

St Andrew's Episcopal Church  
Shippensburg, PA



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 11, 2021  
8 A.M. WORSHIP

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With this Easter acclamation, we begin the Great 50 days of Easter, during which we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and our participation in that glorious and holy event that forever changed the nature of our relationship with God.

We welcome you to St. Andrew's this morning and to this Feast of the Resurrection of Christ, the greatest and oldest feast of the Christian Church.

After having walked through Holy Week, where we were pulled into the depth of Jesus' self-giving love as he washed the feet of his disciples and then offered his own body for us, first through the institution of the Lord's Supper, and then by hanging on the cross, we have experienced deep pain and sorrow. The absence of Christ on Good Friday, evidenced by the stripped altar and a covered cross, startled us into an awareness of how empty our lives would be without Christ. Deep within our souls, we began to yearn for Christ to be present again in our lives, to offer us a new beginning and to lead us into a life full of the light and love of Christ that God desires for each one of us. Today we celebrate that Christ is indeed risen. Christ has broken the bonds of suffering and death and offers us our salvation.

Throughout the year, each Sunday worship is considered a "little Easter," for Christ's resurrection is what we celebrate each week. We as Christians are "Easter people," in that we live with hope into the promise of our salvation, offered to us by Christ. We hope that you will return often and worship with us here at St. Andrew's where we strive to share God's self-giving love with others and build a strong community of faith.

Because familiar hymns can delight our soul and deepen our worship, we will conclude our service with recorded music (our own virtual choir and those beyond), which you are encouraged to invite you into the fullness of this glorious feast day.

Faithfully,  
Mother Barbara

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tolling Bell inviting Silence (7:55 a.m.)

Bell calling us to Worship (8:00 a.m.)

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### THE COLLECT OF PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE SONG OF PRAISE

*Celebrant and People*

Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee,

we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*(Sitting)*

**A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

**Acts 4:32-35**

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133 *(Prayed responsively by whole verse.)*

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

2 **It is like fine oil upon the head \***  
**that runs down upon the beard,**

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

**4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.**

5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF FIRST JOHN**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life~ this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us~ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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**Thanks be to God.**

*(Standing)*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*(Sitting)*

**THE SERMON**

**Mother Barbara**

*(Standing)*

## 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.

*(Standing or kneeling)*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and ever-living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bless our visitors and loved ones of our parishioners who are with us today that they may sense the love and compassion of Christ through our worship and as expressed by each one of us. Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and

Audrey our Diocesan Bishop, and other ministers that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Ellen, Eugene, Sue, Linda Gatchel, Lloyd Spooner and Andrew Szabat, Jack & Linda Horner, Ashleigh Mann, Chris, Rebecca, Jonathan, Pierre, Sassie, Tony Yancoskie, Janet, Melissa, Katherine, Kathy, Deb, Cameron, Jan McCrory, Emma Jean Bankson, Susan and Robert Glick, Chuck Bloom, Richard, Evan, Roseann, Jack, Kathleen, Amy, Tabitha, the Williams Family, Alice, Samantha, Wanda, Margaret, Brian Helman, Rachel Mooney, and for those who care for them and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one: Brandon and Emily, Stan, the family of Dick Weller, Dina and Patrick, Pierre and Sassie, Laura, Christina, David, Jonathan, and Joseph, Laura and Pat, Deanna, Kathy, Jeanine, Ellen, Fred, Tom, Susan, Connor and Matthew, Blake and Katherine, and those whom we name, either silently in our hearts or aloud.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*



And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Andrew and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.  
**Amen.**

*(Kneeling)*

### **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **THE PEACE** *(Standing)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY

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

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(Form II)*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*(Standing or kneeling)*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

## THE BREAKING OF BREAD

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

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## THE INVITATION

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 are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like more information about the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist, please, let's talk. It is our Lord who invites us. Anyone who desires a blessing, please come forward, kneel, and cross your arms across your chest.*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

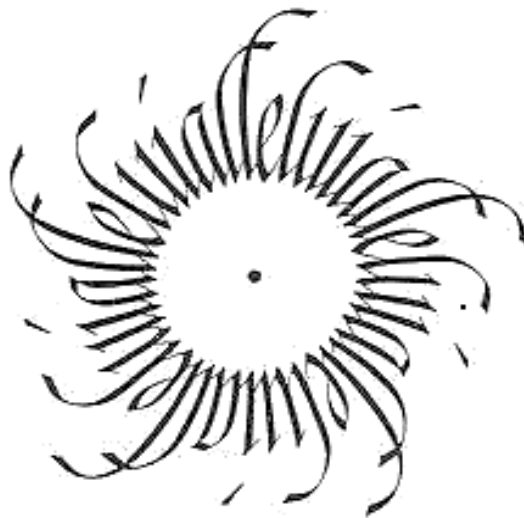
Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace that we may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

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



## WORSHIP MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher	Mother Barbara
Verger	Mr. Michael Stitt
Crucifer	Mr. Bill Gawors
Lector	Susan Davis

## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to living authentically, thinking inclusively,  
and opening our hearts to the movement of the Holy Spirit among us.*

### Leadership

*Diocesan Bishop* The Rt. Rev. Audrey Scanlan

*Rector* The Rev. Barbara Hutchinson

*Parish Secretary* Melanie Varner

*Church Musician* Brian Helman

*Interim Church Musician* Kevin Gorman

*Head Verger* Mike Stitt, FVGEC

*Verger* Mike Rhodes, FVGEC

*Verger* Bill Gawors

### Vestry Members

Christina Luo, Senior Warden

Tom Briggs, Treasurer

Susan Tyler, Secretary

Brett Erickson

Brooke Leininger

Larry Shillock

John Boyle

Ken Dotson

Steve Smith

Kathy Varner

### Worship Services

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10 AM In-Person Worship Services

Thursday 8:30 AM – Meditation held in the Library

Live Stream Services and Recorded Services throughout the month

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