St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Centered in God, Focused on Others



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, April 14, 2024

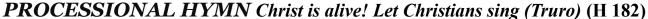
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Please note updated COVID-19 Guidelines:

- Masks are optional.
- Seek designated area if you wish to remain masked and socially distanced.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church, and for use before and after Holy Communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD





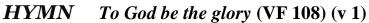
OPENING ACCLAMATION

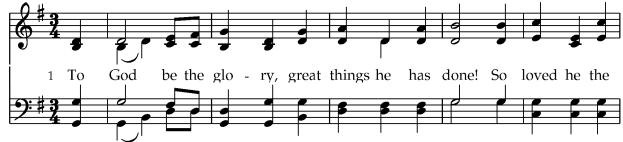
Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

OPENING COLLECT

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN are going to Cardinal Cushing for the Stations of the Cross.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19 A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader T People T

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7 A Reading from the First letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

CelebrantPeopleThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to LukeGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

Celebrant The Gospel of the LordPeople Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN Come, ye faithful, raise the strain (St. Kevin) (H 199) (v 3-4)



THE SERMON

The Reverend Patricia Handloss

THE NICENE CREED

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

O God, 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.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

We pray 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 those who suffer from any grief or trouble; *That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for 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.

Creator of all life, giver of all gifts,

We ask you for guidance and patience as we seek our new Rector.

Grant us the ability to hear your word and know your presence as we go about the business of choosing the Priest who will be our companion and leader in the future. Give us the Grace to see ourselves as we are and know the goodness of ourselves as we go through this process. We ask this in the name of the Risen Lord. *Amen*.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN*.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

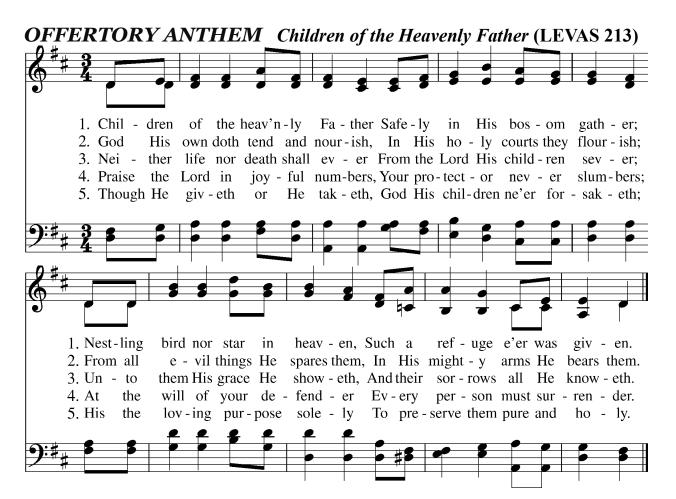
People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

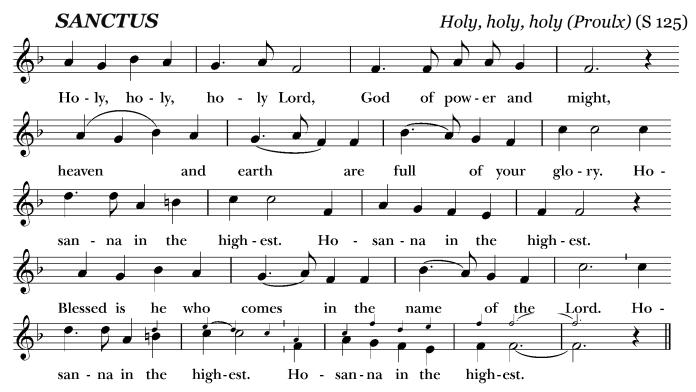
CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again;

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORDS PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on God in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome at God's table. If you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [Amen.] The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [Amen.]

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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*.

BLESSING

May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and Jesus the Christ. The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. *AMEN*.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Alleluia, alleluia (Lux eoi) (H 191)



DISMISSAL Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER LIST

Muriel Finnegan (deceased) – Peter C - Dave N – CH - Joan & Keith Macleod – Hilarie Lennan – Pam F – Lee G. – Kristyn & Jesse – Gene and Maryann – Jackie – Sally Cotten – Kristen, Marc & Eleanor – Edgar, Gary, Glenn, and Gayle & Darrell and Kassandra & Korey – Don S – Steve K – Nancy – Heather – Teddy – Jackie H. – Michael Curry – John and Janet – Dwayne – Tracy Sprows – Sally W.- Cathey Gately - Barbara W.- Betsy S.- Barbara K. - JoAnn K. - Pam W. - Charlotte C. - Paul M. - Karen C. - Carolyn R. - Ashley E. - Sue G. - Meredith C. - Seth H. - Joann K. - Gerry M. - Paul Sheehan - Bonnie T. – Jerry - Bob S. - Nancy Huntley - Sally D. – Janice – Lisa – Alex – Bruce – Paul R. - Susan J. - Diane G. - Beth - Marilyn - Sara, Matthew & Trang

<u>CONFIRMATION PROGRAM</u> – Classes meet on Sundays after the 9:30 services. No meeting 4/14/24 (start of school vacation week).

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets during Sunday Service (Calendar on the parish website).

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING OF "THE PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN"

In 1974, at a church in Philadelphia, a group of eleven women were ordained to the Episcopal priesthood. Their compelling and inspirational story is told in the new documentary "The Philadelphia Eleven." The screening here at St. Andrew's in the parish hall will take place Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 7 p.m. We ask that you reserve a seat by (1) putting your name on the reservation sheet at St. Andrew's before/after Sunday 9:30 a.m. services; (2) calling the office at 781-826-2062; or (3) using the reservation form at https://www.standrewshanover.org.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING today after service. All are welcome.

VESTRY MEETING: Next Vestry meeting is April 21, 2024. All are welcome!

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY: St. Andrew's collects items for the **Hanover Food Pantry.** Please drop off in the narthex. Our current needs are: canned chicken, tuna, mustard, dish washer detergent, liquid dish detergent, strawberry jelly, peanut butter, mayonnaise, salad dressing, canned peas

<u>"LOVE FROM OLIVIA":</u> We are collecting donations of diapers and Similac formula from now until Mother's Day, May 12, 2024 to fill care baskets for the babies in shelter at the Baymont Hotel and the Pilgrim's Hope shelter in Kingston (under the care of the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless). Needed: Diapers (sizes 4,5 and 6); Similac formula (blue) powdered. Please leave donations on stage in the Parish Hall. See Sherry Long with any questions.

<u>Mother's Day Walk for Peace on May 12</u>. Dianne and Paul Nicol have created a St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Hanover - 28th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace TEAM. See https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/StAndrews to JOIN the TEAM as a WALKER and/or to donate in support of the walkers. See parish website for detailed information.

Election of Bishop: Registration for the Special Convention to Elect our 17th Bishop Diocesan for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, to take place Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Trinity Church in Boston, is **OPEN!** Register now at https://cvent.me/2WEVy5. This convention is open to all in the diocesan community, however only voting members and those with assigned credentials will have center floor seating. For more information: https://www.diomass.org/electing-convention-2024

OFFICE HOURS: For month of APRIL, the office will be OPEN every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; **every Thursday** noon to 6:00 p.m. and **alternating Tuesdays and Fridays**, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as follows: Tuesday, **APRIL 9 & 23**; Friday, **APRIL 5 & 19**