



# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Mission: To Reveal God's Love by Nourishing the  
Community through Worship, Acceptance, and Service.*

**8:30 am - Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2, 2021**



All Scripture quotations are from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) translation of the Bible.  
*This liturgy is reprinted from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer*

## **Diocesan Statement of Unity**

*As part of the Jesus Movement and the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, we pledge to love our neighbors and protect the most vulnerable among us, remembering our baptismal vows to “strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.” We live these pledges out by actively engaging in dismantling racism. For many of us, this will mean learning more about our racial identity, listening to those who have experienced racial prejudice, speaking out against racism, and showing up alongside those in our community working to change unjust systems in our society. We also live out this pledge at worship during this pandemic, by wearing face-coverings, respecting distancing guidelines, foregoing the common cup and **refraining from congregational responses** and singing unless safely inside our cars or home.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Lord, Have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

### **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. Amen.

### **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.

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

- 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.

## **Second Reading: John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. 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."

## **Homily**

The Rev. Brenda Sol

## **Contemplative Silence**

### **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.

*During Eastertide, we omit the Confession.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

## **Form VI**

*The Reader prays*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop; and  
all bishops and other ministers;  
For all who serve God in God's Church.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, including those on our parish  
prayer list:

## Silence

*The Parish Prayers are listed in the Friday eBlast. Please note that, due to our recording schedule, there will, at times, be lags in your loved one's name being read.*

*However, the prayer team will begin praying right away.*

*Prayer requests can be sent to: [prayer@standrewsepiscope.org](mailto:prayer@standrewsepiscope.org).*

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Peace

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

*People silently bow to each other or share some other silent/distanced sign of peace.*

## Virtual Offering

*While the office is closed, contributions and pledge payments can be mailed to the office, but please consider moving your payment to Bill Pay through your bank, online at [standrewsepiscope.org/give](http://standrewsepiscope.org/give), or by texting "donate" to 760-227-7012 and choosing either Pledge Payment or online Donation.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

#### ***For a Birthday***

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may the peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### ***For an Anniversary***

Eternal God, look with favor upon the world you have made and especially upon these couples. Give them wisdom and devotion in the ordering of their lives together, that each may be to the other a strength in need, a counselor in perplexity, a comfort in sorrow, and a companion in joy. Grant that their wills may be so knit together in your will, and their spirits in your Spirit, that they may grow in love and peace with you and one another all the days of their life. Amen.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### **Spiritual Communion**

*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to silently pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

*Consecrated bread and wine are displayed.*

Lord Christ, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our heart, our soul, and our mind. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia, Alleluia  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia

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