



ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 8, 2022

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Celebrations & Thanksgivings • May 8-14

Birthdays

Emily Carrico, Scott Cissel, Pat Lowe, Anne Vaughan, Margaret Beam, Ava Contostavlos, Shanda Cooper, Chrissy Johns, Jenn Kuhlman, Ray Copson, Susan Browne, Karen Harrison

Anniversaries

Graham & Jennifer Gillen, Reggie & Ila Forster, Paul & Alison Morgan,
Alex & Bridget Colon

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of and thanksgiving for Billie, Catherine, Audree, and Mary Ellen by the Monday Morning Bible Study Group.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

People responses are in bold.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia

As the morning approaches, Risen Christ, be our light, our life, and our hope. Enlighten our hearts, awaken our minds, and show us the way of resurrection life.
Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to her people on earth. Lord God, heavenly Queen, almighty God and Mother, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Child of the Mother, Savior God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Mother: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Anointed One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Mother. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Child Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear Jesus' 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

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 Christ. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 23

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 God is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **She makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 She revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for her 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 God for ever.**

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Christ.

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 Mother'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 Mother has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Mother's hand. The Mother and I are one."

The Gospel of the Savior.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. H. Vance Johnson

The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence.

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

**We believe in one God,
the Mother, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Savior, Jesus Christ,
the only Child of God,
eternally begotten of the Mother,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Mother.**

Through Christ all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

Christ came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
Christ became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made truly human.
For our sake Christ was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
suffered death and was buried.
On the third day Jesus rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
Christ ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Mother.
Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and her reign will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, Holy Wisdom, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Mother and the Child.
who with the Mother and the Child she is worshiped and glorified.
She 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

PLANNING FOR RITES AND RITUALS

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! The good shepherd is faithful and true; therefore, let us pray with confidence: “Mother, keep us; Jesus, lead us.”

Good Shepherd, you know your sheep: give us the ears to hear you call our names and the strength to follow where you lead. Mother, keep us;
Jesus, lead us.

For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of human violence, we pray: God, wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray again for an end to the violence, especially for those in Ukraine. We pray again for peace. Mother, keep us;
Jesus, lead us.

Creator God, by the victory of your Child, turn the valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation. Mother, keep us;
Jesus, lead us.

O God, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Flood this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear of evil. Mother, keep us;

Jesus, lead us.

Mighty God, we look for the day when hunger is no more, and thirst is no more. We look for the day when the souls of the downcast are revived, and the displaced find a home in your shelter. In this Easter season, we pray in faith for all those in need We pray especially for Jamie, Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Nancy, Rebecca, Dick, Barry, Sue, Mary Ann, Amy, Jen & Ivy, Rich, Kendall, and Father Hipólito.. Mother, keep us;

Jesus, lead us.

Good Shepherd, your gift is eternal life; those who belong to you never perish. Bring us, and those who have died, into your heavenly home where we may worship you forever and ever. Mother, keep us;

Jesus, lead us.

MOTHER'S DAY LITANY

To those who gave birth this year to their first child, **we celebrate with you.**

To those who lost a pregnancy this year, by choice or accident, **we mourn with you.**

To those who lovingly placed children up for adoption, **we honor you.**

To those who wear the badges of food stains and milk leaks, **we support you.**

To those who walk the hard path of infertility, **we journey alongside you.**

To those who are foster moms, mentor moms, step-moms and spiritual moms, **we need you.**

To those who have warm and close relationships with your children, **we rejoice with you.**

To those who have disappointment, heart ache, and distance with your children, **we sit with you.**

To all who lost their mother or buried a child this year, **we grieve with you.**

To those who experienced abuse at the hands of your own mother, **we acknowledge your trauma.**

To those who long to be a mother, **we hold space for your longing.**

To those who are learning to mother adult children, living outside your home, **we encourage you.**

And to those who are pregnant with new life, expected or surprising, **we anticipate with you.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

This Mother's Day, God holds us all in Her mothering arms. May we learn to love from God's warm embrace, nurturing gifts, and offering of Her own body for the life of the world. We know that long ago faithful women and men first proclaimed the good news of the Resurrection and the world was changed forever. May we keep faith with them, that our witness may be bold, our love may be deep, and our faith may be true. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to share an alternative sign of peace - either holding up the peace sign with their fingers or simply waving to their fellow worshipers from a distance, texting a loved one or hugging a furry friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Ascribe unto God the honor due her name; come into her court with offerings and praise.

We invite you to give generously to support the mission and ministry of St. Anne's. You can scan the QR code, text-to-give at 703-997-4436, or go to our website at stannes-reston.org.



THE PRESENTATION

As the offering is brought forward the following is said:

With gladness we present the gifts of our life and labor to God.

At this celebration of the Lord's Supper, all are welcome at the table. Bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord. At present, all communicants will receive in one kind: the bread. All wafers are gluten-free.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER A

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

The Celebrant says a Proper Preface, and then continues

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:

Holy, holy, holy one, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Mother: 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 Child, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Mother of all.

Jesus 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 Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus 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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Mother, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Jesus' 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 Child, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Jesus.

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 Child Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Mother, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Our Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy reign will 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 reign, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome. Please maintain a physical distance of three feet or more when coming forward and receiving the bread (all wafers are gluten-free). Process down the center aisle, hold your palm out flat to receive your wafer from the clergy. Communicants are encouraged to sanitize their hands before receiving communion. A hand sanitizer station is provided for you at the entrance to the sanctuary. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Mother, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Child our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of the 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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of her Child Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Risen Savior.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrants • *The Rev. Jessica T. Holthus, The Rev. H. Vance Johnson*

Lay Reader • *Mary Szpanka*

Altar Guild • *Susan Ficklin*

Flower Guild • *Martha Furniss*