



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

10:00 am

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

The Tree of Life is Growing Here

*We are called to offer sanctuary in the city,
to grow in God's love,
to seek the renewal of the world*

Welcome to this service of Holy Communion. We rejoice in this opportunity to gather together for worship and fellowship. If you are with us in the church, we are delighted you are here. Please remember that you may appear on camera during the livestream.

If you are joining us virtually, know that we are grateful for your presence and continue to seek ways to make this an inclusive experience for you. A prayer for you to say at the time of communion is included in the leaflet. A link to the service leaflet and music resource can be found, [here](#).

Children are always welcome to participate fully in worship, on-line and in person. If you and your children are present in the church a greeter can help you locate the basket in the Narthex containing busy boards, service flip charts, and books for use during worship. If you are participating remotely or would like to learn more about the Children and Youth Ministry, visit our website [here](#).

Notes about Today's Choral Music: *INTROIT* -- JOSEF Rheinberger -- a native of the tiny country of Liechtenstein -- was conductor, composer, and organist for the royal court of Bavaria, for which he wrote much sacred music. *ANTHEM* -- Colin Mawby was an English organist, choir director, and composer, educated at the Royal College of Music, and associated with the Roman Catholic Westminster Cathedral in London. *COMMUNION MOTET* -- Georg Reuter was the director of music at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna (succeeding his father of the same name) from 1738 to 1772. The Haydn brothers (Franz Josef and Johann Michael) were choirboys under him in the late 1740's. Though he was theoretically in charge of the choirboys' musical education, F. J. Haydn left a less-than-flattering account of benign neglect.

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

Organ Voluntaries: Trumpet Voluntary in D Major
Gravement (Fantasy in G Major)

John Stanley (1713-1786)
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome from the Celebrant

The Tolling of the Great Bell

The Introit: Bleib bei uns *Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1838-1901)*
(*Sung in German*) Abide with us, for evening is at hand and the day is nearly past. *text: Luke 24:29*

The People stand at the ringing of the entrance bells.

The Processional Hymn: 448

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

The Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

The Celebrant says

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 Canticle of Praise: *see insert*

The Collect of the Day

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept. The People remain seated for the singing of the Gradual by the choir.

The Gradual: Psalm 22:24-30

Deus, Deus meus

All sing the Antiphon:

Anglican Chant: Thomas Attwood (1765-1814)



Those who seek the Lord shall praise him.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; * he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

All repeat the Antiphon

The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

V. The Word of the Lord.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept. The People stand as they are comfortable for the proclamation of the Gospel.

The Sequence:

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

All sing the Refrain:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The choir sings the verses:

The right hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly. **Alleluia.** Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him. **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

V The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ ☩ according to John.

R **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

V The Gospel of our Lord.

R **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

At the invitation of the preacher, the People sit

The Sermon

The People stand and sing on a single note:

The Nicene Creed

harm. Timothy J. Krueger (2016)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

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Those desiring a blessing on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary, or for some other reason, are invited to come forward.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Prayer of Blessing for Cayden Culwell

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

If there are other blessings, the Celebrant and People say together,

Almighty God, **we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

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

People: **And also with you.**

All exchange the peace, then are seated for announcements concerning the life of the parish.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Anthem: Ave verum corpus

Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who, having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for humankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood: may it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death. O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

text: Motet for Maundy Thursday

The People stand and sing

The Offertory Hymn: 379

ABBOT'S LEIGH

The People stand as they are comfortable

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Prayer I

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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus & Benedictus: *see insert*

After the singing of the Sanctus, the people may stand or kneel as they are comfortable

The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew our Patron, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior has taught us, we now pray,

The People and Celebrant sing

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence may be kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread and one cup.
Alleluia.**

The Fraction Anthem: Oculi omnium

Charles Wood (1866-1926)

(Sung in Latin) The eyes of all look to you, O Lord, to give them their food in due season. Glory to you, O Lord! Amen.

Invitation to the Table

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold who you are, become what you receive.

The Communion of the People

The People sit. All are welcome at God's table. If you are present in the church, please come forward at the direction of the ushers to receive the consecrated bread. If you choose to receive the consecrated wine, a chalice minister will offer you the common cup, or will take your wafer from you, dip it in the calice, and return it to you.

If you are participating virtually at 10 am, you may wish to say this prayer:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people gathered throughout the world, I offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. As I behold the blessed sacrament, I invite you to come into my heart. Inspire and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Communion Motet: Ecce quomodo moritur justus

Georg Reutter (1708-1772)

(Sung in Latin) Behold how the righteous man dies and no one understands. Righteous men are taken away and no one considers: The righteous man has been taken away from present iniquity and his memory shall be in peace. As a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth: he was taken from prison and from judgment. And his memory shall be in peace.

text: Responsory for Holy Saturday

As time permits:

The Communion Hymn: 529

McKEE

The People stand during the final verse of the Communion Hymn

When there is a Eucharistic Visitor, the Deacon says

V. In the name of God, we send you forth to share communion with those who are absent from this table.

R. **As you have been fed, now feed others in Christ's name.**

V. Our prayers are with you, go in peace.

R. **Thanks be to God.**

The Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance, **you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

May Christ, who by death has destroyed death, give you all courage and joy in believing, and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of life be with you now and always. **Amen.**

The Processional Hymn: 704

HEREFORD

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Organ Voluntary: Festival March on *MACCABAEUS*

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)



Those Who Serve Today

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev'd Anna Horen, *Interim Rector*

Assisting: The Rev'd Elizabeth "Wib" Garfield, *Deacon*

Keep Up with our Parish Life

Our regular Still Point self-guided reflection, with scripture, poetry, and questions for meditation, is available here: <http://www.standrewdenver.org/still-point>.

Tonight, In person Still Point at 5:30 pm. All are Welcome!

Celebratory Coffee Hour, today after the service to celebrate Cayden Culwell, who was confirmed during the Easter Vigil at St. John's Cathedral.

We Depend on Your Generous Support! Please give generously to support our mission and ministries in one or more of the following ways:

- Go to the St. Andrew's website (www.standrewdenver.org) and use the **GIVE** button at the top or bottom of the page using a credit or debit card.
- Text to donate: text to 310-582-5828 (For your first text you will have to set up an account and provide a credit/debit card number. After that it is as easy as texting! Please contact our Treasurer Bob Mosher (bobdmosher@gmail.com) for details on setting this up.)
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For more information about parish ministries and becoming involved in the life of the parish, please visit our website, www.standrewdenver.org.

To Receive our Parishwide Newsletter, also known as “Fruits of the Tree”, simply visit our website and scroll toward the bottom of the homepage, input your email, and you will be added to our mailing list. The newsletter has the most in-depth and current information of parishwide events, and other items.

A Prayer for Our Rector Search:

O God, who has blessed and sustained us through the years; we ask that you continue to lead us, stretch us, and direct us, in our search for a new rector. Raise for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Christ and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world. To the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

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Patty Gerstenberger

Worship Schedule

Sunday

10:00 am - Choral Eucharist (in person and live-streamed)

5:30 pm - Still Point, *2nd and 4th Sundays*

Thursday

5:45 pm - Choral Evensong (in person and live-streamed)

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