



Holy Eucharist
Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 4th, 2021
8 am Service

The Word of God

Opening Hymn- *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Descant

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en-dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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 you holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (10:34-43).

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living

and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24-*Read in unison.*

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.***

***Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."***

***The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.***

***There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:***

***"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"***

***I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.***

***The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.***

***Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.***

***"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."***

***I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.***

***The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.***

***This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.***

***On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.***

Second Reading

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (15:1-11).

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

Sequence Hymn- *Lord I Lift your Name on High*

♩=86

VERSE

G C/G D/G C/G G C/G



Lord, I lift Your name _ on high; Lord, I love to sing _ Your

4 D/G C/G G C/G D/G C/G G C/G



prais - es. ___ I'm so glad You're in _ my life; I'm so glad You came _ to

CHORUS

8 D D^{sus} D C G C D C/D



save _ us. ___ You came from heav - en to earth _ to show the way, .

11 G C D C G C



_ from the earth ___ to the cross _ my debt to pay; _ From the cross ___ to the grave, .

14 D Em⁷ Am⁷ D G



_ from the grave ___ to the sky; _ Lord, I lift Your name _ on high.

Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:1-18).

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Fr. Stephen Shortess

The Nicene Creed

All stand

***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.*

Prayers of the People

Prayers adapted from "Planning for Rites and Rituals"

Reader God of love, we rejoice with angels, and all the host of heaven, as we celebrate the resurrection of your Son. Bless today's joyful celebration and turn our hearts to you with new delight and commitment.

People ***We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!***

Reader God of mercy, bring your church to new life. Awaken in us a faithfulness that manifest itself in joy, in dedication to work of reconciliation in the world, in care for your creation, in awe of your glory.

People ***We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!***

Reader God of wholeness, bring those who suffer to new life. We pray for those who bear the burden of pain and anxiety, whose relationships are shattered, whose lives are full of despair, especially Helen Martinson, Tony Price, Curley Gilmore, Cooki Blevins, Henry, Gary, John Matocha, Russel Gustafson, Carolyn Lehman, Susan Neuman, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata,

Jean Norris, and all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus. For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Bob Blevins, Kenneth Minter, Ann Benham, Audrey Herron, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, and Patsy Creager. Lead us to find ways to present with them and reflect your love for them.

People ***We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!***

Reader God of light, bring those in authority to new life in the ways they lead their nations, especially Joe our president, Greg our governor, Donna our mayor, as well as all local officials. We pray for all those who are serving in the armed forces. Show them the path of integrity and truth that their people may live in peace, that all may have plenty.

People ***We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!***

Reader God of eternity, we give thanks for those who have gone before us and have entered into new and everlasting life in your presence.

People ***We praise you, Almighty God. Alleluia! Amen!***

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthday Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Mark Gustafson, Tracy Donley, Wayne Beeman, Sally Swope, Debbie Pezzuto, and Ben Gustafson, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anniversary Prayers

Celebrant and People

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, Brandon & Charlene Vardeman and Mark Dibble & Jennifer Spencer, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Holy Communion

Flowering of the cross during Offertory

Offertory Hymn- *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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G G/D D G/B D/A G G/D D

1. Joy ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays.
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus, which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

5 G C G/D D G

Hears un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, broth - er love binds man to man.

9 D G/D D G/D D B/D# Em A D

Melt the clouds of sin and _ sad - ness; Drive the _ dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for - est, vale and _ moun - tain, flow - ery _ mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our _ Broth - er - all who _ live in love are Thine.
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we _ on - ward, vic - tors _ in the midst of strife.

13 G C G/D D G

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee!
 Teach us how to love each oth - er; lift us to the joy di - vine!
 Joy - ful mu - sic lifts us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sursum Corda-

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People together say

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: 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 and Father 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.

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant 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."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, BCP p. 364

People and Celebrant

***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.***

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

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

All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!

Communion Hymn – Easter Hallelujah

A crown of thorns placed on his head, He knew that he would soon be dead,
He said, “Did you forget me Father, did You?”

They nailed him to a wooden cross, Soon all the world would feel the loss,
Christ that came before us Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

He hung his head and prepared to die, Then lifted his face up to the sky,
Said, “I am coming home now, Father, to you.”

A reed which held his final sip, Was gently lifted to his lips,
He drank his last and gave his soul to glory.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah!

The soldier who had used a sword, To pierce the body of our Lord.
Said, Truly this was Jesus Christ, Our Savior.”

He looked with fear upon his sword, Then turned his face to Christ the Lord,
Bowed his knees, and cried, Hallelujah!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Took from his head the thorny crown, And wrapped him in a linen gown,
And laid him down to rest inside a tomb.

The holes in his hands, and feet and side, Now in our hearts we know he died
To save us from ourselves, Oh Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Three days went by, again they came; To move the stone to bless the slain,
With oil and spice anointing, Hallelujah!
But as they went to move the stone, They saw that they were not alone,
That Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

***Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

Closing Hymn- Alleluia #1

REFRAIN:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the king of creation. **(REFRAIN)**
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus had died and has risen. **(REFRAIN)**
3. We have been crucified with christ.
Now we shall live forever. **(REFRAIN)**
4. Come let us praise the living God.
Joyfully sing to our savior. **(REFRAIN)**

Repeat Refrain 2 Times at the end

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Dismissal

Celebrant

People

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Gerry Richardson

Musician- Melinda Ingersoll

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021: EASTER SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Garden)

9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Garden)

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (McKeogh Hall)

12:00 p.m. Service for Healing (Chapel)

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew's (McKeogh Hall)

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings in the Youth House on Crockett Street.

Please send prayer requests by email to: secretary@standrewseguin.org

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Announcements

The Church office will be closed Easter Monday, April 5th. We will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, April 6th. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter!

Thank you to all the members of Christ's body who are St. Andrews for your generosity in contributing to the Pack the Pickup food drive for the Christian Cupboard. **Together we donated 914 pounds of food to the Christian Cupboard.** The volunteers who met us, said this- *"Tell everyone THANKS. The Christian Cupboard is important to the community and people like y'all are important to the Cupboard. We couldn't do it without you."*

-Nancy & Arlynn Hartfiel

Downtown History Walk – Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 AM

St. Andrew's members of all ages are invited to meet at the garden for a downtown history walk on Saturday, April 10th at 10 AM. Our own Marty Keil will lead the walk to teach us about nearby historical site after Dorothy Bauer gives us a history lesson on our own Chapel.

Grad Sunday is May 30th! If you have a St. A's kid who will transition from preschool to elementary, elementary to middle school, middle school to high school, or is a graduate, send a picture and a short bio of them including what their plans are for the future to Charlene at secretary@standrewseguin.org by **Thursday, May 27th.**

