

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Albany, N.Y.

April 21, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is an inclusive community . . .

Affirming God's grace, Open and growing in heart, mind, and spirit, Called to love and serve all in Jesus' Name.

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "Hyfrydol"

John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymnal 645: "The King of love my shepherd is"

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

GLORIA

Organ *All*

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 5:5–12

A reading from the Book of The Acts of the Apostles.

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.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM**Psalm 23**

(The choir introduces the refrain; the congregation repeats it. The choir chants the verses and all repeat the refrain as indicated.)

Refrain

The Lord is my shep - herd; I shall not be in want.

- 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. **[Refrain]**
- 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. **[Refrain]**
- 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. **[Refrain]**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16–24

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymnal 184: "Christ the Lord is risen again!"

GOSPEL

John 10: 11–18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel 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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

SERMON

The Very Rev. Marshall J. Vang

Please stand

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI, BCP, p. 392

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world. For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority. For protection for its people and all who are affected by violence and war, and for refugees throughout the world.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to those who are sick, friendless, or needy.

For those in need of healing and hope, including **Mary H., Ethel, Dennis, Mona, Adele and Frank, Christopher and Heather, Debi, Lee, Timothy, Maureen, Tara, Allen, Norma, Ernie, Doty, Lisa, Cormac and Olivia, MaryLou, Manuel, Sarah, Agnes, Jan, Steve, Caroline, Michael, Janet, Mary M., Christine, Steven, Tamara, Ethan, Wendy, Roland, Moses, Patsy, Maddie, David, Mike, Marie, Lacey and Lanique, Pedro, Jeffrey, Fr. Bob, David, Diane, Megan, John and John, Fr. Chuck., Marisa** and others we name silently or aloud.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Jeremiah, our bishop; and all bishops. For Marshall, our visiting priest; Keith, our associate priest; and all other ministers;

For all who serve God in Christ's Church.

For a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion as our future rector, and for our search committee.

For discerning hearts and minds.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

After a silence, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their places.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wardens

HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. Virgil Thomson (1896–1989)

My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.

He brings my wand’ring spirit back
When I forsake his ways.

And leads me for his mercy’s sake
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days,
O may thy house be my abode
And all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come,
No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

Please stand

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Hymnal S 120 / BCP, p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God 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. 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 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:

Organ All

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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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.



A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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As 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is for the organ, with the instruction 'Organ' above it. The second and third staves are for the choir, with the instruction 'All' above the second staff. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le lu - ia.' followed by 'Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.' followed by 'Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.'

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Sung by the choir

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.

The Gifts for 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.

The people will be directed toward the kneelers in front of the altar by the ushers to receive the bread in their open hands. You may kneel or stand to receive the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available. The Eucharistic minister will offer you the wine. You can drink directly from the chalice after you have consumed the bread, leave the bread in your open hand for the Eucharistic minister to dip it briefly in the wine and return it to your hand, or choose not to receive it. Return to your seats via the side aisles. You receive the benefit of the sacrament whether or not you receive the elements in both forms.

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal 343: "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

Please stand

PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN

Hymnal 390: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation"

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Fantasia and Fugue in C Minor

Sylvius Leopold Weiss (1657–1750)

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SERVING TODAY

Acolyte: Enrique Lopez; Altar Guild: Dolores Cottrell; Celebrant: The Very Rev. Marshall J. Vang; Counters: Steve Iannacone and Doris Szpulski; Door Steward: Duane Wilcox; Eucharistic Ministers: Enrique Lopez and Virginia Bartos; Flower Guild: Eileen Mahoney; Lector: Priscilla Sprague; Refreshments: Kathy Hedbery; Opening/Closing Duties: Steve Iannacone; Ushers and Greeters: James Edgar and Randee Bowen; Worship Recording: Michael Quoma and DJ Roche

TODAY

We thank the Very Rev. Marshall J. Vang for presiding at our service today.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Mon. 4/22, 6:15 p.m.: *Vestry Meeting* (Gerber Library)

Tue. 4/23, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.: *The Shop*; 6:30 p.m.: *Evening Prayer* (please enter through parking-lot door); 7:00 p.m.: *Education for Ministry* (Library)

Wed. 4/24, 7:15 p.m.: *Bible Study* (Zoom)

Sat. 4/27, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.: *The Shop*

Sun. 4/28, 8:30 a.m.: *Choir rehearsal* (church); 9:30 a.m.: *The Fifth Sunday of Easter* (The Very Rev. Marshall J. Vang will be celebrating with us)

PASTORAL CARE

If you or a loved one are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact the Parish Office (518-489-4747) or email admin@standrewsalbany.org. If it is an emergency, please call Duane Wilcox (518-319-5938).

