

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
St. Andrew's Church  
May 3, 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 LEVAS #43

*Because He Lives*

1. God sent His Son, — they called Him Je - sus; — He came to love, —  
2. How sweet to hold — a new-born ba - by, — And feel the pride, —  
3. And then one day — I'll cross the riv - er; — I'll fight life's fi -

1. — heal, and for - give; — He lived and died — to buy my  
2. — and joy he gives; — But great - er still — the calm as -  
3. - nal war with pain; — And then as death — gives way to

1. par-don, — An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives. —  
2. sur-ance, — This child can face un-cer-tain days be-cause He lives. —  
3. vic-t'ry, — I'll see the lights of glo-ry and I'll know He lives. —

Be-cause He lives — I can face to - mor-row; — Be-cause He lives —

— all fear is gone; ——— Be - cause I know ——— He holds the

fu - ture, ——— And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives. ———

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## Opening Acclamation

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

## Christ Our Passover

*Read responsively by full verse*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
 therefore let us keep the feast,

**Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
 death no longer has dominion.

**The death that Christ died was death to sín, once for all; \*  
 but the life Christ lives, is life to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
 and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

**Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a human being came death, \*  
by a human being has come also the resurrection of the dead.

**For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

*All:* **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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.**

*Please be seated.*

*LEM*

### **A Reading from the Book of Proverbs**

**Proverbs 4:10-18**

- <sup>10</sup> Hear, my child, and accept my words,  
that the years of your life may be many.  
<sup>11</sup> I have taught you the way of wisdom;  
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.  
<sup>12</sup> When you walk, your step will not be hampered,  
and if you run, you will not stumble.  
<sup>13</sup> Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;  
guard her, for she is your life.  
<sup>14</sup> Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.  
<sup>15</sup> Avoid it; do not go on it;  
turn away from it and pass on.

- 16 For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;  
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness  
and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,  
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

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

*LECTOR*

**Psalm of the day**

**Psalm 119:9-32**

*read responsively, by half verse.*

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? \*  
**By keeping to your words.**
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you; \*  
**let me not stray from your commandments.**
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart, \*  
**that I may not sin against you.**
- 12 Blessed are you, O LORD; \*  
**instruct me in your statutes.**
- 13 With my lips will I recite \*  
**all the judgments of your mouth.**
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees \*  
**than in all manner of riches.**
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments \*  
**and give attention to your ways.**
- 16 My delight is in your statutes; \*  
**I will not forget your word.**
- 17 Deal bountifully with your servant, \*  
**that I may live and keep your word.**
- 18 Open my eyes, that I may see \*  
**the wonders of your law.**
- 19 I am a stranger here on earth; \*  
**do not hide your commandments from me.**

- 20 My soul is consumed at all times \*  
**with longing for your judgments.**
- 21 You have rebuked the insolent; \*  
**cursed are they who stray from your commandments!**
- 22 Turn from me shame and rebuke, \*  
**for I have kept your decrees.**
- 23 Even though rulers sit and plot against me, \*  
**I will meditate on your statutes.**
- 24 For your decrees are my delight, \*  
**and they are my counselors.**
- 25 My soul cleaves to the dust; \*  
**give me life according to your word.**
- 26 I have confessed my ways, and you answered me; \*  
**instruct me in your statutes.**
- 27 Make me understand the way of your commandments, \*  
**that I may meditate on your marvelous works.**
- 28 My soul melts away for sorrow; \*  
**strengthen me according to your word.**
- 29 Take from me the way of lying; \*  
**let me find grace through your law.**
- 30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness; \*  
**I have set your judgments before me.**
- 31 I hold fast to your decrees; \*  
**O LORD, let me not be put to shame.**
- 32 I will run the way of your commandments, \*  
**for you have set my heart at liberty.**

*LECTOR*

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

**1 Peter 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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

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

## Gradual Hymn #209

## *We walk by faith*

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - jice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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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 G4. 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, and a half note G4. 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, and a half note G4. 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, and a half note G4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines.

## The Gospel

## John 14:1-14

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

*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 Connexions 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 Imogene Hunt*, 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, Rodger, Jennifer, SUNY New Paltz community as they approach the end of the semester, 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 Rowan and Frank 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.

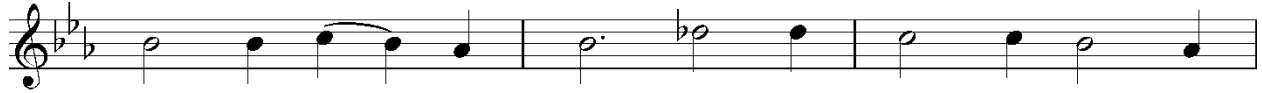
Come, it is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

Offertory Hymn #487

Come, my Way



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
 length; such a strength as makes \_\_\_\_\_ his guest.  
 part; such a heart as joys \_\_\_\_\_ in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

*Please stand.*

**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**

### **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 #187

### *Through the Red Sea*



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide  
 through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb  
 bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond - age past, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 brought us light which is ours c - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

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## 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  
Acolyte: ..... Abby Brown  
Lector : ..... Kappa Waugh  
Usher: ..... Jane Conger  
Altar Guild: ..... Valerie McAllister  
Organist: ..... Janet Frommer  
Coffee Hour: ..... Salix Corkey  
Live Stream Tech: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons

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