

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande † Florida

"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"

Sunday Worship

Jan-April 8:00A.M. & 9:30A.M.
May - Dec. 9:30A.M.

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year A ~ May 3, 2026



**DO NOT
LET YOUR HEARTS
BE TROUBLED.
TRUST IN GOD.**

JOHN 14:1

Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a meaningful connection between your desire to be here and your experience of worship. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ—a love expressed through forgiveness, grace, and acceptance. You belong here.

We grow in connection by knowing and accepting one another as we are, and by serving others both here in Boca Grande and throughout the wider community. Visitor cards are located in the pews and help us get to know you better; please place them in the offering plate at the back of the church or hand them to an usher.

Restrooms and additional seating with live-stream are available next door in the Chapter House. If you need to step out with a little one, the Chapter House offers space to move freely while still allowing you to hear the service.



Serving in Worship Today

Ushers:	Jay and Susan Spurgeon
Lectors:	Ann Fletcher
Chalice Bearer:	Kim Lovo and Ellen Manetti

Serving Next Week

Ushers:	
Lectors:	
Chalice Bearers:	Kim Lovo and

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Air and Variation
Trio on GROSSER GOTT

Eric H. Thiman
Roy Brunner

THE PROCESSIONAL

Holy God we praise thy name

Hymnal, 366 (v. 1-3)



THE GLORIA

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some longer note values. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a few slurs. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 7:55-60

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 31. Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter



help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

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

People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Chris Gray

THE NICENE CREED

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

Celebrant Brothers and Sisters, once we were not a people, but now are God’s people. Let us pray to our
good God saying, “Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us.”

Please find your position of prayer, whether that is standing, kneeling, or sitting.

Lector In you, O Lord, does your church take refuge. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to do great works
in Jesus’ name. May your church glorify you in all our doings.

People **Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Lector Ancient of Days, rescue the innocent from the hands of those who persecute them. Hold I your strong hands the oppressed and the abused.

People **Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Lector God, our strong rock, give us eyes to see your hand at work in out world. Lead us and guide us that we may be good stewards of your creation.

People **Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Lector Tower of Strength, assure those who are unemployed or living in poverty that they are precious in your sight.

People **Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Lector Merciful God, incline your ear to those in need of deliverance. Calm the troubled hearts of the suffering and the sorrowful, of the sick and the anxiety-plagued, especially those on our prayer lists. *(Please pause in silence to lift to God the names of those who need Gods help.)*

People **Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Lector God of truth, we commend the dying and the dead into your hands. We rejoice in Jesus' promise that he had prepared for us a place in your eternal home.

People **Make your face to shine upon us, and in your loving-kindness save us.**

Celebrant Gracious and loving God, you have heard the prayers of your people. Receive them according to your will, strengthen us in faith and service, and guide us in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(A moment of silence in observed so that we may make our personal confession before God).

People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

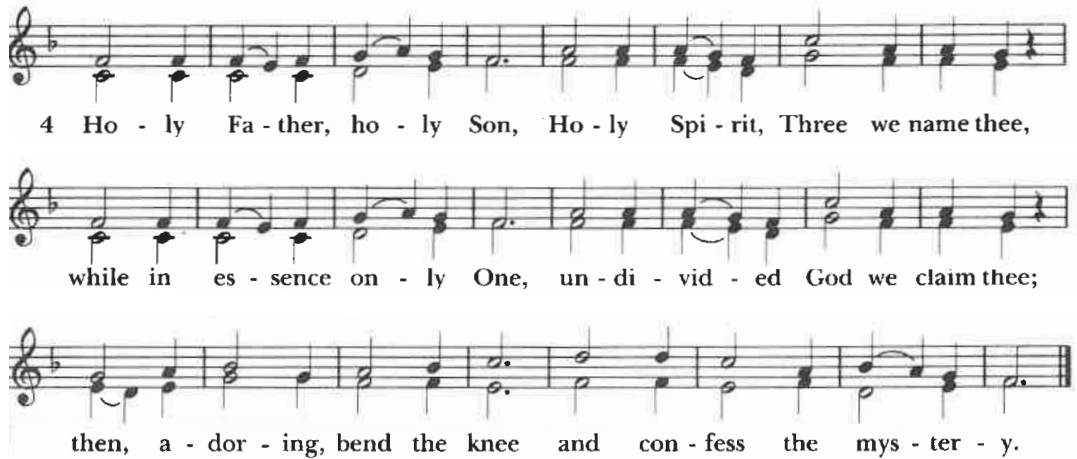
The Call (487)

