



ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 A.M.

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WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S!

Whatever your religious background, wherever you are in your faith journey, and however you have come to be here, we are glad you have joined for worship today. We hope you will experience God's presence among this community, people, place, and prayers.

Children's worship bags are available from an usher to use during the service. Please use our "Welcome" and "Prayer Request" cards located in the pews, or scan the QR code to complete our Connect card as a way to connect beyond your visit today. Return your completed card to an usher, clergy person, or place it in the offering plate.



THE MINISTERS OF ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARE
THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH
supported by

The Very Rev. Jessica T. Holthus, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby, *Deacon*

The Rev. Dr. Anne Fredericks Cooper, *Assisting Priest*

Sheri Schaffer, *Parish Administrator*

The Rev. Maria Maguire, *Assistant to the Rector*

Francisco Fernandez, *Director of Music*

The Rev. Winston W. Welty, *Assisting Priest*

Angie Gray, *Office Administrator*

Celebrations & Thanksgivings • April 28 - May 4

Birthdays

George Shaffer, Kristina Sanders, Charlotte Smith, Joe Bellman, Kathy Breeding, Mary Johnson, Linda McFadyen, Connor Poole, Chris Kpadeh, Luc Sciuлло, Susan Contostavlos, Adam Skitol

Anniversaries

Gary Voegele & Marion Billings, Jason & Eve Angerosa, Jeremy & Tracy Hanford, Seward & Angelique Cooper

Flowers to the glory of God.

We at St. Anne's acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Manaboac and Piscataway people. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the continued existence of Native peoples today and into the future.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

People responses are in bold.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

As the morning approaches, Risen Lord, 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 God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord 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 Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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 WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 22:24-30

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

- 25 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: ***
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 **For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.**
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 **My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel.

JOHN 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

THE SERMON

The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence.

The Very Rev. Jessica T. Holthus

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are able.

**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.

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Christ has gathered us as branches of the true vine. Let us offer prayers to God in whom we abide.

For the whole world: all nations, peoples, tribes, families, and creation.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark and Gayle our Bishops, our clergy Jessica, Maria, Nancy, Anne, and Winston, and for all who minister in God's church, and all the holy people of God.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all places in strife and unrest, that you may inspire all your people to seek a just peace and that we may hear the voices of those who are unheard.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For all those requiring ongoing care, all those in danger and need, and those struggling with food or housing insecurity, may we abide with one another extending your loving presence.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We pray especially for Kathy, Angie, Jamie, Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Nancy, Sue, Rich, Eleanor, Katherine, Nora, Rachel, James, Grace, Brandon, Eloise, Ester, Joe, James, Semaj, Pierrein, Helene, and Michael, our presiding Bishop. *(Please pray either silently or aloud for those you wish to remember.)* Stir up in us a spirit of grace and generosity, that we may give freely to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, O living God.

For the dying, the dead, and all who mourn, we lift them into your comforting care. We pray especially for Fae Schaffer who died last week.

To you, O Lord, our God.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who abides in all who love you. Hear the prayers we offer this day and give us your Spirit of peace to love our siblings; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to share the sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

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

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 the Lord

At this celebration of the Lord's Supper, bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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 Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 FRACTION

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

To receive communion, process down the center aisle. Hold your palm out flat with two hands if you wish to receive bread dipped in wine by the clergy. Hold one palm out if you wish to receive bread only or if you wish to receive bread and drink from the common cup. Intinction is not permitted. Gluten free wafers are available at a separate station. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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

May Christ be in our minds, that we may see what is true.

May Christ be in our mouths, that we may speak with power.

May Christ be in our hands, that we may work with tenderness.

May Christ be in our arms, that we may embrace without fear.

May Christ be in our feet, that we may follow with love, and receive the blessing of God Almighty: Parent, Child and Breath of Life this day and always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

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

Acolyte • *Gerald Cooper*
Chalice Bearers • *Pam Russ, Mary Szpanka*
Lay Reader • *Don Boileau*
Altar Guild • *Emily Besuden*
Flower Guild • *Martha Furniss, Marion Billings*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 28

Children & Youth Choir Rehearsal, 11:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.
Youth-Led Worship Rehearsal, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
Saving Jesus Redux, 4:00 p.m., Library

Sunday, May 5

Youth-Led Worship, 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost

Baptisms - 10:00 a.m.
Praying with the African American Spirituals 4:00 p.m., Library

Saturday, June 1

Reston Pride - 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Lake Anne

July 6-13

Moving Mountains Mission Trip

July 22-26

Vacation Bible School - Linked by Love