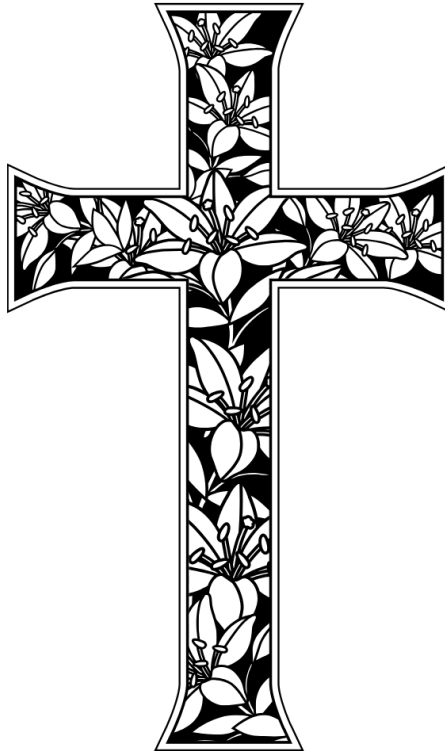


Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Feeding the Hungry — Welcoming the Stranger

Being Transformed by God

Welcome to this morning's worship!

Thank you for joining us today. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.

Prelude

Opening Hymn *(Please stand as you are able.)*

All creatures of our God and King (vv. 1, 4, 5, 7)

Hymnal 400

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People ***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.***

Gloria

Hymnal S-278

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant 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.***

The Procession of Children and Youth

All children and youth are invited to process out of the church together for a special Earth Day mission. Rather than go downstairs, we will plant a "Garden for the World" on the Kensington side lawn. We'll come back into church during the announcements and reconvene after worship on the playground for more Earth Day activities.

Jesus loves me (sung by all)

The Word of God

The First Reading

1 John 3:16-24

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm (*sung by choir*)

Psalm 23

Anglican Chant Psalter #49, by John Goss

*The Lord is my shepherd; **

I shall not be in want.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures **

and leads me beside still waters.

*He revives my soul **

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

*I shall fear no evil; **

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

*You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; **

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

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

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

Gradual Hymn (*Please stand as you are able.*)

For the fruit of all creation (vv. 1–2)

Hymnal 424

The Holy Gospel

John 10:11–18

Deacon The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Gradual Hymn

For the fruit of all creation (v. 3)

Hymnal 424

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Prayers of the People: Honoring God in Creation (*standing or kneeling*)

Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always: Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth around us, and pour your blessing upon the people and organizations working everywhere for the good of the planet. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Light and source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Breath of life, receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all its inhabitants, and lend us the wisdom and will to conserve them. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Wise Creator whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your generosity, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died. God, Giver of life, ***Hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant continues

Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Throughout the Great Fifty Days of Easter the Confession of Sin is omitted.

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Virgil Thompson, text in Hymnal 664

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP p. 367

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 God thanks and praise.***

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy (sung by all, three times)

WLP 785

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

Communion Hymns (sung by all)

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal 645

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

Hymnal 343

The Lord my God my shepherd is

Hymnal 663

Hymn

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal 708

Easter Blessing

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us eternal life, give you joy and peace in your faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Acolytes: Levi Haynes, Sam Inman, Lindy Taylor

Readers: (8:30 a.m.) Virginia Haskett; (10 a.m.) AmyRuth McGraw, Claude Ragan

Chalicians: (8:30 a.m.) Virginia Haskett; (10 a.m.) Spencer Musick, Geoff Swan

Verger: Debbie Dowd

Ushers: Rob Moore, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Jankoba Sambola, John Sweeney, Celeste Williams

Greeters & Newcomer Hosts: Fran Swan, Lois Washburn

Altar Guild: Dottie Clark, Margaret Horne, Lisa Garrett, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins

Livestream Team: Jorge Chaires, Sandy Shelton

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the Glory of God by
Nancy O'Donnell in loving memory of her parents.*

