

WELCOME

to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida
part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II

Before service speak to the Lord to prepare to worship.

During service the Lord will speak to you.

After service speak to one another.

Please, quiet your phone.



10:00 o'clock in the morning

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS • APRIL 21ST

TODAY is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. The season of Easter lasts 50 days from Easter Day through Pentecost Sunday (May 19, 2024). The Paschal candle is displayed prominently and burns throughout all services. Jo's sermon today redefines the Shepherd-Sheep relationship. Jim+'s *Gem* speaks of the indefectibility of the Holy Spirit – that should peak our interest.

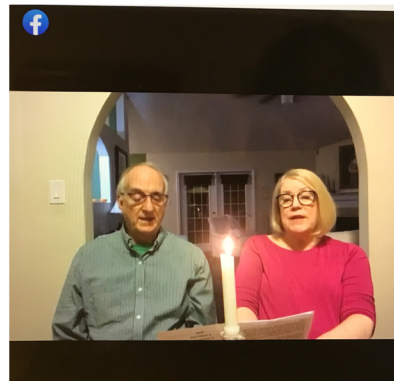
WORK OF THE PEOPLE During the Easter Season we will be using Eucharistic Prayer C. The imagery is the most contemporary in the Prayer Book with emphasis on creation in terms more consistent with current scientific knowledge. Its use of the phrase “vast expanse of interstellar space” has prompted its being called the “Star Wars” Eucharistic Prayer. Theology and science need not be at odds; each can inform the other. The participatory “call and response” format also is engaging and reminds us that our liturgy is, indeed, the “work of the people.”

PRESIDING BISHOP NOMINEES ANNOUNCED The nominees to be formally submitted this summer's General Convention are Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright, Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York, and Central New York Bishop De-De Duncan-Probe. Biographical information can be found on the Episcopal News Service Internet site.

APOLOGIES from Jo+ for missing service last Sunday, but her absence reminds us that we always have a ready pinch-hitter on those rare occasions when the designated celebrant is unavailable.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT On Wednesday, our vestry and clergy met with the bishop to discuss our property development efforts. The 90-minute meeting confirmed that the bishop will continue to be supportive and helpful. A number of possibilities were discussed. And the bishop offered to cast his architect's eye on our facilities and how they might be repurposed. His perspective and advice added considerably to our discernment and deliberations. But many decisions lie ahead.

NOT JUST ON SUNDAY Every evening at 8 p.m., we gather via St. Andrew's Facebook page for the ancient order of nighttime or bedtime prayer called Compline. Compline, which appears at page 127 of the Book of Common Prayer. According to the Episcopal



Dictionary of the Church, “It is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. Compline is a simple office

including a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle *Nunc dimittis*.... The collects may be followed by a time of silence, along with free intercessions and thanksgivings.” We post the service on our Facebook page after the livestream concludes to enable those who get to bed to participate later in the evening.

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsdestin>

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Lyndell Leatherman

Procession

Hymn 646

The King of love my shepherd is

DOMINUS REGIT ME

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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.**

The Gloria S 280

Powell

The Collect for Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

When Peter and John have visited the Temple to pray, Peter has cured a crippled man – who has praised God and entered the Temple with them. Peter and John have preached the good news to the crowd – but the religious authorities have arrested them.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

This Jesus is

the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 *King James Version*

The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; *

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *

for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:16-24

The author has exhorted his fellow members of the Christian community to love each other.

This love is to be grounded in the love of Jesus for his disciples.

A Reading from the 1st Letter of John:

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

Jesus continues to speak of himself as the good shepherd, an image familiar to his audience. True followers, he has said, recognize the good shepherd. "I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved ... and will find pasture ... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly".

