

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
St. Andrew's Church  
May 10, 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 #405

## All things bright and beautiful

*Descant*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Repeat Refrain*



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

## 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

**Fine**  
prais - es! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!  
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

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:* **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 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 "Sometimes"

by Mary Oliver

4. Instructions for living a life:

*Pay attention.*

*Be astonished.*

*Tell about it.*

5. Two or three times in my life I discovered love.

Each time it seemed to solve everything.

Each time it solved a great many things

but not everything.

Yet left me as grateful as if it had indeed, and

thoroughly, solved everything.

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

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

*LECTOR*

*read responsively, by half verse.*

## **A Song of Christ's Goodness Anselm of Canterbury (Enriching Our Worship)**

Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; \*

**you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.**

Often you weep over our sins and our pride, \*

**tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, \*

**in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.**

Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; \*

**by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.**

Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; \*

**through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.**

Your warmth gives life to the dead, \*

**your touch makes sinners righteous.**

Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; \*

**in your love and tenderness, remake us.**

In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, \*

**for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.**

## **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 consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass line consists of quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2. The lyrics are aligned under the treble staff.

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

The second system continues the melody. The treble staff has quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4. The bass line has quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2, followed by a half note G2. 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 quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4. The bass line has quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2, followed by a half note G2.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble staff has quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, followed by a half note G4. The bass line has quarter notes: G2, A2, B2, C3, B2, A2, G2, followed by a half note G2. The lyrics are split across two lines.

## **The Gospel**

**John 14:15-21**

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

*All:* **Glory to you, O Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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:* 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**

*Please be seated after the opening prayer.*

*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 Isaac Ortega Aguilar*, 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, Hush, Brenda, Aguilar & Ortega Families, Ann, 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: Loving God,  
Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life.  
Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother;  
Be close to those who are struggling because they have no children;  
Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love;  
Thank you for those who act as mothers to people they love.

**All: Let your love be present in every home, and may all families have access to resources to survive and thrive.**

LEM: Look with your kindness on our homes and families, for those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or accomplishments, *especially Tommy on his birthday*, 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**

*All God's Critters*

Refrain

All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires  
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big t'do  
And the old cow just goes moo

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old coyote howls

Refrain

Listen to the top where the little birds sing  
On the melodies with the high notes ringing  
The hoot owl hollers over everything  
And the jaybird disagrees

Singin' in the night time, singing in the day  
The little duck quacks, then he's on his way  
The 'possum ain't got much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself

Refrain

It's a simple song of living sung everywhere  
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear  
The grumpy alligator the the hawk above  
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove

Refrain

*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 #488

## *Be thou my vision*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought,— by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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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!

## Postlude



## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant:.....Rev. Allison Moore  
LEM: .....Rae Slingerland  
Acolyte:.....Carla Mancuso  
Lector : .....Annette Johnson  
Usher: .....David Slingerland  
Altar Guild: .....Cathy Kelly  
Organist:.....Janet Frommer  
Coffee Hour: .....Noa Simons  
Live Stream Tech:.....Jane Conger

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