Ralph Vaughn Williams

DOXOLOGY

Holy Father, holy Son, holy Spirit

Hymnal, 366 (v. 4)



4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,
while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vid - ed God we claim thee;
then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharist Prayer A

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.

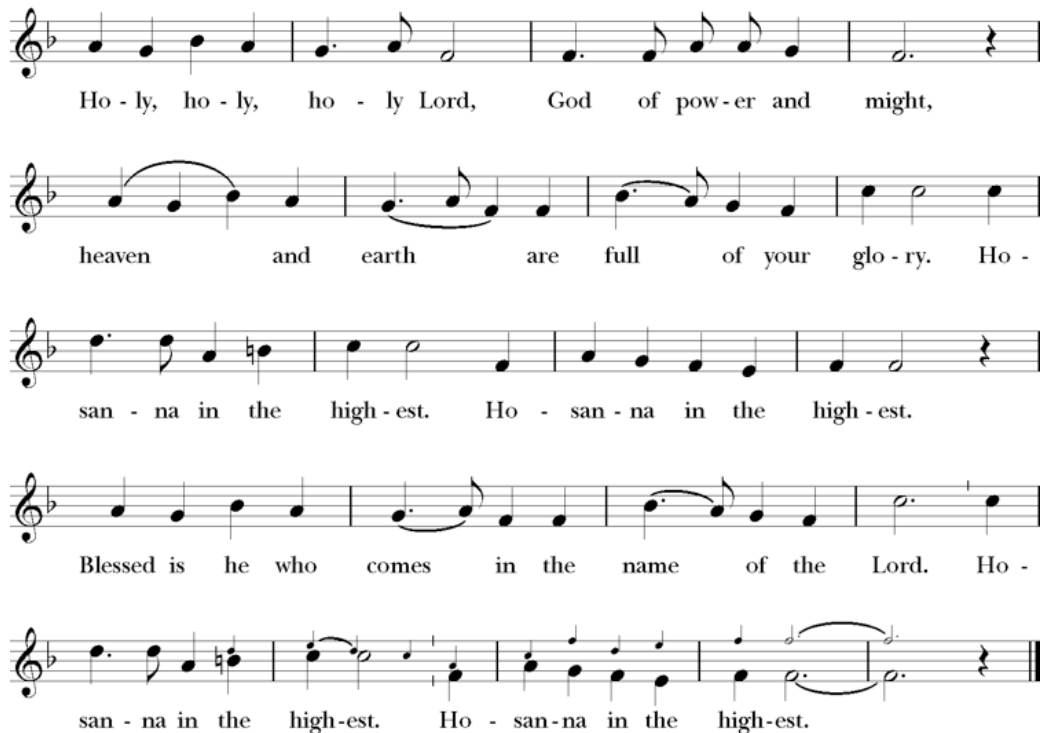
People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Then the Celebrant Continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER


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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.



THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion. If it is not in your conscience to receive, please consider coming forward for a simple blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know when you come forward to receive.

