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to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida

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**WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES YOU!**

**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 14, 2023**

**Morning Prayer • Rite Two**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>

**TODAY** is the Sixth Sunday of Easter, the 36<sup>th</sup> day of the 50 Great Days of Easter. Our service will be Morning Prayer, conducted by Rick Boyer and Jim Cooper. Kate Driggers will preach a sermon.

**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** Thursday, May 18, is Ascension Day, one of seven principal feasts of the Church. We will celebrate with the Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m. According to the Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, “The Ascension marks the conclusion of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances. It is the final elevation of his human nature to divine glory and the near presence of God. The Ascension is affirmed by the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds.” It always falls on the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter, which always necessarily falls on a Thursday.

**WEAR RED** May 28<sup>th</sup> this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> day of Easter and The Day of Pentecost. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red to symbolize the apostles “tongues of fire” and also the blood of martyrs. The priests' vestments and



the paraments in the church (the hangings on the lectern and the frontals on the altar) will be red.

And we encourage everyone to wear red to church on Sunday, May 28, the Day of Pentecost. The season of Pentecost that follows lasts for 26 Sundays. The liturgical color for the season will be green symbolizing growth. Green denotes fertility, fruitfulness, and God's love for humanity. The color green also brings calmness to the chaos of our world.

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DISAFFILIATION** Last Saturday the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church approved the disaffiliation of 193 local Methodist Churches from the United Methodist Church, including the Destin United Methodist Church. They now must remove “United” from their name and will be affiliating with one of two more conservative Methodist denominations. This, as we know, is a painful time for our Methodist sisters and brothers. Let us all keep them in our prayers.

**HOW WE CAN HELP** Anticipating that the Destin UMC Church would disaffiliate, the Alabama-West Florida Conference has been seeking locations where local Methodists who wish to remain in the United Methodist Church could worship with a UMC pastor. Several weeks ago, we were contacted about the possibility of providing a Sunday worship space for them. At the April vestry meeting, the vestry approved the concept of offering to provide worship space and the initiation of discussions looking towards reaching an agreement for their use of our sanctuary. On Wednesday afternoon our clergy and wardens met with the District Superintendent of the Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and a representative from Mainstream UMC, a grassroots effort to persuade people to stay in the UMC. We anticipate that the outcome of that meeting will be a preliminary agreement for them to use our sanctuary for worship on Sundays. This will be part of an effort by the UMC to form new church starts or faith communities in the wake of local UMC church disaffiliations. Details will be made available as soon as possible.

## MORNING PRAYER • RITE II

**Prelude**

*The Glory of God*

Gerard Peterson

**Opening Hymn** Hymnal 182

*Christ is alive*

**TRURO**

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

*Colossians 3:1*

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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. Amen.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**Christ our Passover**

*1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \***

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \***

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

**Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \***

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

**The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \***

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

**So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \***

**and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.**

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \***

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

**For since by a man came death, \***

**by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

**For as in Adam all die, \***

**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed:

**Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

**The Appointed Psalm**

**Psalm 66:7-18**

**7 Bless our God, you peoples; \***

**make the voice of his praise to be heard;**

**8 Who holds our souls in life, \***

**and will not allow our feet to slip.**

**9 For you, O God, have proved us; \***

**you have tried us just as silver is tried.**

**10 You brought us into the snare; \***

**you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
nor withheld his love from me.**

## **The First Lesson**

Acts 17:22-31

*On his second missionary journey, Paul has crossed Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and has arrived in Athens, a city known for its interest in the divine and for its openness to discussion of philosophies and religions. He now tells the good news to those gathered at the edge of the marketplace.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.'

What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 18 A Song to the Lamb** *Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13*

BCP 93

**Splendor and honor and kingly power \***  
**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**  
**For you created everything that is, \***  
**and by your will they were created and have their being;**  
**And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \***  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
**From every family, language, people, and nation, \***  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
**And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \***  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
**Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \***  
**for ever and for evermore.**

### **The Second Lesson**

1 Peter 3:13-22

*The author has exhorted his readers to live ethical lives and not to repay evil for evil. They face persecution for their faith. He asks: who will weaken your faith or cause you to lose it all together?*

A Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Peter

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn Hymnal 516**

*Come down, O Love divine*

**DOWN AMPNEY**

### **Third Reading**

John 14:15-21

*Jesus has told his followers of his impending departure from them. He has told them that he is going, through resurrection and ascension, to the Father, to prepare a place of permanent fellowship for them. He will return to take them there, a place where there is ample room for as many as believe.*

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Sermon**

### **Announcements**

### **Offertory Sentence**

### **Offertory**

*Reach Out and Touch*

arr. Tom Fettke

Solo: Don Hutchison

*Our alms are brought forward*

**Doxology** Hymn # 380 (v. 3) *From all that dwell below the skies*

**OLD 100<sup>th</sup>**

### **The Prayers**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**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.**

**Suffrages A**

BCP 97

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**Let your people sing with joy.**  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**For only in you can we live in safety.**  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
**Your saving health among all nations.**  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP 219

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Sundays**

BCP 98

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Peace**

BCP 99

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A Collect for Guidance**

BCP 100

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer for Mission**

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **For the Sick**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those who have asked for our prayers, and those we name either aloud or silently...., may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns **with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **For the Departed**

Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer, especially those we now name either aloud or silently..... Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

**Office Hymn** Hymnal 405

*Each little flower that opens*

**ROYAL OAK**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

BCP 101

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20, 21*

**Please, remember in your prayers:**

- The Church of the Province of West Africa in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer;
- In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The Beloved Community Outreach Center, United Thank Offering, and the 240 inmates and 27 staff members at the Atmore Community Work Center, in Atmore, Alabama, and their families, and all who have suffered from violence;
- Those who have asked for our healing prayers: Our prayer partner, St. Andrew's in Boca Grande, FL for recovery from hurricane damage, Joan A., Amy, Dee Anderson, Carolyn Bell, Pat Bradshaw, Brian & Elliot, Dennis Broomell, Michael Collins, Charles Cook, Jim Cooper, John Cunningham, Henry Davis, Kate Driggers, Steven Eldridge, Al Everett, Donna Giovanni, Kiera Giovanni, Stan Hall, Lynda Jacobs, Jeffrey King, Peg Kuehn, Larry Lowe, Frances & Simon Lovich, Veronica Ludwig, Elizabeth Mahler, Alys Martin, Dorothy Martin, Lee Michaud, Nancy Middlebrook, Jeanie Noel, Lawrence & Frances Norton, Mike Patterson, Stacy Peloquin, the Perez family, Dianne Pope, Jo Popham, Sara Popham, Rachael, Tom & Sandy Reed, Ed & Dee Richardson, Robert, Rodney, Kevin Rosendorf, Ann Seaton, Bob & Rosalie Smith, Coleen Smith, Tricia Spencer, Aleeta Traendly, Glenn Turnage, Braiden Walker, David Wallerstein, Natalie Nelson Ward, Rob Ward
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