

**Second Sunday of Easter  
St. Andrew's Church  
April 12, 2026**



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*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.*

All stand.

Opening Hymn #179

Welcome Happy Morning

1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say:  
\*2 Earth her joy con - fess - es, cloth - ing her for spring,  
\*3 Months in due suc - ces - sion, days of length - ening light,  
4 Ma - ker and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,  
5 Thou, of life the au - thor, death didst un - der - go,

1 hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!  
2 all fresh gifts re - turned with her re - turn - ing King:  
3 hours and pass - ing mo - ments praise thee in their flight.  
4 thou from heaven be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,  
5 tread the path of dark - ness, sav - ing strength to show;

1 Lo! the dead is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!  
2 bloom in ev - ery mea - dow, leaves on ev - ery bough,  
3 Bright - ness of the morn - ing, sky and fields and sea,  
4 of the Fa - ther's God - head true and on - ly Son,  
5 come then, true and faith - ful, now ful - fill thy word,

1 Him their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore!  
 2 speak his sor - row end - ed, hail his tri - umph now.  
 3 Van - quish - er of dark - ness, bring their praise to thee.  
 4 man - kind to de - liv - er, man - hood didst put on.  
 5 'tis thine own third morn - ing! rise, O bur - ied Lord!

*Refrain*

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say.

6 Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
 all that now is fallen raise to life again;  
 show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
 bring again our daylight: day returns with thee!

*Refrain*

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Fortunatus*, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*All:* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

# Song of Praise

Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our  
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your  
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

**Fine**

Christ the Lord to us said: "I am wine, I am bread, I am  
Je - sus says to us still: "All who do the Lord's will, all who

wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger!"  
do the Lord's will are my sis - ters and my bro - thers." *D.C.*

Words: South African. Music: *Halleluya! Pelo tso rona*, South African.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*LEM*

## A Reading from the Book of Exodus

**Exodus 15:1-11**

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might,<sup>[a]</sup>

and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him;

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

<sup>3</sup> The Lord is a warrior;

the Lord is his name.

<sup>4</sup> Pharaoh's chariots and his army he cast into the sea;

his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The floods covered them;

they went down into the depths like a stone.

- <sup>6</sup> Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the enemy.
- <sup>7</sup> In the greatness of your majesty you overthrew your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury; it consumed them like stubble.
- <sup>8</sup> At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
- <sup>9</sup> The enemy said, ‘I will pursue; I will overtake;  
I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’
- <sup>10</sup> You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
- <sup>11</sup> Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

*LEM:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*LECTOR*

**Psalm of the day**

**Psalm 111, OSH**

*read responsively, by half verse.*

- 1 Alleluia! I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart, \*  
**in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.**
- 2 Great are your deeds, O God; \*  
**they are studied by all who delight in them.**
- 3 Your work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
**and your righteousness endures for ever.**
- 4 You make your marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
**you are gracious and full of compassion.**
- 5 You give food to those who fear you; \*  
**you are ever mindful of your covenant.**
- 6 You have shown your people the power of your works \*  
**in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- 7 The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
**all your commandments are sure.**
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
**because they are done in truth and equity.**

- 9 You sent redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever; \*  
**holy and awesome is your Name,**
- 10 The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
**those who act accordingly have a good understanding; God's praise endures for ever.**

*LECTOR*

**A Reading from the First Letter of Peter**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #178

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*

Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.  
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

*Repeat Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -  
 Now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

*The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.*

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## The Gospel

*In Easter season we're going to "surround the gospel" with musical Alleluias—sing this once before and once after the Gospel reading.*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Enriching our Music #119*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass staff provides accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!  
Hal - le - lu - jah!

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

The third system continues the melody. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note G4, quarter notes A4, B4, and C5, then a half note D5. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines.

## The Gospel

**John 20:19-31**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*All:* **Glory to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*Celebrant:* This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

***Halle, halle, hallelujah!***  
*(See music above)*

***Enriching our Music #119***

## The Sermon

*All stand.*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Nathan Nettleton, 2001, at [laughingbird.net](http://laughingbird.net)

**We believe in God,  
who made the world  
and reaches out to it  
with a love  
fierce and passionate,  
tender and kind.**

**We believe in Jesus, the Christ,  
God revealed in a human life.  
He touched the untouchable,  
pardoned the unforgivable  
and unmasked the powers that enslave us.  
In fear and arrogance  
we cast him, lifeless, into the grave,  
and with him went our hopes of salvation.  
Raised by God,  
he is parting the sea of evil and despair  
and leading us across  
into the land of freedom and promise.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
– God's mysterious presence with us –  
whose breathing gives life;  
whose fire purges and renews;  
whose wisdom  
surprises, prompts and questions,  
awakening courage, humour and hope.**

**We believe in ourselves;  
made in the image of God  
and growing to wholeness in Christ.  
Gathered by the Spirit,  
we have been baptised into a common life:  
a life laid open to all;  
overflowing with love and mercy;  
richer than mind can measure,  
but appearing foolish to the world.**

**And we trust  
that the foolishness of God  
will prove wiser  
than the wisdom of the world,  
and that the suffering of God  
will heal the earth  
and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace.**

*LEM*

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Remain standing. The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.*

*LEM:* Heavenly Father, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church. We pray especially for Sean, the Presiding Bishop; for Matt, Allen, and the diocesan ministry team; for Allison, our priest-in-charge; for all churches in New Paltz, especially Redeemer Lutheran and New Paltz United Methodist Church; for all Episcopal churches in Ulster county, and for all lay people in their ministries;

**All: May we all be one that the world may believe.**

*LEM:* We remember those who have died, *especially Vickie Obermeyer*, and those we now name. *[Please add your own names, aloud]*. Gracious God,

**All: into your hands we commend them.**

*LEM:* We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

**All: May we also come to share your heavenly realm.**

*LEM:* Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, *especially Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Chet, all facing exclusion or harm, and those we now name. [Please add your own names, aloud]*. Jesus,

**All: in your presence may they find strength.**

*LEM:* Look with your kindness on our homes and families, for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments, *especially Annette and Avery on their birthdays*, and those we now name. *[Please add your own names, aloud]*. Loving God,

**All: grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

*LEM:* Make us alive to the needs of our community.