COMMUNION MUSIC

All Glory Be to God on High

George Philipp Telemann, arr.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, 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 the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL

For the beauty of the earth

DIX

1. For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty
 2. For the won - der of each hour of the day and
 3. For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther, sis - ter,
 4. For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine to the world so

of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower,
 par - ent, child; friends on earth and friends a - bove;
 hands a - bove, of - fer - ing up on ev - ery shore
 free - ly given; faith and hope and love di - vine,

o - ver and a - round us lies:
 sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild: *Christ our God, to*
 thy pure sac - ri - fice of love:
 peace on earth and joy in heaven:

thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

Donald Hustad, arr.

Prayer List

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Pastoral Prayer List

Marie Allen
Mary Bainbridge
Dennis Berry
Bob Burke
Shawn Peterson Cain
Elena Cameron
Vera Chelnokov
Emily Clegg
Bob Corl
Declan Cox
Hadley Cox
Jane Dalrymple
Dana
John Farrar

Gene Findlay
Bob Fletcher
Jeffrey Fletcher
Tom & Bette Floyd
Kathy Gregg
Grace Haly
David Hatzung
Donna Hecker
Logan Hoffman
Mary Anne Hooker
Terrilynn Hulmutch
Melissa Kinney
Audrey Knapp
Jenna Larson

Sarah McDonald
Mary Mulvania
Larry Pardee
Bobby Parker
John Pollard
George Everett Powell IV
Maurice Price
Pat Ryan
Pete Schock
Amy Staples
Strazzulla Family
Peter Strong
Ed Vick
Donna Welsh

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess
Ben Constantinides
John Life Ikenberry
Colin Jackson

Karl Jackson
Thais Jackson
Anthony Kopp
Alexander Lovo

Michael Manetti
Nikolas Milona
Jonathan Prince
Renier van Breen



If you have a prayer request, we invite you to share it with us. You may contact the church office or the rector, or complete a prayer request card in the narthex and place it in the offering plate or the offering box also located in the narthex.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 3

9:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, May 4

8:30am Men's A.A.

Tuesday, May 5

8:30am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm A.A.- All Welcome

Friday, May 8

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Sunday, May 10

9:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, May 11

8:30am Men's A.A.

Tuesday, May 12

8:30am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm A.A.- All Welcome

Friday, May 15

10:00am Women's Bible Study



This QR code is a link that will allow you to safely and quickly make a donation.

Simply open the camera on your phone and hold over the image above, click the link that appears and then follow instructions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RED BAG MINISTRY

The last red bag ministry of this season will be designated to Helping Hand Food Bank. As we parishioners of St. Andrew's prepare to head to our Northern locations, we would ask you to consider donating non perishable food items from your food pantry to Helping Hands' pantry. We will be passing out red bags at the 8 and 9:30 services this Sunday. *If you do not have a red bag, you may place your items in any sturdy bag to be delivered to the church **by Sunday, May 17**. Please note to check the expiration dates on any items that you are donating. Helping Hand is short on the following items:*

Pasta, tomato products, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, condiments ramen noodles.

The Outreach Committee could also use help packing the bags and loading them into cars. Deliveries can made on Tuesdays and we hope to **pack and deliver bags on Tuesday May 19**. Please email or call Joan Farrar to volunteer or to receive more information. (joanfarrar@comcast.net -cell-707-812-4768) We are so grateful for the great generosity.

Looking ahead to next season ...

... we are in need of chalice bearers and ushers. Training will be provided, and we encourage you to take part in this important ministry. We always welcome lectors to read scripture and lead the prayers—this role requires minimal training and is a meaningful way to participate in worship too. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in training.

Help us create a new and improved church directory!

Over the summer, please send us your updated information—including a photo, address, email(s), and phone number(s). We look forward to sharing the new directory with everyone this fall. Thank you for helping us stay

At St. Andrew's We Aspire ...

- † to be a welcoming, inviting and caring parish
- † to provide meaningful worship services
- † to provide pastoral care and guidance in times of need and celebration
- † to respond to human needs locally, nationally, and globally
- † to grow as Christians through education and discipleship
- † to be active in the community and ecumenical relationships
- † to be generous stewards of our time, talent, and treasure

"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"

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