout this booklet, the People's parts are indicated **in bold.** When you see this symbol **+** it indicates a moment where we traditionally make the sign of the Cross. At all times, we want you to feel at home here so you are not expected to do anything you are not capable of or comfortable doing.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don't hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you for help. You may also call the church office at (405) 372-3357 and our priest Fr. Michael Matkin would be happy to visit with you. We invite you to visit our website (www.saintandrewschurch.org) to sign up for our e-newsletter and to learn more information about our family of faith here at St. Andrew's.

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

# Leading us in Worship today are:

Presider: Fr. Michael Matkin Preacher: Fr. Michael Matkin

Music Director: Renae Perry
Pianist: Blake Hilligoss
Cantor: Jessica Chambers

Readers: Maggie Vinson, Joan McKeever

Acolyte: Clayton Huston

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN 492** 

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"Sing, Ye Faithful"

Blue Hymnal

The People standing (as able).

THE WORD OF GOD BCP 355

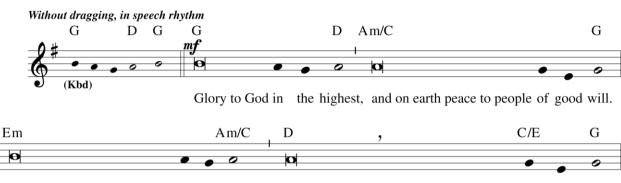
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.** 

# **GLORIA**

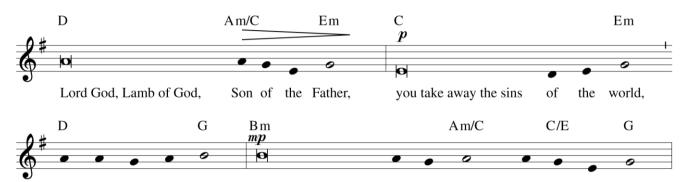
### BELMONT MASS BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER



We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,



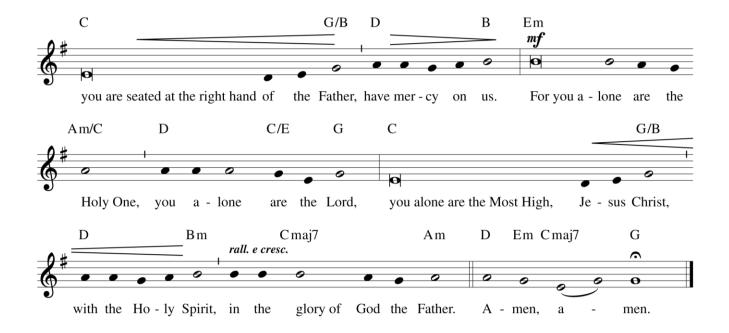
Lord God, heav-en - ly King, O God, al - might - y Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Be-got-ten Son,



you take away the sins of

the world,

re - ceive our prayer;



# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The People kneel (as able).

Celebrant:

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 People sit.

# THE LESSONS

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

(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.

Reader: Let us recite this portion of the psalter responsively by whole verse. PSALM 22:24-30

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!"

- 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.
- 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.

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.

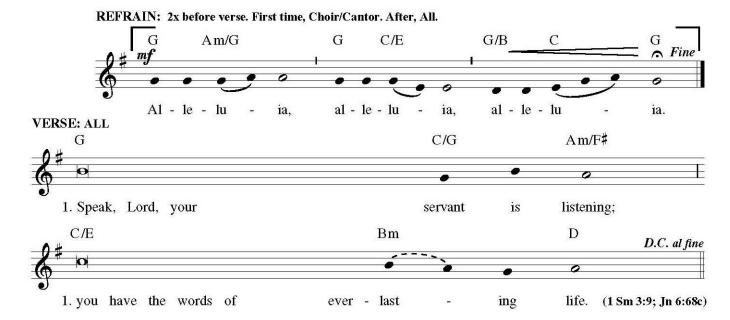
By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the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

All **standing** (as able).

# **ALLELUIA**



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 15:1-8)

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."

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

THE SERMON: FR. MICHAEL MATKIN

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.

All **standing** (as able).

