

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*  
**Holy Baptism with The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
*for*  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**

7 April 2024 at 10:30 am

## Concerning the Liturgy

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

**VOLUNTARY**                      *Allein Gott*                      Johann Pachelbel

## THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:s*

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;  
may God meet you in your celebration  
and give you the Spirit's peace;  
may God bless you and at the last,  
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

**In Procession, a Hymn**                      *Fortunatus*                      Hymnal 179, vs.1,4-6  
*All stand and sing.*

## HOLY BAPTISM

**The Opening Acclamation**                      BCP 299  
**The Collect of the Day: 2 Easter**                      BCP 224

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into

the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

**Acts 4:32-35**

*All sit.*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 133**

Simplified Anglican Chant

*Sung by all.*

Robert Knox Kennedy  
(b. 1945)



- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it | is, \*  
when brethren live together in | unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the | head \*  
that runs down upon the | beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of | Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his | robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of | Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of | Zion.
- †5 For there the LORD has ordained the | blessing: \*

life for ever | more.

Glory to the Father, and to the | Son,  
and to the Holy | Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is | now,  
and will be for ever. A | men.

**The Second Lesson**

**1 John 1:1 - 2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Sequence, a Hymn**

*Nova Vita*

Hymnal 508

*All stand.*

**The Holy Gospel**

John 20:19-31

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily**

The Rev. James M.L. Grace

**The Presentation and Examination of Candidates**

BCP 301

**The Baptismal Covenant**

BCP 304

*All stand.*

**Prayers for the Candidates** BCP 305

**The Baptism** BCP 307  
*The People may sit and children may come forward to watch the Baptism.*

**The Welcoming of the Newly Baptized & The Peace** BCP 308  
*All stand. The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**A Capital Project Committee Update** Mr. David Rennie  
*Committee Chair*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



### At the Offertory, an Anthem

*Easter Carol*

"Christ, the Lord, is ris'n today,"  
All creation joins to say;  
Raise your songs and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.  
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal:  
Christ has burst the gates of hell!  
Death in vain forbids him rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise!  
Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King;  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Dying once, he all doth save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?  
Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Following our exalted Head;  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be given;  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
Hail, the resurrection, thou!  
King of glory, Soul of bliss,  
Everlasting life is this:  
Thee to know, Thy pow'r to prove,  
Thus to sing, and thus to love!  
Alleluia!

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Medieval carol, arr. Alfred Fedak

**At The Presentation, a Hymn**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be low: Al - le - lua - ia! Ale - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heavn' ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly - Ghost. Al - le - lu, - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711); alt.

Music: *Lasst uns erfreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1897-1958)

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

**Sanctus et Benedictus**

Mathias

BCP 367

**The Lord's Prayer**

Hymnal S128

BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Fraction Anthem**

Plainsong

Hymnal S171

**Agnus Dei**

Mathias

Hymnal S165

*All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.*

<b>At the Distribution, a Hymn</b>	<i>O filii et filiae</i>	Hymnal 206
	<i>Point Loma</i>	Hymnal 294
<b>The Post-Communion Prayer &amp; Blessing</b>		BCP 366
<b>In Procession, a Hymn</b>	<i>St. Botolph</i>	Hymnal 209
<b>The Dismissal</b>		BCP 366
<b>VOLUNTARY</b>	<i>Christ lay in Todesbanden, BWV 625</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
	(Christ lay in Death's strong bands)	



*Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall on the 2nd floor, which can be accessed by the stairs or elevator.*







The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Marla Grace's birthday by Jimmy Grace.

*To dedicate flowers, please sign up using the flower dedication list on our bulletin board.*

## ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

*“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”*

### **Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:**

Sarra Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Sharon Klander, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Chase Authement, *cousin of Lisa Moore*  
Dorethea Mosely, *friend of Debbi Van Etten*  
Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Karen Webb, *sister in law of Laura Mergens*  
Carla Mae Richards, *friend of Michael Mergens*  
Louise Ornelas, *mother of Margo Ornelas*  
Ralph Ornelas, *father of Margo Ornelas*  
Deborah Smith, *friend of Kay Lynn Jenkins*

### **We pray for the repose of the soul of:**

Ricky Garrett  
John Longnecker, *friend of Michael Mergens*  
Michael Cottingham, *cousin of Jimmy Grace*  
Frank Pineda, *father of Byron Pineda*  
Pam Murphy, *sister of Priscilla Burroughs*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at [cconti@saecheights.org](mailto:cconti@saecheights.org). If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

## Parish Life & News

**Loose Plate Collections:** The first Sunday of each month, the loose plate collection goes towards St. Andrew's clergy discretionary accounts. Clergy use their discretionary accounts to help people in need of assistance.

**Youth Sunday:** The youth group will meet this Sunday, April 7, at 5 pm in the parish hall with a special focus on Easter. How are we supposed to live in light of Jesus's resurrection? Dinner will be served from Subway. See you there!

**Bible Study:** Bible study returns this Wednesday, April 10th, with men's bible study at 6am and women's bible study at noon.

**Parish Retreat Registration:** The St. Andrew's family is invited to gather at Camp Allen May 10 through 12 for our annual Parish Retreat. For more information and how to register, please see the *Weekly Voice*.

**Weekly Voice:** Are you receiving the *Weekly Voice* newsletter in your inbox every Wednesday? If not, you can easily subscribe to receive weekly updates and news from St. Andrew's by scanning this QR Code.



**Church Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants though 3 years.

**Volunteer at St. Andrew's:** To sign up to help with St. Andrew's partner ministries (including Lord of the Streets, Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, St. Andrew's Garden, etc.) please scan this QR code. To learn more about our partner ministries please visit our website [saecheights.org/community-outreach](http://saecheights.org/community-outreach)



**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at [jgrace@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)



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