



## The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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May 2, 2021

# 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*

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

**This is our second Eastertide of virtual worship.** If you are new among us, welcome. If you have been with us during this past year, thank you for your faithfulness. We have been working each week to improve the quality of our online liturgy. If we experience technical difficulties during the service, please bear with us while the issue is resolved, and if need be, reconnect to the livestream or refresh your screen. You are the congregation; there is no worship without you!

**As we gather** for worship together in our different locations, we are making different choices of how to participate. Please know that, just as you are welcome to “come as you are” in the physical church, so we hope you will participate here “as you will.” As you are comfortable, stand, sit, kneel, sing, speak, and, if you have capacity, join in the chat.

**Children** can participate in virtual worship just as they can during in-person worship (maybe even more so). You'll find resources on the [parish web-site](#), including the week's Godly Play video along with guides to help you wonder together as a family. During Easter Season, we will share the progressive story “Knowing Jesus in a New Way.” Each week we will hear a different post-Resurrection encounter and reflect on how this might help us to know Jesus in new ways. You can visit the site/watch the video on Sunday or whenever it's convenient for you. You'll also find this link in the weekly [Formation eNewsletter](#)).

**Safety Guidelines for Our Worship Team:** Denver's Mayor and Colorado's Governor have continued to update their orders for health and safety. The Bishop has continued to urge caution and to encourage us to follow practices that demonstrate care for our community and neighbors. Our parish practices, in worship, at the office, and in pastoral care, continue to comply with state orders and diocesan guidelines for Houses of Worship. If you would like to know more about our current practices, please contact [elizabeth@standrewdenver.org](mailto:elizabeth@standrewdenver.org)

*Cover art: Christ the True Vine, 16th century Greek icon*

## **We Depend on Your Generous Support!**

Please remember that though the physical church is closed, our financial needs continue. We are committed to offering ongoing financial support to those in need through our fundamental partners in outreach ministry, to paying our staff, maintaining our buildings and grounds, and offering worship and formation opportunities.

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](http://www.standrewdenver.org)) and use the **Donate** button at the 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](mailto:bobdmosher@gmail.com)) for details on setting this up.)
- Automatic withdrawal: arrange for a monthly (or any frequency) withdrawal directly from your checking account. No need to remember whether you have donated or not. (To set this up there is a simple form to submit. Contact our Treasurer Bob Mosher ([bobdmosher@gmail.com](mailto:bobdmosher@gmail.com)) for details on setting this up.)
- Mail your check to the church (2015 Glenarm Place, Denver CO 80205)

**There is still time to consider making a pledge** to support our mission and ministries in 2021. We are grateful for all gifts; pledges allow us to plan responsibly. Contact [office@standrewdenver.org](mailto:office@standrewdenver.org) or 303-296-1712 to make your pledge.

**For more information** about parish ministries and becoming involved in the life of the parish, please visit our website, [www.standrewdenver.org](http://www.standrewdenver.org).

During this service the Officiant will read the **parish prayer list**, followed by a silence for your prayers. If you would like to add names to the list, please contact [prayers@standrewdenver.org](mailto:prayers@standrewdenver.org).

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MORNING PRAYER • MAY 2, 2021

**The Voluntary:** “Where’er you walk” (from *Semele*)      *George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*

## Welcome from the Officiant

*The People stand at the ringing of the entrance bell*

## Opening Sentence

*Officiant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*setting: Timothy J. Krueger (2003)*

*Cantor*      O God, make speed to save us;

*Choir*      O Lord, make haste to help us.

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. Alleluia. Amen.

**The Opening Hymn** (*see next page*)

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1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind-ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

*The People sit*

**The Psalm:** 22:24-30      *Deus, deus meus; Anglican chant: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)*

- 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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

*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. *Here ends the Reading*

*The People stand*

**The First Canticle**

*Haec dies quam fecit  
Jakob Händl (1550-1591)*

[*Sung in Latin*] This is the day that the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.  
*Psalm 118:24*

*The People sit*

**The Second Lesson**

*John 15:1-8*

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."  
*Here ends the Reading*

**The Second Canticle**

*Alleluia; Hans Leo Hassler (1572-1625)*

Alleluia!

*The People sit.*

**The Sermon**

**The Apostles' Creed**

*harmonization: Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1944)*

*Sung by Officiant and People together, all standing*

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 life everlasting. **Amen.**

*The People kneel or bow their heads*

## **The Prayers**

*setting: Timothy J. Krueger*

*Cantor* The Lord be with you.

*Choir* And also with you.

*Cantor* Let us pray:

*Choir* Lord, have mercy on us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us.

*All* 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.

*Cantor* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*Choir* And grant us your salvation.

*Cantor* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*Choir* Let your people sing with joy.

*Cantor* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*Choir* For only in you can we live in safety.

*Cantor* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*Choir* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*Cantor* Let your way be known upon earth;

*Choir* Your saving health among all nations.

*Cantor* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*Choir* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*Cantor* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*Choir* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### *The Collect of the Day*

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.

*Choir:* Amen.

### *A Prayer for Mission*

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.

*Choir:* Amen.

*The People sit*

**The Anthem:** I sat down

*Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)*

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

*Song of Solomon 2:3-4*

*The People stand. Please add your own intercessions in the chat if you choose.*

**The Intercessions**

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People*

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 our selves 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.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Concluding Sentence**

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

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

## The Closing Hymn



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Benjamin Webb (1819-1885), alt.

Music: *Deus tuorum militum*, from *Antiphoner*, 1753; adapt. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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## Farewell from the Officiant

**The Voluntary:** Voluntary in D flat Major

*David N. Johnson (1922-1987)*

# Those Who Serve Today

**Officiant and Preacher:** The Rev'd Elizabeth P. Randall, *Rector*

**Choirmaster:** Timothy Krueger **Organist:** Ralph Valentine

## Choir

Elise Bahr, Hannah McGinty, *sopranos*, MB Krueger, Kathleen Schmidt, *altos*;  
Matthew Bentley, Matthew Lea, *tenors*; J.D. Cleveland, Bryan Grosbach, *basses*

**Reader:** Selena Billington

**Technology:** Will Stowe, Debbie Arnold *camera/sound*

**Eucharistic Visitor (Pastoral Phone Caller):** Shawn Nowlan

## Keep Up with our Parish Life

### Join us for Virtual Coffee Hour

From your smartphone, tablet, or computer, follow this [link](#)  
Or dial in from your telephone: +1 253 215 8782; meeting ID:85894500249.  
*If you have trouble connecting please email [Zoe](#).*

### Still Point Meditation

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

### We are Still the Church

As we continue in our second year of virtual community, we continue to discover new ways to come together for prayer, worship, fellowship, engagement with the works of justice, and service to the world. Each day brings new responses to an unfolding situation. Thank you to our parish leaders, vestry, staff, and clergy, who have worked faithfully and tirelessly through many seasons now. And our thanks to all who have helped, in so many ways, as we continue to learn, together, how to be church in a new time.