

WELCOME

St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church
part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

10:00 AM FEBRUARY 8, 2026

AT DESTIN HIGH SCHOOL

**An Order for the Administration of
Communion Under Special Circumstances**

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.



This service may be celebrated at a service on Sunday morning or on other occasions with the Bishop's permission. Bishop Russell has asked Barbara Nelson to preside at our service today. Barbara is a member of the current Lay Worship Leader class taught by Bishop Russell.

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Prelude

Serenade

Franz Schubert

Lay worship leader reads the regular font and the congregation reads the bold font.

Dear friends in Christ, we have come together in the presence of God to offer praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive the Word of God, to bring before God the needs of the world and to ask for the forgiveness of our sins. Today the bread and wine for our Communion were consecrated as part of a Eucharist celebrated at another time and place. For centuries, the church has reserved consecrated elements in order to include those unable, because of infirmity or distance, to be present at Eucharist, and also to include worshipping communities on occasions when no priest is available to preside.

Opening Hymn 7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

Opening Sentences

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson from the Old Testament

Isaiah 58:1-12

After return from the Exile, the people of Judah were discouraged. Life was hard, and it seemed that God was not listening to them. This passage speaks of fasting, but its implications are wider. It chastises the people, but there is hope.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your

vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-10 *Beatus vir*

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

**2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

**4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

**8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honor.

**10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

The Second Lesson from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Basic spiritual gifts seem to be rare in the church at Corinth. It seems that Paul is telling the Christians there of their immaturity in the faith. They have much to learn to attain the understanding of Christ that mature Christians have.

A Reading from The First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the

ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him”—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

“For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”

But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated during the reading of the Gospel.

The Third Lesson from the Gospel According to Matthew

Matthew 5:13-20

On a mountain in Galilee, Jesus has described the qualities and rewards of the blessed or happy – those who will enjoy (and are already enjoying) God’s end-time rule. Now Jesus uses homely metaphors to teach them essential lessons about being disciples.

A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew.

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Barbara Nelson

Nicene Creed

Standing as you 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

Father, we pray for the welfare of the people, leadership, and ministries of faith communities at home and abroad. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; in our own Diocese we pray for St. John's in Monroeville, Alabama, and for St. John's in Mobile, Alabama.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Remembering especially Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Russell, our Bishop, Ericca, our seminarian, Father Eric, our supply clergy, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering especially Donald our President, Ron our Governor, Bobby our Mayor, and all in national, state, and local authority, and for protection of our Armed Forces at home and abroad. We pray for all who speak where many listen and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the destitute, those in prisons – remembering especially in the Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle the inmates, their families, and the staff of Apalachee Correctional Institution, East Unit and West Unit in Sneads, Florida, for the victims of crime everywhere, and for captives, refugees, and evacuees, and for all who remember and care for them;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering those we love but see no more, especially those additional names we share aloud or silently and for those known only to you Lord. Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially those who have asked for our prayers, and those we name either silently or aloud.....

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. You are invited to name your thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or silently.....

Community Prayers

for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS: O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray on your servant as they begin another year, grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of 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 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 them with your loving care; protect them from every danger, bring them in safety to their journey's end, and return them to us renewed and refreshed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect at the Prayers

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence...

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey
Solo by Don Hutchison

THE LITURGY OF ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Standing as you are able

Sisters and brothers, on the first day of February, in the year of Our Lord, 2026, the people of St. Andrew's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church gathered as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Holy Eucharist. A portion of the Sacred Bread and Precious Blood was reserved from that Eucharist, and have been reverently kept for us, that we may this day join with those who gathered then, in communion with God and all Christians of every place and every time to share in this foretaste of the Heavenly Banquet.

Sisters and brothers, the cup of blessing that was blessed
is the communion of the Blood of Christ.

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body
and all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Bread that was broken

is the Communion of the Body of Christ.

Because there is One Bread

we who are many are one body, for we all share in the One Bread.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son on the night before He suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood; Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

So, with all who are gathered together today, everywhere throughout the world, and with the great procession of your Saints, we pray to you as our Savior has taught us:

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 gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

Communion Music 8-fold Alleluia

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

Jesus is born Mary loved him Joseph loved him And we love him

Angels laud him Shepherds found him Wise men seek him...

Post-Communion Prayer

Standing as you are able.

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.

The Blessing

Father Eric Zubler

Announcements

Closing Hymn 542

Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

My Saviour's Love

Charles Gabriel

ANNOUNCEMENTS: February 8

Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany. Father Eric Zubler will be our Celebrant.

Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras Celebration: Jerry & Caroline Miller invite our congregation to their home on Tuesday, February 17, for a celebratory dinner. Arrive at 6:00 pm for dinner at 6:30 pm. Details will be provided on Sunday.

Ash Wednesday: We will hold our Ash Wednesday service on February 18 at 5:30 pm, at Destin High School.

A reminder that we have upped our commitment to extending Fellowship on Sunday mornings after service. We now have coffee, juice, a small refrigerator to keep things cool during service and a microwave to warm things up like sausage biscuits and such. Bring a sweet or savory treat to share!

2026 Men's Conference: *Exploring the Way of Love*

Presented by The Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Executive Director of the Forward Movement
February 27, 28 & March 1 at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center
If interested, ask Karen for a flyer or go to www.diocgc.org and click on News and Events.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For immediate concerns: Wayne Campbell, Bishop Michael Curry, Kate Driggers, Mary Ellis, Fred Fenn, Joe Huckaby, Jeffrey King, Judy King, Luke Lentz, Barbe Lund, Kathy McGee, Nancy Middlebrook, Judith Morris, Jeanie Noel, Goldie Parson, Cheryl Perez, Jo Popham, Cadence Renz, Wayne Zona, Charlie, Deborah, Paul

- Please pray for St. Andrew's By-the-Sea as we move forward.
- 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

4th Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

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