The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Jo P. Popham

Nicene Creed

Standing as we are able

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 Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People Form VI are found on page 392 of the *Book of Common Prayer* and in your bulletin.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence...* For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Remembering especially Joe our President, Ron our Governor, Bobby our Mayor, all those in local authority, our Armed Forces, for their protection at home and abroad, and all who speak where many listen; we pray for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the welfare of the people, leadership, and ministries of our fellow Christians at home and abroad, remembering especially in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia; and in our own Diocese we pray for Christ Church Parish in Pensacola, Florida and the Commission on the Integrity of Creation; and in the Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle for Okaloosa Correctional Institution in Crestview, Florida.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Russell our Bishop, and Jo and Jim our Rectors, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For healing for those who have asked for our prayers, for all those suffering from illness and those recovering, for those suffering from violence in our communities and the world, and for the other special needs and concerns of this congregation. You may add your own petitions either aloud or silently. *Silence...* Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those thanksgivings we name aloud or silently. ...*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially those we love but see no more and those loved ones we name at this time either aloud or silently ...*Silence...* that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Collect at the Prayers

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

O Worship the King

arr: Tedd Smith

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus, S-129

Powell

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham (and Mothers), of Isaac (and Rebecca), and of Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

Silence is observed.

Invitation *after the fraction anthem, ending with “the gifts of God, for the people of God”*

Communion Hymn 8-fold Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Jesus is Lord!....

He is risen....

How I love him....

He’s my Savior...

I will praise him....

Blessed Jesus....

My Redeemer....

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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.

FAMILY PRAYERS

said together by the whole church family

for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS: **O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray on your servant(s) as he/she/they begin(s) another year, grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

for those celebrating ANNIVERSARIES: **O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: may these your servants love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience all the days of their life/lives together, and may they share their joy with others; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

for TRAVELERS: **O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve all those who travel, surround him/her/them with your loving care; protect him/her/them from every danger, bring him/her/them in safety to his/her/their journey's end, and return him/her/them to us renewed and refreshed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Exit Procession Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

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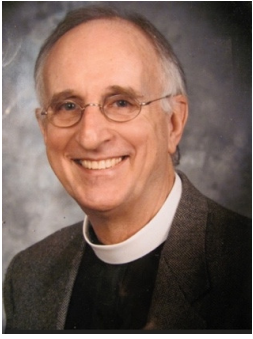
The Dismissal

Postlude

Arise to Life

Edward Broughton

*Please, join us in the Parlor
after service
for coffee, sweet and savory treats, and fellowship.*



Jim+'s Gem

Don't worry, be happy. Familiar words. But a bit hard to embrace. Our empty pews far outnumber the full ones. Polls and surveys reveal a continuing decline not only in church attendance, but also in identification with any religious denomination. More and more people are no longer even interested in organized or institutional religion. We will lament that our children and grandchildren are missing out on the experience of church that has formed and guided us over the years and so many previous generations.

We might ask what have we as a church done wrong. Can we ever recover? Will the pews ever be filled again? Will there even be pews? Will there even be churches? Will there even be the Church? So, let me say again, Bobby McFerrin was spot on, "Don't worry, be happy." The Church is here to stay. How can we be sure? Because the Church is blessed by a doctrine called indefectibility. In its barest expression the indefectibility of the Church means that:

The Church will persist until the end of time. And by Church, we mean capital "C" Church in the largest sense. The last 2000 years stand as evidence of the Church's endurance. The Apostles understood this, organizing communities and appointing their successors, who in turn ordained priests and other bishops, thus, assuming and facilitating the perpetuity of the Church. Over the centuries the Church has endured persecution and corruption. It has endured heresy and schism and scandal.

The Church never will be a merely human, social construct. It always will be the Church instituted by Christ. It always will be the Church insinuated with the Holy Spirit to guide, inspire, and empower it.

The sacraments of the Church will not be lost. Again, for example, we continue to gather and invite Christ's real presence among us in the Holy Eucharist in the same form and words Jesus used and instructed us to use to remember him. We continue to baptize with water and the Holy Spirit as a rite of formal entrance into the community of Christ's followers. The various liturgical customs of particular church communities may have evolved over the centuries, but the essential form of the Holy Eucharist has remained constant and universal (hence "catholic").

