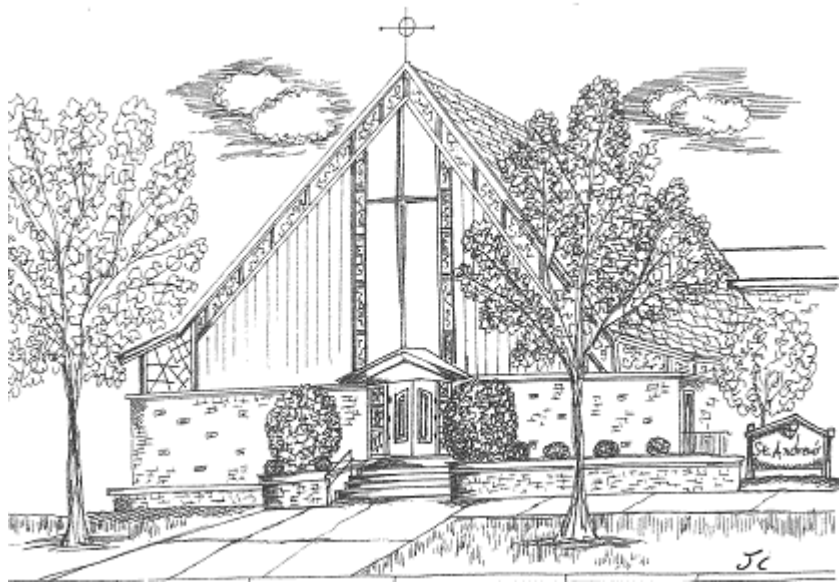


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Building God's Kingdom through Worship, Outreach, and Fellowship

Our Vision: Devoted to sharing the transforming power of God's love
in our lives, our communities, and our world.



The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

10:30 AM

April 27, 2025

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Note on today's liturgy

During Easter season, we will be drawing our Eucharistic prayer for each Sunday from the aptly titled liturgical resource *Eucharistic Prayers*. As we pray through today's service, notice how wording from the day's readings shapes our Eucharistic prayer. May these fresh words help you to experience the good news in new ways!

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Prelude *Largo*, by G.F. Handel

Processional Hymn *O sons and daughters, let us sing* Hymnal 206

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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.

Hymn of Praise

Hymnal S-280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 Reading

Acts 5:27-32

²⁷When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm

Psalm 118:14-29

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

***15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:***

***16 “The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”***

***17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.***

***18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.***

***19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.***

***20 “This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter.”***

***21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.***

***22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.***

***23 This is the Lord’s doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

***24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

***25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! *
Lord, send us now success.***

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; *
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷ ***God is the Lord; he has shined upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.***

²⁸ “You are my God, and I will thank you; *
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”

²⁹ ***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.***

The Second Reading

Revelation 1:4-8

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *We walk by faith and not by sight* Hymnal 209, v 1-2

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵So 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." ²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But 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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Gradual Hymn *We walk by faith and not by sight* Hymnal 209, v 3-4

The Sermon The Rev. Carol Chamberlain

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Bidding the Prayers

Prayers of the People: Form I BCP p. 383

Collect

The Confession and Absolution BCP p. 360

The Peace

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

People: ***And also with you.***

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory *I love to tell the story*, arr. Anna Laura Page

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise him above ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia.

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 our thanks and praise.*

It is our duty and our joy to give you thanks and praise,
Lord God of heaven and earth,
because you are continually renewing your work of creation
and transforming it to show your glory through resurrection.

With your touch you formed us from the dust of the earth.

You raised your people from slavery in Egypt;
you bound them to you through your covenant on Sinai;
and you made yourself known to them in exile
and the Promised Land.

In the cross of Jesus you take into yourself the scars of our sin,
and in his resurrected body you invite us to touch the wounds of
your love.

And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels
and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your
unending praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Hymnal S-129

Forgiving God, your Son's disciples cowered behind locked doors;
and yet in him you visited them on the evening of resurrection
and breathed on them the Spirit of peace.

Breathe that Holy Spirit upon us now,
that your church may know the power of your forgiveness
and these gifts of bread and wine may be for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
“Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
“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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Lord and God, intimate savior of our lives
and cosmic ruler of the universe,
in Jesus you are the substance of things hoped for
and the knowledge of things unseen.

