

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Walking Together. Recognizing Jesus. Practicing Resurrection.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM on April 21, 2024
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Walking Together, Recognizing Jesus, Practicing Resurrection

The trajectory of Easter. Today is the halfway point in the Great Fifty Days of Easter – the perfect moment to take a look at what the Catechism in the back of the Book of Common Prayer has to say about the Church. For Easter Resurrection may begin 2000 years ago at the empty tomb, but it is brought to fulfillment on the Day of Pentecost, the end of the Easter season, when resurrection comes home to us. The Catechism section on the Church is frustratingly abstract. Read it through, but then realize that a better summation of what the Church is can be found in that “motto” we’ve adopted for St. Andrew’s: Walking Together, Recognizing Jesus, Practicing Resurrection.

The Church*

- A. **The Church is the community of the New Covenant.**
- A. **The Church is described as the Body of which Jesus Christ is the Head and of which all baptized persons are members. It is called the People of God, the New Israel, a holy nation, a royal priesthood, and the pillar and ground of truth.**
- A. **The Church is described as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.**
- A. **The Church is one, because it is one Body, under one Head, our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- A. **The Church is holy, because the Holy Spirit dwells in it, consecrates its members, and guides them to do God's work.**
- A. **The Church is catholic, because it proclaims the whole Faith to all people, to the end of time.**
- A. **The Church is apostolic, because it continues in the teaching and fellowship of the apostles and is sent to carry out Christ's mission to all people.**
- A. **The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.**
- A. **The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.**
- A. **The church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.**

We are the Church. The key here is to realize that the Church is only secondarily an institution, a building, an organization. It is primarily we: the Baptized, the chosen, the empowered, the sent. It is continually changing, dying, rising, working in all things to carry out its mission to “restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.” It is as perfect, and as imperfect, as its members – because it is its members. As our parish motto makes clear, with all its verbs, the Church is not a thing but an action.

*To save space, the Q-questions to which these A-answers respond are not included this morning. You may find them on pp.854-55 of the Prayer Book.

The Word of God

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #645



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.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal 1982*.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

Welcome

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

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.**

A Reading from Acts of the Apostles

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Response

Psalm 23

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of John


1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.


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

Gospel Song
Hymnal 1982 #206, verse 1


Antiphon (at the beginning)




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



I O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!




I The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,



I o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!

Antiphon (at the end)



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

A Reading from the Gospel according to John

John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
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.

Prayers of the People

The Intercessor provides a brief silence after each petition, giving all the opportunity to add their prayers before bidding, "Lord, in your mercy:"

Let us pray that the power of Christ's resurrection may be realized throughout the world.
(silence)

Lord God, our loving heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Your Son, our Passover Lamb, has taken away the sin of the world. Forgive us and all people.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son said, 'Peace be with you'. Bring your peace to the world and to our own country.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your Son appeared to Mary Magdalene when she was weeping. Comfort those who are sad, lonely, or grieving.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S128

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven 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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

The Presider continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Andrew, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.



Lord's Prayer

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

**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

Wonder, Love & Praise Hymnal #876 v.1

Antiphon

Musical notation for the Antiphon in 3/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing

Verse

Musical notation for the Verse in 3/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

of the bread. 1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu

All repeat Antiphon

Musical notation for the All repeat Antiphon in 3/4 time. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4-G4 (beamed eighth notes), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bod - y of Christ.

Presider The gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Communion Music

Unison



1. Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your
2. Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and scorned Him as He
3. I was so lost I should have died, But You have brought me to Your

side To walk up-on this guilt - y sod, And to be-come the Lamb of God. *To vs.2*
died; The hum-ble King they named a fraud, And sac-ri-ficed the Lamb of God.
side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Chorus



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God; I love the
ho - ly Lamb of God. O wash me in His pre-cious

last time rit.

blood. 1., 2. My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God. *Repeat Chorus*
3. Till I am just a lamb of God.

(segue)

Descant (after stanzas 2 and 3)

God is love, God is love,

Refrain

God is love, and where true love is

God him - self is there. there.

God him - self is there. there.

1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
 2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
 3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,

Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
 let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
 when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.

Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God c - ter - nal.
 Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
 Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,

Repeat Refrain

Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
 Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
 be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.

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Post Communion Prayer

**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.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Hymnal 1982 #205

sing verses 1,3,4,5

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

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

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Ringing of the Bells and Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

*Pastoral needs this week should be brought to Rev. Reed Loy, our Rector, at
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Eucharistic Minister: Bob Wilson

Digital Acolyte: Randy Galinat

Usher: Paul Carey

Altar Guild: Annie Mills, Binney Wells

The flowers today are given in honor of Emily Anne Curtis' 31st birthday
by Martha Buttenheim and Pam Minish

In Our Prayers This Week

Those asking healing and God's closer presence: Jill Wilson, Ann Marie Niziolek, Sheila Clement, Christen Hayter, Hisham, Suzanne Brown, George Kopriva, Pat Cotton, Marty Hastings, Michele and Chris, the Largy Family, John Daniel Sweeney, Jeri Mills, Diane Les Becquets, Cam Borton, Caroline Lind, George Langwasser, Wendy Dennis, Denise Vella, Bill Lane, Donnie, Linda D., Alison Klardie, Lachlan, Jude, Brian Tucker, Matt McCormick, Craig, Matthew, Bob Lynch, Jack Friberg, Eliza Townsend, Gretel Kumph, Dennis Martin, Annie Rainbow, Sue Fonte, Bill and Peg, Caelan, Hannah, Brenda, Skip Freed, Luke Tollar, the Smith family, Shawn Birmingham, Jacob, Judy Kidder, Louise Hazen, Savannah Tollar, William, Steve, Jim and Jan Diers, Linda, Helen Borgan, Stephanie Bates

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