

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
St. Andrew's Church  
May 11, 2025**



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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 #208

Alleluia! The strife is o'er

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped.

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
\*3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es  
4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from  
5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph  
2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly  
3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our  
4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his  
5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*

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

*Ped.*

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## Christ our Passover

*Pascha nostrum (Order of St. Helena)*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*

**but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.**

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*

**death no longer has dominion.**

The death that Christ died was death to sin, once for all; \*

**but the life Christ lives, is life to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*

**and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a human being came death, \*

**by human being has come also the resurrection of the dead.**

For as in Adam all die, \*

**so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**All:** O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

*LEM*

**A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

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

*LECTOR*

**Psalm of the day**

**Psalm #23**

*read responsively, by half verse.*

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*

**I shall not be in want.**

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*

**and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul \*

**and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*

**for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
**you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

*LECTOR*

**A Reading from the Book of Revelation**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever!  
Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

*Lector:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #645

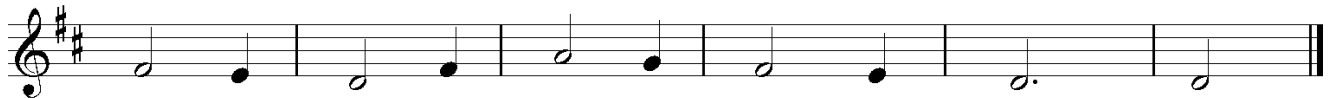
*the King of love*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 \* 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
 \* 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der  
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.  
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

*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 clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble clef consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines, with the second line starting with a new phrase. The musical notation includes various note values and rests.

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

The third system continues the musical piece. The melody and bass line are consistent with the previous systems, maintaining the same key signature and rhythmic structure.

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

The fourth system concludes the piece with two full phrases of the lyrics. The musical notation includes a final cadence in both the treble and bass staves.

## The Holy Gospel

**John 10:22-30**

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

***Halle, halle, hallelujah!***

*(See music above)*

***Enriching our Music #119***

## The Sermon

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*All stand.*

***All:*** We believe in God, the Creator!  
Maker of everything,  
Author of the Universe,  
And Mystery behind every matter.

We believe in Jesus Christ!  
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human,  
One with the Creator.  
He is the Word made flesh and the Savior of all creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit!  
Breath of God moving among us,  
One with the Creator and one with Christ,  
He is our Guide and the Mentor of all creation.



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, Mary and the diocesan ministry team; for Allison, our priest-in-charge; for all churches in New Paltz; 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 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 E.J., Charles, Helen, Sheila, Louise, DuSean, Mary, Edna, Oriana, Gabriel, Joan, Sara, Joe, Janet, Charles, Sandra, Vicky, Anita and Rich, Beverly, Nancy, Patricia, Diane, Martha, Bill, Sally, Kappa, Ola, James, Elizabeth, Judy, Michael, Molly, Mary, Frank, and 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: We pray for all college graduates, especially from SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Ulster. Thank you for relationships formed, knowledge learned, and memories made in their college career. Thank you for educators and those who touched their lives.

All: **Bless the body, mind, and soul of every graduate, that they may celebrate your glory in themselves and all creation, and use their education to build your kingdom of peace.**

*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, Israel and Palestine, 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:* Let us present ourselves, our time, talent and treasure, our hopes and fears, with gladness to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn #598

*Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they  
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -  
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -  
 4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then  
 nued thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom  
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war  
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs  
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone  
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith  
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that  
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'  
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom  
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.  
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!  
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.  
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

## 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,  
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 risen. Christ will come again.

*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.

**All: We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

*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.**

### **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 #708

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Go now to love and serve the Risen Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*All:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Celebrant: ..... Rev. Allison Moore  
LEM: ..... MaryAnn Lis-Simmons  
Lector : ..... Jen Cutter  
Usher: ..... David Slingerland  
Altar Guild: ..... Charlene Wynkoop  
Organist:..... Janet Frommer  
Coffee Hour: ..... Vicky Bishop  
Live Stream Tech:..... Jane Conger

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