

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Boca Grande † Florida

"Bringing God and people together in love through Jesus Christ"

Sunday Worship

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Feast of the Ascension

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Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We hope you find a connection between your desire to come and what you experience. We are a community drawn together by faith in God's love made known in Jesus Christ, expressed by forgiveness and acceptance rather than getting it right. However you identify, you belong here. We connect with each other by knowing and accepting each other as we are, and together serve others here in Boca Grande and in the wider community. Visitor cards are in the pew to help us get to know you better. They can be returned in the offering plate at the back of the church or handed to an usher.

Restrooms, extra seating, and speakers are located next door in the Chapter House. If you need to step out to attend to a little one, consider the Chapter House as a place to let them run free while you are still able to hear the service.

Serving Today

Usher	Bob Burke
Lector	Jim Griesemer
Chalice Bearer	Renee Farnham
Coffee Hour Hosts	Paula Gray & Margie DeMauro



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
by Sydney and Timothy Suspenski
in celebration of their marriage at St. Andrew's yesterday.
(Sydney is the granddaughter of Edie Gardner.)

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

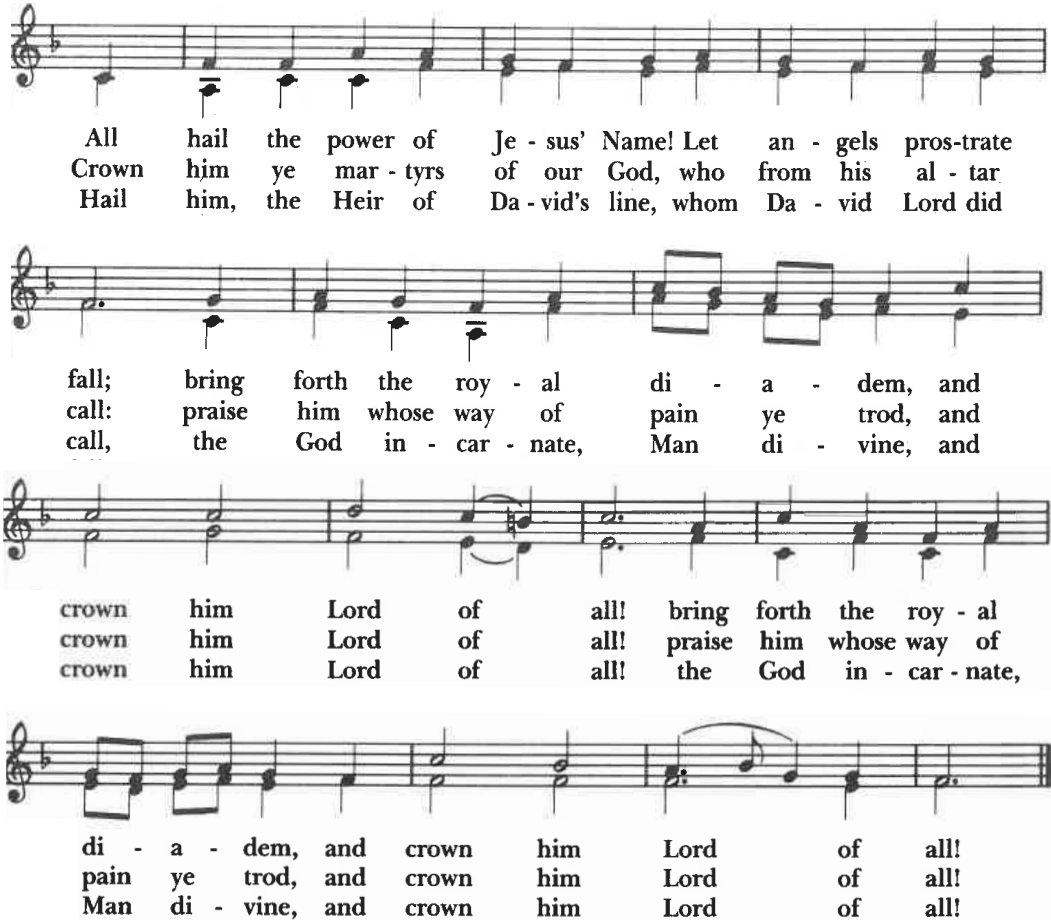
THE PRELUDE

All hail the power of Jesus' name

THE PROCESSIONAL

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Hymnal, 450



All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate
Crown him ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar
Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did
fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and
call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and
call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and
crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al
crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of
crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,
di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!
pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE GLORIA

Hymnal, S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:1-11

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

PSALM 93

Lector The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 98. The men will read the odd verses, the women will read the even verses.