**All: Help us share one another's joys and burdens.**

*LEM:* Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world, especially in Russia and Ukraine, the Middle East and in other places of conflict.

*All:* **Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

*LEM:* Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

*All:* **Give us courage to proclaim your Gospel.**

*LEM:* Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed, but whose presence is overwhelming: breathe on us with your abundant life; that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. **Amen.**  
**Alleluia!**

## **The Peace**

*Remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

*Celebrant:* Come to the table made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more.

Come you who have much faith and you who have little;  
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time;  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

Offertory Hymn #205

*Good Christians all rejoice and sing*

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the  
 \*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -  
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Spirit of God be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift your hearts to heaven,

*All:* **Where Christ in glory reigns.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to God.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* Eternal Wisdom, source of our being  
and goal of all our longing,  
we praise you and give you thanks  
because you created us, women and men,  
together in your image  
to cherish your world and seek your face.  
Divided and disfigured by sin,  
while we were yet helpless,  
you emptied yourself of power  
and took upon you our unprotected flesh.

*All:* **We acclaim you, O Christ;  
The bonds of sin and death could not contain you.**

*Celebrant:* You broke forth from the comfort of the grave;  
before you the stone was moved,  
and the tomb of our world was opened wide.  
For on this day you were raised in power  
and revealed yourself as a beloved stranger,  
offering for the rituals of the dead  
the terror of new life and of desire fulfilled.  
Therefore, with the woman who gave you birth,  
the apostles who followed you,  
the women who befriended you and fed you,  
the friends who met you, risen from the dead,  
the witnesses who proclaim your reign  
throughout all the ages, and with all creation  
we praise you, saying

Hymn      LEVAS #256      *Sanctus*

*Leader*  
(piano) Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r\_ and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

*Celebrant:* Blessed is our brother Jesus,  
 who walks with us the road of our grief,  
 and is known again in the breaking of bread;  
 who, on the night he was handed over,  
 took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:  
 "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new Covenant in my blood. Do this whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Hymn      LEVAS #259                      Christ has died**

(piano)                      *Leader*  
Christ has died.                      Christ has died.

Christ is ris - en.                      Christ will come a - gain.

*Celebrant:*      Come now, disturbing spirit of our God,  
breathe on these bodily things  
and make us one body in Christ.  
Open our graves, unbind our eyes, and name us here.  
Touch and heal all that has been buried in us,  
that we need not cling to our pain,  
but may go forth with power  
to release resurrection in the world.

*All:*                      **Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant:*      As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

## Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!  
*All:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God.  
*All:* **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

## Music During Communion

*Ain't No Grave*  
*By Melissa Helser and Molly Skaggs*  
**Sung by choir**

Oh, shame is a prison as cruel as a grave,  
Shame is a robber, and he's come to take my name.  
Oh, love is my redeemer, lifting me up from the ground.  
Love is the power when my freedom song is found.

There ain't no grave Gonna hold my body down (2x)

When I hear that trumpet sound,I'm gonna rise up outta the ground.  
There ain't no grave Gonna hold my body down.

Oh, fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue.  
Fear is a tyrant; he's always telling me to run.  
Oh, love is a resurrection, and love is a trumpet sound.  
Love is my weapon; I'm gonna take my giants down.

Oh, there was a battle, a war between death and life.  
And there on a tree, the Lamb of God was crucified.  
And He went on down to hell; He took back every key.  
He rose up as a lion, and He set all captives free.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***All:* Spirit of the Living Christ,  
come upon us in the glory of your risen power;  
Spirit of the Living Christ,  
come upon us in all the humility of your wondrous love;  
Spirit of the Living Christ,  
come upon us that new life may course within our veins,  
New love bind us together in one family,  
And new vision of the kingdom of God spur us on to serve you with fearless  
passion. Amen. Alleluia!**

## **The Blessing**

*Please stand to receive God's blessing.*

*Celebrant:* May the love of the Risen Christ refresh you,  
the power of Risen Christ strengthen you,  
the joy of Risen Christ fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of the Triune God free you to share the good news in word and  
deed. **Amen. Alleluia!**

## **Announcements**

## Closing Hymn #188

*Love's redeeming work is done*



1 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; where, O death, is now thy sting?  
3 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head;



Death in vain for - bids him rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save, where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?  
made like him, like him we rise, ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Savannah*, from *Harmonia Sacra*, ca. 1760.

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go now to love and serve the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant: ..... Rev. Allison Moore  
LEM: ..... Brenda Hush  
Lector : ..... Rae Slingerland  
Usher: ..... Jane Conger  
Altar Guild: ..... Jennifer McPherson  
Organist: ..... Janet Frommer  
Coffee Hour: ..... Charlene Wynkoop  
Live Stream Tech: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

## Resources for this liturgy

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