



***Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
9:00 am***

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"We welcome all people as children of God and invite them to participate fully in the life and ministry at St. Andrew's regardless of age, race, gender, education, ethnic origin, marital or family status, cultural heritage, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic reality or diversity of ability. We resolve to be a church with open hearts, open minds, open doors and seeking to be reconciled to God and one another." St. Andrew's has a statement of welcome for the LGBTQ+ community.

St. Andrew's sits on the traditional land of the Ohlone, Ramaytush and Muwekma tribes.

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor John Kuehner

Call to Worship

Unity Choir and/or Mission Bells

Gathering Hymn –

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our savior Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life and love. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life and love with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Call and Response Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever. ² **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."** ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"** ¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!" ¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.** ¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. ¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.** ²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter." ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.** ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³ **By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.** ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 10

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you. O Christ

Sermon

You may be seated

Hymn of the Day

The Day of Resurrection!

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Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived
by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection redeem our broken world and to make us well, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially those we now name aloud or in the peace of our hearts.

Pause . . .

Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life and love to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: May the Peace of the God be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share that peace with one another.

Please stand as you are able

Offering Song Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord

Offering Prayer

Let us pray . . .

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death and the fear of death,

and in rising has brought us to eternal life and love.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy

Words of Institution

Communion Dialogue

At this table make us your body.
Form us to be people of justice and peace.
Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father,	as we forgive those
 who art in heaven,	 who trespass
hallowed be thy name,	 against us;
 thy kingdom come,	and lead us not
 thy will be done,	 into temptation,
on earth as it is in heaven.	but deliver us from evil.
Give us this day	For thine is the kingdom,
 our daily bread;	 and the power,
and forgive us	 and the glory,
 our trespasses,	 forever and ever.
	Amen.

All are welcomed to come forward for communion as directed by the usher.

May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in God's grace. **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. . .

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus. **Amen**

Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**