- 1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
 the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Come down, O Love divine

Hymnal, 516

Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 24:44-53

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Chris Gray

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector In this Eastertide we celebrate and proclaim the signs of Jesus, that all might believe that he is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing they may have life in his name. Therefore, that everyone may experience the new life in Christ in the midst of the old life of sin and doubt, let us pray for all God's people, and for all people everywhere according to their needs, saying: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lector That amid all the doubts which threaten to destroy the community of faith, Christ's peace may be shared and experienced for the strengthening of belief, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Lector That all who have come to new birth in holy baptism and all who have received the forgiveness of sins in absolution may live in peace with each other, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Lector That the sick, the infirm, and the disturbed might experience the healing power of the Spirit of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Lector That we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of the armed forces at home and abroad who put their lives in harm's way for us; let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Lector That all who have died in the faith may serve as examples to us who continue in our pilgrimage on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief, and hear us for the sake of the one who died for our sins and rose again for our justification, even Jesus Christ, the first and the last, the living one, in who name we pray. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

text in hymnal, 460

THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal, 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus

Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there were might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might,
Heav'n 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.

Then the Celebrant Continues

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:

Celebrant and People


Christ has died.
Christ has risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

People sing



A - men, A - men, A - men!

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Silence as the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(All baptized persons regardless of denominational affiliation are invited to receive Holy Communion. If it is not in your conscience to receive, please consider coming forward for a simple blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please let the priest know when you come forward to receive)

COMMUNION

Look, Ye Saints, The Sight is Glorious

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCESSIONAL

Crown Him with many crowns

Hymnal, 494



Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and



how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his



wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who



hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

Allegro

Johann Walther

Your Prayers are Requested for ...

Pastoral Prayer List

John Berley	Marjorie Edwards	Bobby Parker
Dennis Berry	Sue Embres	Jeanne Phillips
Bill & Sandy Bertsch	Gene Findlay	Maurice Price
Shawn Peterson Cain	Tom Floyd	Frankie Rediker
Dave Caldwell	Bette Floyd	Hal Russell
Vera Chelnokov	Pam Hannah	Pat Ryan
Emily Clegg	Jenna Larson	Amy Staples
Bob Corl	Kathy Litzinger	Strazzulla Family
Hadley Cox	Priscilla Masselink	Stephanie Vick
Betsy Dalrymple	Larry Pardee	

Military Prayer List

Blaise Bess
Ben Constantinides
John Life Ikenberry
Colin Jackson
Karl Jackson
Anthony Kopp
Alex Lovo
Michael Manetti
Renier van Breen
Arch Wilson

What's Happening at St. Andrew's



Coffee Hour Hosts Today: Paula Gray & Margie DeMauro
Coffee Hour Hosts Next Week (May 19): Kathy & Jim Silverberg

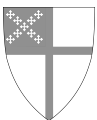
Cleaning out your pantry?

As many of you prepare to head north, please consider donating non-perishable food items to St. Andrew's for the Charlotte County Salvation Army Food Pantry. Be sure to check the expiration dates on all donated items before dropping your donations in the church narthex. We will do the rest for you. Thank you for your support.



Altar Flowers

Do you have a special day you'd like to commemorate? How about a someone you'd like to honor or remember? You can sign up to provide altar flowers and have that event or person noted in the Sunday announcements. A sign up sheet can be found in the narthex. More than one individual can sign up for the same day. Cost is \$65 per bouquet and we have two spaces available each week. Checks should be made payable to St. Andrew's.



Sign up to be a lector, usher, or chalice bearer

We are seeking lector, ushers, and volunteers for Sundays. Please sign up in the narthex and we will contact you.

H A P P Y
M  *ther's Day*
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**A Prayer for
Mother's Day**

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood in all its diverse forms. Let us pray for all mothers; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have done so for those in need; and for the earth that bore us and provides us with our sustenance. We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother. Amen.

The New Testament Reading for Today

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



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