

# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

May 12, 2024  
Ascension Day

## Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Organist: Dr. Ronald A. Hemmel

### Opening Hymn

"Hail the day that sees him rise"

Tune: Llanfair

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
\*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**Celebrant:** Let us pray: 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.**

### Gloria

Dm Gm C F Dm Gm C F

*Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex-cel - sis De - o!*

5 Dm Gm C F Dm Gm C F

*Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!*

### Collect of the Day

**Celebrant:** Let us pray:

**People:** **Risen Christ, you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven: help us to seek and serve you, that we may join you at the Father's side, where you reign with the Spirit in glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Introduction to the Readings

Rev. Hilary Greer

#### First Reading

**Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends

of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 93**

- 1 The Lord is the Ruler; who has put on splendid apparel; \*  
O Lord you have put on the apparel and girded yourself with strength.
- 2 God has made the whole world so sure \*  
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \*  
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the God who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, \*  
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

**Sequence Hymn**

*"Called from their labors"*

Tune: *Slane*



1. Called from their la - bors to learn Je - sus' way,  
2. Sent far and wide as they taught Je - sus' way,  
3. Called by our bap - tism to live Je - sus' way,  
4. Sent forth from wor - ship to walk Je - sus' way,



dis - ci - ples found cour - age to trust and o - bey;  
a - pos - tles went forth with Good News to con - vey,  
we cope with new chal - leng - es in our own day:  
we try to live out what we read, sing, and pray,



by faith they moved on - ward past fear's treach -'rous slope  
to tell of a life that no death could de - stroy,  
when vi - o - lence threat - ens and ten - sions in - crease,  
and, fed by the True Lamb and led by the Dove,



to grow in God's mis - sion, God's mis - sion of hope.  
to grow in God's mis - sion, God's mis - sion of joy.  
to grow in God's mis - sion, God's mis - sion of peace.  
to grow in God's mis - sion, God's mis - sion of love.

**Holy Gospel** (Please stand as you are able)

**John 17:6-19**

**Celebrant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Hilary Greer**

**Prayers of the People**

*We join in prayer for the welfare of the world and the concerns of the local community; the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the Nation and all in authority those who suffer, those in any trouble, and those who have died.*

*The congregation is invited to name their prayers aloud or silently.*

**All:** **Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of none other than God's kingdom. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will and courage to undertake it, and the strength and perseverance to complete it. Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Our Community Life Is Shared**

## Offertory Hymn

“For all the saints”

Tune: Sine nomine



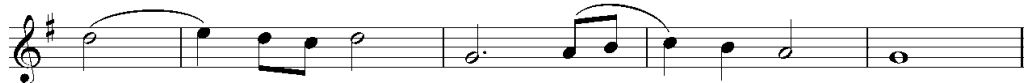
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold, —  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! —



thee — by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; —  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O — Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with — them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are — one in thee, for all are thine.



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

## The Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

## The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship 2

**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 our thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far

away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Celebrant:** Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray.

**People:** 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.

**The Fraction**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Behold what you are: the body of Christ.

**People:** May we become what we receive...

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

**Celebrant:** The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All are invited to come forward and receive communion.*

*Gluten free wafers are available—please indicate to the priest if you would like one.*

**Communion Hymn**

*“I want to walk as a child of the light”*

Tune: Houston

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at Je - sus.  
 3. I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with Je - sus.

*Refrain:*

In him there is no dark-ness at all; the night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God; shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Communion Hymn

“It only takes a spark”

Tune: Pass It On

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fi - re go - ing,  
 2. What a won - dtous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding,  
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that I've found.

5 D F#m G A D  
 and soon all those a - round can warm up to its glow - ing; That's  
 The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's  
 You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where you're bound; I'll

11 G D/F# Em7 A7 F#m Bm  
 how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it: You  
 how it is with God's love, once you've ex - per - i - enced it: You  
 shout it from the moun - tain - top, I want my world to know: The

15 Em7 D/F# G A7 D  
 spread His love to ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.  
 want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.  
 Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**People:** Eternal God, heavenly One, 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant: May God who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord, empower you and give you joy as you share the Easter faith. And the blessing of the One who creates, redeems, and sustains us, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Postcommunion Hymn

“We are people of the mantle”

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

1. We are people of the mantle,  
 with Elijah’s cloak in hand.  
 He has passed along the-e blessings  
 of the Spirit for each land.  
 As Elijah with Elisha  
 shared the presence of the Lord,



Christ is with us i-in love outpoured.