Visit any who struggle under the shadow of doubt;
minister among all who suffer beneath the claims of
oppressive rule;

Resurrect your children, your church, and your earth.

Bless those who have not seen and yet believe,
and shape your wounded body the church
to let the world see you through its scars.

Lift every voice to sing your Easter glory,
until the day when all stand before your throne,
in eternal communion with one another and with you,
ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

Communion Stations

- To receive the common cup or just the wafer, come to the lectern side of the altar rail.
- To receive an intincted wafer, come to the pulpit side of the altar rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available. Just let clergy know that you need one.

In lieu of communion, you may receive a blessing at any station.

Hymns for Choir and Congregation

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks Hymnal 178

That Easter day with joy was bright Hymnal 193

See ye first Hymnal 711

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Awake, arise, life up your voice* Hymnal 212

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Voluntary *Hornpipe from Water Music, G.F. Handel*

If you choose to leave during the voluntary, please depart in reverent quiet.

Service Participants

The Rev. Anne R. Kirchmier

The Rev. Carol Chamberlain

The Rev. Katherine Gray

Lector: Sarah Charlock
Prayers: Vicki Lanier
Chalicers: Melissa Sale, Vicki Lanier
Acolytes: Lindsey Nicolai, Becky Fulcher, Warren Mrowiec,
Olivia Goodwin, Gwyneth Hinson, Allen Fulcher,
Edward Fulcher
Ushers: Bill Clock
Greeter: Susan and Ron Nixon
Sound: Doug Burgoyne
Camera: Channing Guvernator
Children's Chapel: Sarah Clifford, Karen Waddill, Megan Hinson,
Courtney Hastings, Amy Robinson

Announcements

Welcome Matthew Frey

Join us in welcoming Matthew Frey back to St. Andrew's! We are grateful to have him serving as our organist this morning.

Service at The Chesapeake

Join us on Thursday, May 1, at 2:00 PM for a service of Holy Eucharist at The Chesapeake.

Hilton Churches joint service on May 4

St. Andrew's will join with the other Hilton area churches for a joint service on Sunday, May 4, at 10:00 AM. The service will be held at First United Methodist Church. Nursery care will be provided. There will be no Children's Chapel or Adult Forum that Sunday. There will only be an 8 AM service at St. Andrew's on May 4. Please come and join us as we worship together with our sisters and brothers in Christ here in Hilton, and especially as we say thank you and goodbye to Pastor Elizabeth Lutz, who is retiring from First United Methodist in June.

Preparing for Sunday, May 4, 2025 – Third Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Questions for reflection: Jesus chose Peter, who had denied him in his hour of need, to tend his sheep and build his church. He chose Paul, who had persecuted Jesus' followers, to proclaim the good news of the gospel. Can anything separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ? What has Jesus chosen and called you to do?

New Bible study group forming

Beginning on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 PM in the parish library, the people of St. Andrew's are invited to gather for a study of the Old Testament book of Esther. While seemingly comedic on the surface, it explores deeper themes of racial hatred, threat of genocide, and the evil of unconstrained vanity. At the conclusion of this inaugural study (maybe 6-8 weeks), we will assess the interest of continuing a Thursday evening Bible study of a particular Biblical book or topic. Come and let the Light of God revealed in God's word-written lead you into a deeper life of faith.

Williamsburg Choral Guild concert at St. Andrew's

The Williamsburg Choral Guild will present the magnificent Brahms *Requiem* here at St. Andrew's on Sunday, May 11, at 4:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased at williamsburgchoralguild.org.

Get ready for Vacation Bible School! Volunteer now!

This summer, St. Andrew's and Hilton Presbyterian will again be hosting VBS – **ROAD TRIP: ON THE GO WITH GOD**, July 28-31 (Monday through Thursday) from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. To volunteer, contact Melissa Sale (nnsales@verizon.net) or the church office. **Donations needed:** Please donate any old road maps or brochures that have maps in them that you no longer use to the church office by June 15. Should you happen to have old road signs that we could borrow for decorating, we would appreciate it!