The essential faith and doctrines of the Church remain unchanged and unchangeable. Obviously, what is essential has been and will remain an ongoing matter of debate, even controversy at times. But the belief in the Trinity, the sovereignty of God, the divinity of Christ, and the continuing presence of the Holy Spirit are essential and immutable.

The Church never can be morally corrupt. The continuing presence of the Holy Spirit is a check on the work and teachings of the Church, such that deviations from God's vision and purposes ultimately will gain no traction and fall to the side. The Church ever will preach love of God and neighbor and never will stop debating what that means in any given situation.

Therefore, we can be reassured that in some fashion, the Church established by Jesus Christ, with its succession from the Apostles, and its Sacraments and teachings will persist. What it may look like even later in this century may be a mystery, but we need not worry. Long after this century ends, the Church will be alive and well.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE•

For immediate concerns: Joan A., Amy, Dee Anderson, Carolyn Bell, Brian & Elliot, Jeff & Liz Brooks, Dennis Broomell, Baby Gene Cashier, Father Ben Chase, Bob & Barbara Colwell, Michael Collins, Charles Cook, Jim Cooper, Judy Cranch, the Cunningham Family, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Betty Jo Dahnke, Henry Davis, Kate Driggers, Byron Driver, Steven Eldridge, Mike G., Donna & Kiera Giovanni, Stan Hall, Marion Hargraves, Lynda Jacobs, Janet, Jeffrey King, Peg Kuehn, Kory Knacke, Chuck Lobello, Frances & Simon Lovich, Veronica Ludwig, Barbe Lund, Nanette Malave, Ron Marro, Alys Martin, Jim McCray, Kathy McGee, Lee Michaud, Nancy Middlebrook, Mike, Missy, Bob Monnier, Nikki & Brock, Jeanie Noel, Frances Norton, Goldie Parson, Mike Patterson, Stacy Peloquin, Kevin & Rodney Penny, Cheryl Perez, Dianne Pope, Jo Popham, Sara Popham, Rachael, Tom & Sandy Reed, Ed & Dee Richardson, Robert, Angelique Robson, Rodney, Roger, Kevin Rosendorf, Thomas Ross, Ivy Sanders, Ann Seaton, Bob & Rosalie Smith, Coleen Smith, Tricia Spencer, Laura & Ted Sulla, Aleeta Traendly, Tamara Tomczak, Patsy Voigt, the Walker Family, David Wallerstein, Natalie Nelson Ward, Rob Ward, Ed & Julie Warfield, Molly White

For the repose of the soul: Father Angelo, Zonnie Patterson Back, Jason Britt, Mike Brown, Georgene Chidsey, Dora Clark, Abbie Colson, John Cunningham, Jennifer Gambles Dyess, Renee Eggers, Mick Glover, Larry Griffin, Fr. John Hicks, Ruth Hopkins, Ellison Ingram, Charles Steven Kern, John Johnson, Richard Johnson, Mildred Jolley, Carl Edward Kimberlin, Nirvanka Lovich, Larry Lowe, Diane McCray, Alan McGlynn, Deacon Mike, Miles & Lannie, Paul Naughton, Frank Novak, Lawrence Norton, Anne O'Ferrell, Tony Pedigo, Candice Penny, Tara Perez, Tucker Reese, John Ross, Shauna Sheets-Penny, Danny Turner, Burton L. Wade III, Charles Walker, Pittman Watson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Australia

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church Parish in Pensacola, Florida and the Commission on the Integrity of Creation

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: The inmates and their families, and the staff of Okaloosa Correctional Institution in Crestview, Florida, for the victims of crime everywhere, and for captives, refugees, and evacuees, and all who remember and care for them.

• Please, call or email the church to add or change the status of someone on the prayer list.

Jesus Christ is Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick

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