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia

In 1788 the "First Fleet" brought convicts, the military, officials, and a Church of England chaplain to New South Wales in Australia, marking both the beginning of the British colony and the beginning of Australian Anglicanism. Throughout colonial history Christians were mainly divided between Anglicans and Roman Catholics (many of the convicts were Irish), and today they remain the two largest churches in Australia. Anglicans began mission work among the aborigines in the 19th century. The Church became its own separate province in 1962. In 2022 conservative Anglicans in Sydney broke away from the Anglican Church of Australia, calling themselves the Diocese of the Southern Cross.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Halifax; All Saints', Hamlet

Those on our parish prayer list: Mary Stalter; Norma Bullock; Moira Ermentrout; Maria Wilmoth; Jimmie Olivey; Patrick and Margaret Miller; Ed Morea; Julie Dameron; Traci and Erik; Barbara Cernansky; Ella Janssen; Gabriel; Charles Claunch; Libby Eberhard; Gwen Snead; Barbara Van Cleve; David Heflin; Jeff Cummer; Charles Kelshaw; David McGraw; Maureen Morea; Carolyn Ritchie; Betty Atwell; Eva Harris; Harold Johnson; Bob Emmaus; Judy Gecinger; Liz Wert; Carol Phillips; Leslie Deaton; Ed Phelps; Tom Walton; Mack Baker; Amber Morales; Lauren; Phillip Marion; Downs Brown Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O'Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Florine; Vickie; Heather; Victoria; Dean Barrett; Bob; Leslie; Johnetta Shablack; Doug Baker; Erik Flak; Bill Hill; Elizabeth Nevius; Frank Tatem; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Kenya; Terrance Horne; Margaret Ann Horne; Pia; Henry, Christine, and Emily Davis-Potter; Harry Barrineau

Those serving in our military: Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

The departed: Mary Jo Usher Steel

Special concerns: Barbara Cooke and missionaries to Costa Rica with St. Francis Episcopal, April 16–23

Birthdays: Tony Bengel, Sean Cummings, Tricia de Beer, Joe Graves, Dan Smith, Megan Waide

Anniversaries: Bob and Dorothy Cook, Stephen and Ginny Inman, Rob and Christina Lillpopp, Dirk and Tracy Siegmund

Prayer requests can be sent to Susan Frye, Parish Administrator, at parish@standrewsgso.org or 336-275-1651, ext. 1. Please also contact Susan with birthdays and anniversaries for the bulletin.

Today & Tonight

Welcome to Our Earth Day Celebration, with Offerings for All!

Community Conversation with Palmer McIntyre—Gardening and Activities for Children and Youth

Today we are recognizing Earth Day, which is April 22. Please join us in the Parish Hall right after 10 a.m. worship for a *Community Conversation led by Palmer McIntyre*, Conservation Planner with the Piedmont Land Conservancy. Palmer spearheaded the North Carolina “Year of the Trail” and is co-author of the forthcoming book *Trails and Treats: A Hiker and Runner’s Guide to Great Hikes and Good Eats in North Carolina* (trailsandtreats.com). *Children and youth are invited to enjoy special Earth Day activities and crafts on the playground.*

Our Youth & Seniors Dinner is Tonight—Please Be our Guest, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall!

The EYC will host our seniors for dinner tonight. We look forward to sharing Charles and Shelley Kappauf’s delicious dishes with our parish family and to getting to know you. *Not sure you qualify as a senior? We say, if you want to, you do! No RSVP? Please come anyway. We are eager to see you.*

EYC Hosts, Cooks, & Servers—Arrive at 3 p.m. Today (or as soon after as you can)!

The big night is here. Come ready to cook for our favorite St. Andrew’s grownups. Bring a dessert if you can (unless you volunteered to make mac and cheese), and we’ll see you soon in the Parish Hall.

Announcements

Funeral for Wes Hood—Monday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.

All are invited to a Celebration of Life for Wes Hood tomorrow. The service will be in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m., and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

Join us at Our Brown Bag Book Club Meeting—April 23, 12 p.m.

Our April book club meeting is this Tuesday. We will discuss *The Book Thief*, by Marcus Zusak. All are welcome to join. Bring a snack or sandwich and your beverage and come to the Cloister from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.(-ish). Email Janet Owens at janetowenshomes@gmail.com to learn more.