If you would like to add yourself or a loved one to the prayer list, please email Laura Davis, admin@standrewsalbany.org.

Those on the prayer list will remain for 4 weeks, unless we are instructed otherwise. Please contact Laura or Duane if you have any questions.

If you or a loved one is being admitted to a hospital, let the admissions person know you are an Episcopalian. The chaplain will not be able to visit unless that information is provided.

Eucharistic Visitors – If you are sick or injured and cannot come to St. Andrew’s for Sunday Eucharist, we can bring Communion to you at your home or nursing home. If you are interested, contact the parish office and Laura will contact one of the Eucharistic Visitors. Thank you.

WORSHIP PROCEDURE NOTES

- If you are not on our membership rolls, kindly fill out a yellow visitor card so we can stay in touch with you and you can share your interests. For information on our service, kindly speak to an usher.
- Our bulletin is keyed to the red *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) and the blue *1982 Hymnal* and the black and red *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. All are in your pews.
- We strongly encourage all to wear masks although they are not mandated. Ushers will have masks available.
- Hand sanitizer is available at stations in the church and in other parts of the building. Please feel free to use it when you come in and before receiving communion.
- Please take your bulletin home with you or place it in the blue recycling bin at the doors as you leave.
- When it is time for Holy Communion, the usher will guide your row to come up the center aisle. Kneel or stand at the corresponding side of the kneelers. The bread will be placed in your open hand by the priest. (*You may kneel or stand to receive the bread at a distance that feels comfortable to you.*) Please indicate to the priest if you would prefer a gluten-free wafer. The Eucharistic minister will offer you the wine. You can drink directly from the chalice after you have consumed the bread, leave the bread in your open hand for the Eucharistic minister to dip it briefly in the wine and return it to your hand, or choose not to receive it. Return to your seat via the side aisles. The benefit of the sacrament is yours whether or not you receive the elements in both forms.
- Today's service is being live streamed and recorded to accommodate those who are unable to join us in person. The recording is available to watch on St. Andrew's Church YouTube channel.

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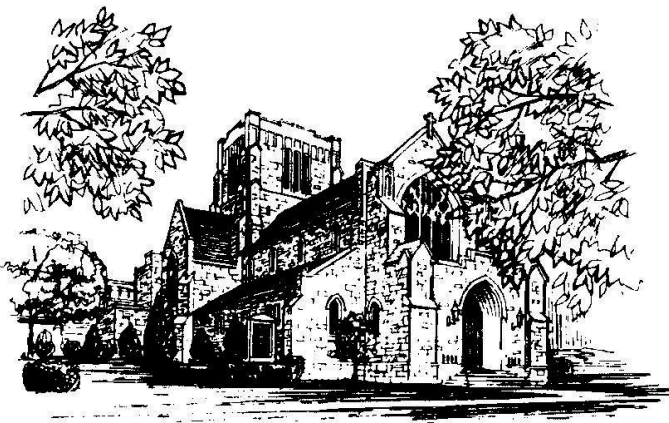
The Rt. Rev. Jeremiah Williamson, *Bishop of the Diocese of Albany*
The Rev. Keith Scott, *Priest Associate*

Duane Wilcox, *Senior Warden*
Richard Pfau, *Junior Warden*

Laura Davis, *Office Manager*
Tom Petcosky, *Buildings and Grounds Superintendent*
Todd Sisley, *Interim Organist and Director of Music*

Vestry

Class of 2025: Martha Iannacone, Carolyn Merrill, DJ Roche
Class of 2026: Rich Angelo, Fred Jackson, Enrique Lopez
Class of 2027: JoAnne Chapman, Bill Hedberg, David Smith
Frank Vozzo (*Clerk*) and John Gambino (*Treasurer*)



Thank you for attending today's service!

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Your support is greatly appreciated.