2. When the mantle struck the water  
and it parted to each side,  
Then Elisha knew the Spirit  
of Elijah-ah was his guide.  
This began a holy passing  
of the mantle down the line.  
We have taken up a sacred sign.

3. When our hearts are deeply aching  
and our knees are tired and worn,  
When our journey leads to failure,  
when we suffer loss and mourn,  
We recall Elijah's mantle  
that we're holding very near;  
For the Spirit of the Lord is here.

4. We've received a double portion  
of the Spirit from each saint.  
They have run the race before us,  
they have walked and not been faint.  
Since our lives are lived in context  
of the faith that's gone before,  
We pass down a mantle ancients wore.

**The Dismissal**

*Common Worship, The Church of England*

**Celebrant:** Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia,  
alleluia!

**People:** **Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Postlude**

Organist: Dr. Ronald A. Hemmel

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### **Scholarship Benefit - Tues, May 21**

*Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30-8:30pm*

Location: The Fillmore (in Fishtown, with free parking and carpool)

We always have a blast – and every dollar raised supports student scholarships! Suggested ticket price of \$150 per person, pay what you wish, or make a donation. Carpool and sit with our St. Andrew’s crew! Please contact Cindy Vallier (cindyvallier@comcast.net) for additional information.



# Save the Date

### **Darrell Tuomari Funeral Service – Wednesday, May 15 at 11:00am**

We remember Darrell

### **Bailey Whitman Funeral Service – Wednesday, May 15 at 3:00pm**

We remember Bailey and celebrate his gentle kindness and the inseparable bond he shared with his sister, Peace.

### **Caring for Friends Meal Making - Saturday, May 18 at 8:30 – 10:00am**

Our monthly meal making party – just show up or bring a cooked protein to help prepare food for hungry neighbors.

### **Peter Obbard Funeral Service – Saturday, May 18 at 1:00pm**

### **Pentecost Sunday & Baptisms - May 19 at 9:00am**

Mark the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church with a celebration featuring the baptisms of Jeremie & Kamille Fleurinor and Cal Golowski!

### **Godly Play Training - Sunday, May 19 from 11:30am– 3:30pm**

Godly Play is our Montessori-based approach to education with kids, working with their natural sense of spirituality to encourage wonder and questioning. Join us for this afternoon training to learn more! For more info or to sign up, please email Katy McBurnie (Kreider.katy@gmail.com).

### **Music Minister Open Rehearsals – May 22 & 29 from 6:00-9:00pm**

**Save the dates** – and be part of our rehearsals & interviews with finalists for the Minister of Music position.

### **Pre-Game Concert and Picnic – Fri, May 31 from 5:45-7:30pm**

Jerry Rife and the whole Blue Skies Jazz Band return for a night of music, baseball and Americana. Wear your team colors and bring your food, lawn chairs, blankets, and lungs!

**Church of Baseball – Sunday, June 2 at 9:00am**

Batter up! Our playful and prayerful liturgy of baseball will be **during the service**, with good food and folks celebrating in the Parish House following the service. Come dressed to represent your team!

**Annual Meeting and PARTY! - Sun, June 9 at 9:00 am**

Celebrate our life as a parish as we reflect on the past year together and dream about the year to come – then head outside to enjoy our annual blow out party!

**Trenton Thunder Game Night – Thursday, August 8**

A fun night at the ballpark – and join us on the field to sing the National Anthem! For more info, contact Bob Anderson at [anderbobsox@gmail.com](mailto:anderbobsox@gmail.com)

*Hilary is on the second half of her sabbatical from June 10 until July 17. The Rev. Bud Holland and Rev. Mary McCullough will be with us while Hilary is away.*