



Holy Eucharist Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14th, 2023 10 am Service

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Hymn-I sing the almighty power of God

Hymnal 398



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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 your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Iesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever

and ever. Amen.

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (17:22-31).

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

The Psalm Appointed

Reader The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 66 verses 7-18. Let us read in unison.

Bless our God, you peoples; *

make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *

and will not allow our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; *

vou have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; * but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *

I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *

the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

Second Reading

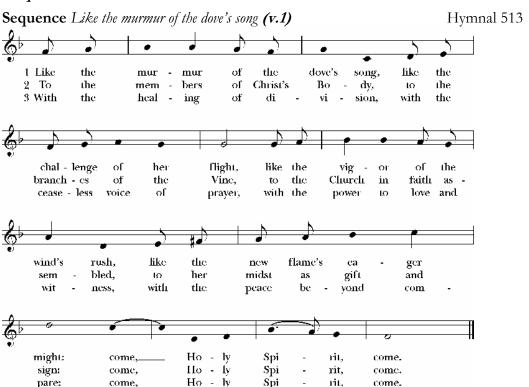
Reader A reading from the first book of Peter (3:13-22).

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of

Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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Holy Gospel

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (14:15-21)

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Patricia Riggins

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.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

Through him all things were made.

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 Form II

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Reader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Michael our Presiding Bishop; David and Rayford, our bishops; David, our Bishop Coadjutor, Stephen, Patricia, and Tom, our priests, and their families; and all ministers and people. Pray for the Church, especially The Church of the Province of West Africa, Church of the Good Shepherd in Corpus Christi, and Church of the Good Shepherd in George West. Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially Robbie H., Evelyn Neumann, Margaret Hall, Nanette, Jared Dempster, Warren Wundt, Evan Ramsey, Danette Burrel, Dale Burrel, Ben Woodward, Grace Woodward, Julie Champion, Lynwood Jones, Amy Lacey, Mari Allmond, Dennis Engblom, Les Shephard, Abe Zapata, Charlie Smith, Frances Billeaud, Dan Reimer, Chris Krippner, Dr. Richie Spence, Tom Lehman, Margaret Hopkins, Colin Baker, Donald Schwartz, Lael Seagert, David Hamer, Alex McInnis, Penny Sengler, Jean Norris. For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Debra Norris, Mickie Teagarden, Ann Ramsey, Mary Louise Donegan, Helen Martinson, Audrey Herron, Kenneth Minter, and Betty Rainey.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers for all the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers and thanksgivings for Seguin Youth Services, its work in our community, and for our Vestry and staff.

Silence

Reader I ask your prayers and thanksgivings for our armed forces and their families at home and abroad.

Silence

Reader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

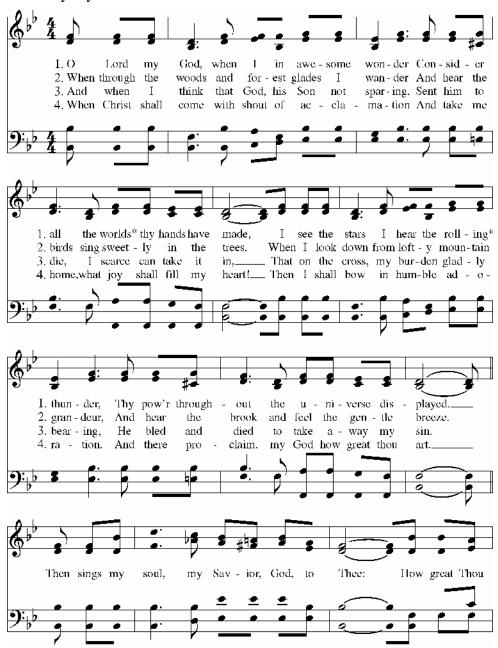
Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

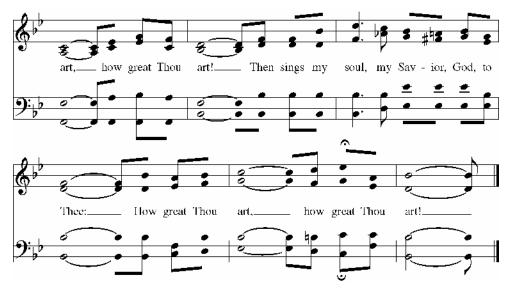
Birthday Prayers- Celebrant and People O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Betty Rainey, Kelly Casey, and Kim Mueller, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mother's Day Prayer- Celebrant and People Gracious God, help us to recognize all the women who have guided us and loved us like mothers, shining forth as an example of the deepness of the love you offer each of your beloved children. Bless us and keep us today in that love and always. In your name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Hymn-How Great Thou Art



^{*} The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."



Doxology- Celebrant and People: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving -Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 him thanks and praise.

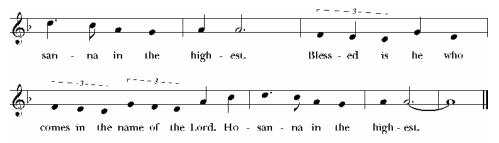
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant 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:





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After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.

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." 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, 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 you 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.**

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

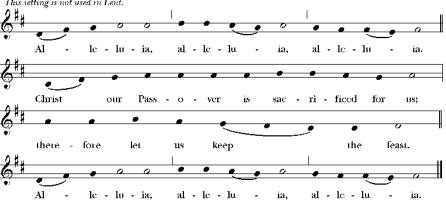
People and Celebrant Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. 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.

Fraction Anthem

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Invitation

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 who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Hymnal S154

Those who would prefer a gluten-free wafer can request one at the altar rail from the priest.

Communion Hymn 1- Rise- Chris Tomlin

There's a peace I've come to know, though my heart and flesh may fail. There's an anchor for my soul, I can say, "It is well."

Iesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when He calls my name. No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God, fall on my knees, And rise, I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near, when this darkness breaks to light; And the shadows disappear, And my faith shall be my eyes.

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed. The victory is won. He is risen from the dead.

And I will rise when He calls my name; No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagle's wings. Before my God, fall on my knees, And rise, I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart, "Worthy is the Lamb!"

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I will rise when He calls my name, No more sorrow, no more pain. I will rise on eagle's wings, Before my God, fall on my knees, And rise, I will rise!

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Communion Hymn 2- Shout to the Lord- Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You. All of my days, I want to praise, the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter Tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, All that I am, Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, All the earth let us sing, Power and Majestry, Praise to the King. Mountains bow down, And the seas will roar, At the sound of your Name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand. Nothing compares To the promise I have in You.

This song repeats once after the first time. The only difference is the last section, Where the last line is repeated 3 times at the end.

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Communion Hymn 3- Father We Adore You- Terry Coelho

Father, we adore You, Lay our lives before You, How we love You.

Jesus, we adore You, Lay our lives before You, How we love You.

Spirit, we adore You. Lay our live before You. How we love You.

Father, we adore You, Lay our lives before You, How we love You.

Jesus, we adore You, Lay our lives before You, How we love You.

Spirit, we adore You. Lay our live before You. How we love You.

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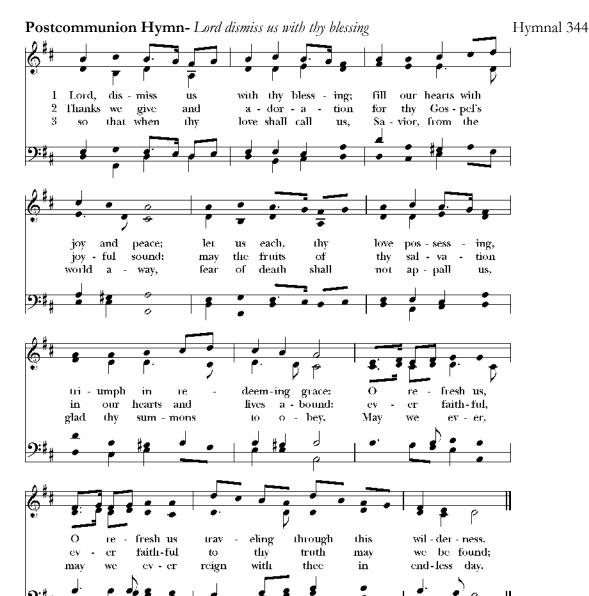
Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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



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Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude-Thine is the Glory-arr. Emily Porter

Wendi Gustafson-Organ

Listening Devices are available upon request. Please see an usher for more information.



Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by John & Kelly Mahan in memory of Kelly's mom, Carolyn Lehman and in honor of all moms for Mother's Day.

Ministers in the Lord's Service

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Preacher- Rev. Patricia Riggins

Lav Reader- Mark Williams

Crucifer- Alexis McInnis

Vestry of the Week- Will Follis

Altar Guild- Dorothy Bauer, Martha Bruns, Marty Keil, Linda Williams, Jackie Ball

Ushers- Carlotta Coffman, Margaret Taylor, & Jackie Ball

Offertory Tellers- Syd Bauer & Margaret Taylor

Musicians- Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ, Melinda- Guitar

Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Choral Scholars- Ellie Follis, Kellie Ranft

Cameramen/Technicians- Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson, Susan Rinn,

Will Follis, Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023: SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Chapel) 9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Formation (McKeogh Hall) 9:00 a.m. Youth & Children Christian Formation (Youth House) 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Church)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (McKeogh Hall) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice (Choir Loft)

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

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

Announcements

St. James Catholic Church is hosting a blood drive on Sunday, May 21st from 9 am to 2 pm in the St. James School Gym. Give blood and take home a cozy "You Give They Live" (YGTL) T-shirt. To make your appointment or for more information contact Amy McCarthy at ltcolamac@aol.com or 303-601-4991.

The Veterans Ministry will meet on May 24 at 6:00 pm in McKeogh Hall to discuss upcoming activities.

Grad Sunday is May 28th! We will recognize those graduating with a special prayer and a light lunch in their honor following the 10 am service. 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 25th.

In observance of Memorial Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, May 29th. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th at 9 am.

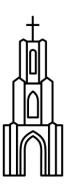
The Seguin Veterans Ministry will participate in a Memorial Day event to honor veterans residing in the Walnut Springs care facility on May 29 at 1:30 pm. Please contact Robert Pike at 830 560-2326 if you would like to participate in this special event for elderly veterans of the community.

Join the Habitat for Humanity Faith In Action Team (FIAT)! Put your faith into action by helping make homeownership dreams come true for families in our community. To learn more come to the first annual FIAT Brunch on Thursday, June 1st in McKeogh Hall from 9 am to 11 am!

Save the date! DOK will host "Stepping into the River of Prayer," a Women's Event in McKeogh Hall on Saturday, June 10th from 8:30 am – 1 pm. In lieu of a registration fee, please bring a donation for the Christian Cupboard. Please RSVP to the Church Office or Ellen Stone or Melinda Ingersoll.

Mark your calendars! St. Andrew's Veterans Ministry will host a fundraiser on June 11th. Stay tuned for more information!

Of all the sessions of summer camp this year, two will be very special. What will make them so special you ask? Fr. Stephen will be there! He will be on Mustang Island for the Session 4 of Family Camp from June 22-25 and at Camp Capers from July 16-22 for the B session of Junior High Camp. Registration is open now! If you need assistance with the registration costs, the diocese and the church can help. Contact the office for the application.



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