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Let us stand and affirm 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.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Resurrecting God, you conquered death and opened the gates of life everlasting. In the power of the Holy Spirit, raise us with Christ that we, too, may proclaim healing and peace to the nations. Let us with all confidence bring before you the needs of our world, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gift of Christ's resurrection. We praise you and give you thanks for all the blessings of this life, especially for \_\_\_\_\_\_. On this day give all your people hope; for Christ is risen, so we pray: **Lord, hear our Prayer.** 

May this community here gathered know you in the power of your resurrection. May we long to be God's sign of new creation and new life; for Christ has risen, so we pray: **Lord, hear our Prayer.** 

Keep in your care all who share responsibility for the worship and discipline of your Church, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Poulson our bishop, and all bishops, priests and deacons. May we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one; for Christ is risen, so we pray: **Lord, hear our Prayer.** 

May the light of your resurrection open the eyes and hearts of all who in positions of authority or influence in the world, especially those in government, they we may live in peace and security; for Christ is risen, so we pray: Lord, hear our Prayer.

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; especially for \_\_\_\_\_ that death and illness may have no more power over us; for Christ is risen, so we pray: Lord, hear our Prayer.

For all who suffer and all who mourn, and for all who await their own resurrection, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen; so we pray: Lord, hear our Prayer.

Celebrant

Through the resurrection of your Son, O God, you destroy the power of death and remove your people's shame. By the power of the Spirit, raise us from sin and seat us at the paschal feast, that we may rejoice in the gift of salvation Jesus has won for us. **Amen.** 

# THE PEACE

All **stand** (as able).

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

# **GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ love us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY MUSIC** 

"The Call"

by Ralph Vaughan Williams Jessica Chambers, soprano

# THE PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS OF BREAD, AND WINE, AND MONEY OR OTHER GIFTS.

All stand (as able).

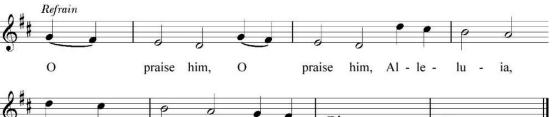


flow; Praise Him all crea- tures here be-Praise God from whom all bless-ings





host; Praise bove, ye heav'n-ly Fa- ther, Son, and Ghost. Ho - ly





# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B**

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The People remain standing (as able).

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. It is right to give him thanks and praise. People:

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

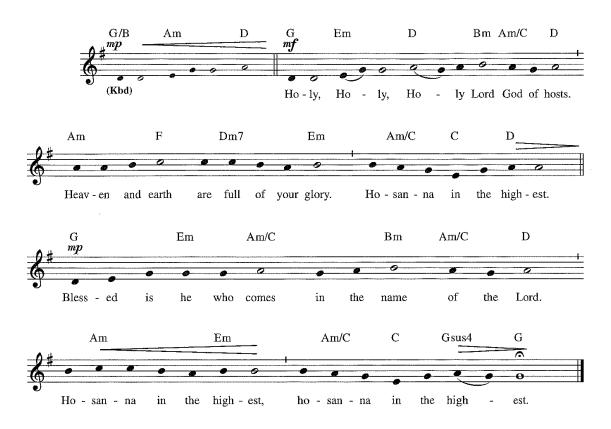
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

# **SANCTUS**

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The People stand or kneel. Then 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 the blessed Virgin Mary, blessed 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**.

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

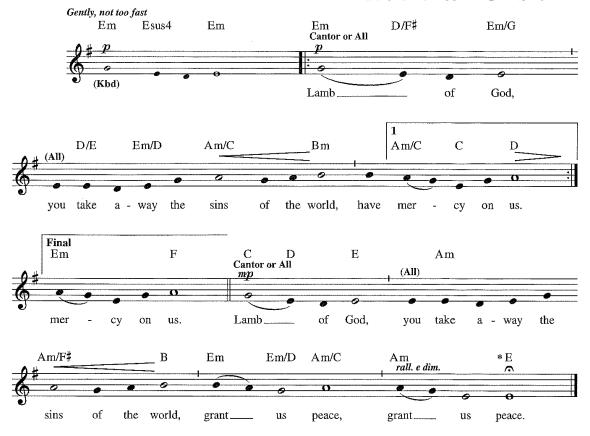
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



#### **AGNUS DEL**

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# **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Celebrant: 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.

### MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who seek Christ, regardless of denomination, are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread simply place your right hand on top of your left and the priest will drop the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms. If you would like to inquire about Holy Baptism, please speak to the priest. For the safety of all please remember to sanitize your hands before coming to receive.

**COMMUNION MUSIC** 

"Victimae Paschali Laudes"

arr. by Haupert

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant and the People stand or kneel (as able).

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.

# THE BLESSING

Celebrant:

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.** 

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 304** 

"I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord"

Blue Hymnal

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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