Give Up Your Silence Easter Advocacy Day & Postcard Campaign—April 28

As part of Advocacy Day 2024, Episcopalians across the Diocese are called to “give up their silence” and add their voices to those meeting in person with legislators in May. You can take part through a “Give Up Your Silence” postcard campaign during Coffee Hour next Sunday. Our postcards will be mailed together to Diocesan House, and from there will be passed on to state legislators on Advocacy Day 2024 in May. *If you can’t be at church next Sunday*, you can pick up a postcard at the church office and return it to the office or to **Virginia Haskett** before April 28. For more information visit episdionc.org/advocacy-day-2024-postcard-campaign. *On April 28, you’ll also hear about St. Andrew’s own advocacy projects being spearheaded by parishioners, and you’ll be able to visit our new **Advocacy Center**, where you can find district maps and contact info for office holders, voting information, and more.*

It's Time to Sign Up for Screening of "The Philadelphia Eleven" – May 9 in the Parish Hall

Come See the Story of Women's Ordination in the Episcopal Church

In 1974, in an act of civil disobedience, a group of eleven women and their supporters organized their ordination to become Episcopal priests. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of their ordination, we will offer a screening of *The Philadelphia Eleven*, a new film that documents their story. ***The event will begin with light refreshments (6:00–6:45 p.m.), followed by the film screening (7:00–8:30 p.m.), and a brief discussion.*** The **Rev. Marie Moorefield Fleischer**, one of the original eleven who also has ties to our diocese, will join us. We look forward to this opportunity to celebrate our women bishops, priests, and deacons, and to acknowledge what it has taken for them to get where they are. You can watch the film trailer at philadelphiaelevenfilm.com. ***Registration is open to all, but as space is limited to 100, you are asked to RSVP with your contact information to the Rev. Barbara Cooke at bjcookenc@me.com.***

It's Time for Another New Day Singers' Concert – May 12 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Come hear our favorite a cappella ensemble perform in St. Andrew's sanctuary on May 12, at 6 p.m. Join The New Day Singers as they present *Echoes of Eternity: Melodies for a New Day*. This collection of both classic and newfound pieces explores the different aspects of what makes us all human—love, loss, connection, joy, humor, and hope. The concert is free, and donations are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Updated: All HUGS Camp Applications Now Open – Buddy Campers, Staff, & Campers

2024 HUGS Camp at Haw River State Park Runs July 8–13 for Campers, July 6–13 for Buddies & Staff

HUGS is a unique camp for unique people, bringing together young people of diverse abilities to overcome barriers of real and imagined differences and build bridges of understanding. HUGS is about acknowledging the good creation in each of us and more fully knowing and loving our God through it. The great differences among campers and staff help all of us learn to appreciate and celebrate our diversity as we recognize our common ground. ***Applications are now open for HUGS campers! Buddy Campers (rising 9th–12th graders) and Staff (having completed first year of college or older) are still needed. See our Weekly eNews for information and application links.***

Episcopal Breakfasts at Greensboro Urban Ministry

Your mother probably fed a lot of people. You can, too! Honor your mother with a gift to Urban Ministry. Episcopal volunteers gather before dawn every Tuesday to cook and serve a welcoming hot breakfast to 150 people who are struggling through the deprivations of life without stable housing. The cost of each Tuesday's service is currently \$312. Every contribution is deeply appreciated. You can give by mail (Greensboro Urban Ministry, 305 W. Gate City Blvd., Greensboro 27406); by phone (to Tori Kallam, 346-271-5959, ext. 320); or online (greensborourbanministry.org/donate). ***However you give, please be sure to designate "Episcopal Breakfast" as the recipient.***

Save these Dates – More Details Coming Soon

<i>EYC Field Day</i>	<i>Sunday, May 5</i>
<i>Election Day: Primary Runoff</i>	<i>Tuesday, May 14 (St. Andrew's is a polling place.)</i>
<i>EfM Graduation</i>	<i>Sunday, June 2, 10:00 a.m. Worship</i>
<i>Youth Sunday, Celebration of Graduates</i>	<i>Sunday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. Worship</i>
<i>Youth Summer Mission Sendoff</i>	<i>Sunday, June 9, afternoon</i>
<i>Compassion Camp VBS</i>	<i>Monday–Friday, August 5–9</i>

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The Peace of Wild Things

by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.