

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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year A ~ May 10, 2026



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.



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers today are dedicated to the Glory of God by
Ann & Bob Fletcher and John & Kimberly Lovo
in honor of all mothers, especially Glance Dieffenderfer, Dorothy Fletcher,
Emma Lovo and Mary Jenne.

Serving in Worship Today

Usher: Bob Burke
Lector:
Chalice Bearer: Kim Lovo

Serving Next Week

Usher: Bob Burke
Lectors: Bruce Birgbauer and Joy McBride
Chalice Bearer: Renée Farnham

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

THE PRELUDE

Chant

George F. McKay

Pastorale on HOLY MANNA

Gordon Young

THE PROCESSIONAL

When morning gilds the skies

Hymnal, 427 (v. 1, 4-5)



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, in this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face,



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
4 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
5 sing, Je - sus Christ be praised! God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
4 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
5 both now and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

THE ACCLAMATION

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.**

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 17:22-31

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:7-18

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is a portion of Psalm 66. Let us read responsively by half verse.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal, 405

Refrain



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



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.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

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

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

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 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 With all our heart and all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

Lector We pray for the church. Strengthen Shawn our Presiding Bishop, Doug our Bishop, all bishops,
priests and deacons, and all the baptized people of God. Make us bold to proclaim your love. Give
us courage to carry the cross that confronts us each day and follow Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector We pray for the world. For pastures and forests. For oceans and lakes. Instill within us a
reverence for the earth as your creation and our fragile home. Lord, in your mercy,
People **hear our prayer.**

Lector We pray for the nations. Teach us to honor our common humanity within diversity. Turn enemies into friends. Lead us away from hatred, fear, and misunderstanding. Protect the men and women of the armed forces, at home and abroad who put their lives in harm's way for us. Show our hearts the way to peace and fill us with compassion. Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector We pray for those in need. For people whose struggles we fail to acknowledge. For those who leave their homes and families in search of safety or employment. For those who grieve, and for all who are ill including those on our parish prayer list and for all who have asked our prayers. Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector We pray for this assembly. That God may grant us the grace to lift our minds above the things of earth and to stand firm in the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Lector We pray for and remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith. Bring them to the fullness of their inheritance in Christ and into the joy of eternal life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(A moment of silence is 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

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be-

low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise

him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly

Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

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

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

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Johann Pachelbel, 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

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Hymnal, 488

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 vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

O that I Had a Thousand Voices

Max Reger, arr.

Prayer List

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer List

Bobbie Allardyce
Marie Allen
Mary Bainbridge
Dennis Berry
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
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 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

Thursday, May 14

Office Closed

Friday, May 15

10:00am Women's Bible Study

Saturday, May 16

9:00am Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 17

9:30am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Monday, May 18

8:30am Men's A.A.

Tuesday, May 19

8:30am Men's Bible Study

7:00pm A.A.- All Welcome

Friday, May 22

10:00am Women's Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Red Bag Ministry – Final Collection of the Season

Our final Red Bag collection of the season will support Helping Hand Food Bank. As many of us prepare to head north, please consider donating nonperishable food items from your pantry by **Sunday, May 17**. No red bag? Any sturdy bag will work. Please check expiration dates before donating.

Most-needed items: pasta, tomato products, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, condiments, and ramen noodles.

The Outreach Committee also needs volunteers to help pack and load bags for delivery on **Tuesday, May 19**.

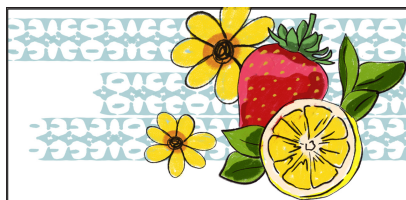
To volunteer or for more information, please contact Joan Farrar at joanfarrar@comcast.net or **707-812-4768**. Thank you for your generosity!

Help us create a new and improved church directory!

Please send us your updated information this summer, including a photo, address, email(s), and phone number(s), so we can prepare our new church directory for this fall. Send updates to:

mail@standrewsbocagrande.org

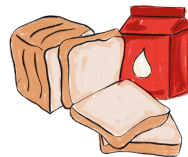
Thank you for helping us stay connected!



Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help



What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!



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Open your phone's camera and hold it over the QR code above. Tap the link that appears and follow the instructions to make your donation safely and quickly.

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

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