Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Stillwater, Oklahoma



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

10:30 am

We're so glad you've joined us for worship! While you are waiting for the service to begin, as a courtesy to others please take a moment to silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.

Worship in the Episcopal Church is liturgical in nature; that is, we use *The Book of Common Prayer* to guide us through our worship. If you are new to a liturgical form of worship you will quickly recognize that the vast majority of our prayer and praise is drawn directly from the words of Holy Scripture itself. Many of the forms that we use are ancient, some parts dating back to the first centuries following the life and ministry of Jesus; all of them are inherited from generations of faithful Christians who have gathered to celebrate redemption in Jesus Christ.

This worship booklet contains everything you need to participate fully in this worship service. Throughout this booklet, the People's parts are indicated **in bold.** When you see this symbol **+** it indicates a moment where we traditionally make the sign of the Cross. At all times, we want you to feel at home here so you are not expected to do anything you are not capable of or comfortable doing.

If you have any questions about anything you see going on, please don't hesitate to ask anyone sitting near you for help. You may also call the church office at (405) 372-3357 and our priest Fr. Michael Matkin would be happy to visit with you. We invite you to visit our website (www.saintandrewschurch.org) to sign up for our e-newsletter and to learn more information about our family of faith here at St. Andrew's.

Bathrooms are available in both the Parish Hall and the Admin/Ed Building. You may ask an usher or greeter for directions.

A Note about Covid-19: As a safety precaution we ask you to please wear a mask at all times and observe appropriate social distancing. Hand sanitizer is available in the pews and we encourage you to use it as necessary. In accordance with safety directives from the Diocese of Oklahoma our nursery is currently closed; however, we adore children and they are perfectly welcome to remain with you in the service.

Leading us in Worship today are:

Presider: Fr. Jeff Huston Preacher: Fr. Michael Matkin

Organist: Gerry Frank
Reader: Heidi Hoart
Acolyte: Lydia Matlock

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

PRELUDE: BASSO OSTINATO ON "FATHER, WE THANK THEE WHO HAST PLANTED" - JAMES BIERY

The People standing (as able).

HYMN 477



THE WORD OF GOD BCP 355

The People stand (as able)

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 S-278



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The People **kneel** (as able).

Celebrant: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The People sit.

THE LESSONS

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (Acts 1:15-17, 21-26)

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus – for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."

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

Reader: Let us recite this portion of the psalter responsively by whole verse.

PSALM 1

- 1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.

- 3. They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- 4. It is not so with the wicked;
 - they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John

(1 John 5:9-13)

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

All **standing** (as able).

SEQUENCE HYMN 302: STANZA 1 BEFORE THE GOSPEL; STANZA 2 AFTERWARDS.



Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (John 17:6-19)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON: FR. MICHAEL MATKIN

Once the Minister has entered the pulpit and invoked the Holy Trinity, the People may be **seated** for the sermon. Following the sermon, a few moments of silent reflection are observed.

All **standing** (as able).

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

Let us stand and affirm our faith

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. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray.

The People stand or kneel (as able).

Open our eyes to the wonder of the life you have given us: the creatures with whom we share this planet, the endless horizons, the intricate working of our bodies, the tenderness and complexity of human relationships,

Amen, merciful God, amen.

Open our hearts to the ways that we have hurt each other, that we may turn toward each other in love and turn closer together to you.

Amen, merciful God, amen.

Open our ears to the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those whose lives include hunger, financial insecurity, violence; whose homes are threatened by natural disasters; whose bodies ache with pain and whose lives are in the balance; who live in war zones, poverty, or fear.

Amen, merciful God, amen.

Open our lives to the path of righteousness, and align our vision with your vision of the world – created by you, enlivened by your Spirit, and reconciled to you at the last.

Amen, merciful God, amen.

Open our minds to the example of those who have gone before us, whose lives though ended here continue to live on in your eternal glory and who never cease to inspire and enlighten us to your grace.

Amen, merciful God, amen.

The Celebrant concludes with the following collect.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept

the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

All **stand** (as able).

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

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Afterwards they may be seated.

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A BLESSING FOR GRADUATES

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your Mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray:

God of our beginnings,

We thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light.

We ask this blessing upon each of them, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

VOLUNTARY: PRELUDE ON "FATHER, WE THANK THEE WHO HAST PLANTED"

- JAMES BIERY

All **stand** (as able).

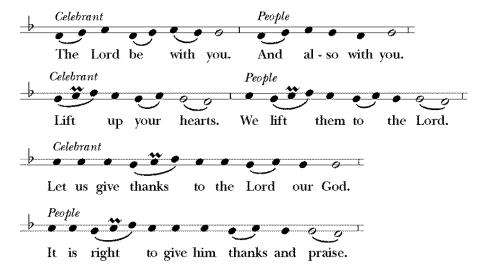
THE PEOPLE'S OFFERINGS OF BREAD, AND WINE, AND MONEY OR OTHER GIFTS.

Together we sing the Doxology.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The People remain standing (as able).



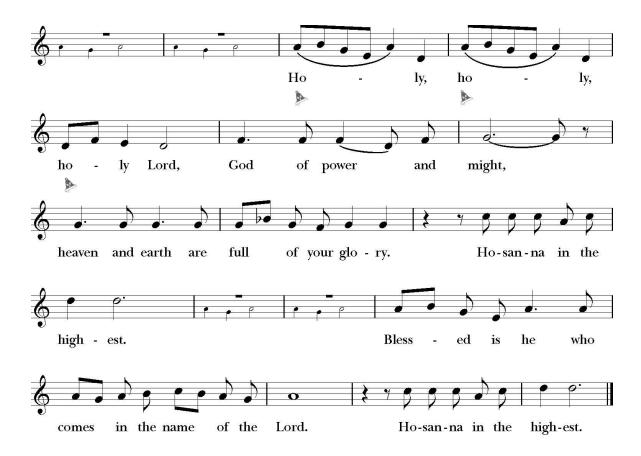
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the World. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

Celebrant and People



The People stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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, according to his command, O Father, *Celebrant and People*

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory; And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

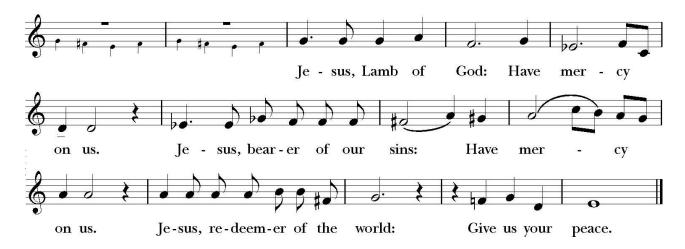
By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

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

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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Agnus Dei S-165



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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.

A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER FOR THOSE JOINING US VIRTUALLY

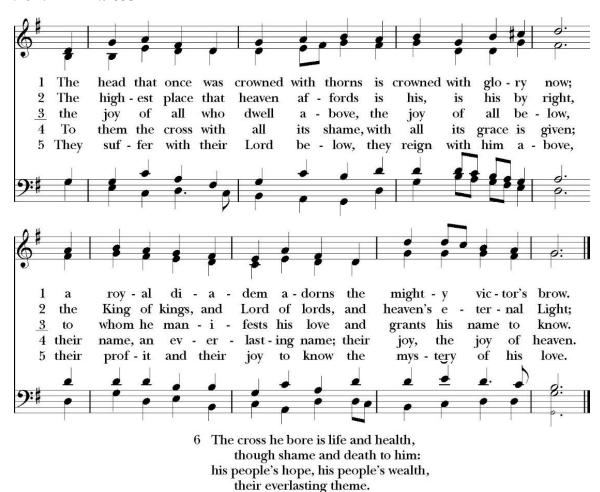
To all those who are unable to gather in this place and receive the Eucharist physically, we invite you to pray the following where you are:

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All who seek Christ, regardless of denomination, are welcome at Christ's table. To receive the bread simply place your right hand on top of your left and the priest will drop the bread in your hand. Gluten-free wafers are available. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your arms. If you would like to inquire about Holy Baptism, please speak to the priest. For the safety of all please remember to sanitize your hands before coming to receive.

COMMUNION HYMN: 483



POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant and the People stand or kneel (as able).

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you

perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The People stand (as able).

RECESSIONAL HYMN 484





THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

POSTLUDE: PRELUDE ON "PRAISE THE LORD THROUGH EVERY NATION"
- JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER