



Episcopal Visitation of the
Rt. Rev. Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Holy Eucharist and Confirmations

St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
May 11, 2025 | 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral!

Joyfully proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through grace-filled worship, radical hospitality, and incarnational faith. We are glad we can worship together today. Children are always welcome in our service. If you would rather your child be in the nursery or supervised playroom, feel free to take them out the pulpit side arch and through the chapel. You are welcome to bring them back into the service at any time.

PRELUDE

Pastorale, BWV 590

J.S. Bach

I. Sicilienne

HYMN, H-1982 #174

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

SALZBURG



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.



1 who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
2 Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
3 thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
4 From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



1 praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
2 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
3 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
4 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:



1 gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
2 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
3 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
4 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

THE WORD OF GOD

EASTER ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP), PAGE 413

Bishop

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS

9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon,

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Led by the choir.*

PSALM 23, sett. C. Hylton Stewart



¹ The Lord | is my | shep|herd*

therefore | can I | lack | nothing.

² He shall feed me in a | green | pas|ture*

and lead me forth beside the | waters · of | com|fort.

³ He shall con|vert | my | soul*

and bring me forth in the paths of | righteousness · for his | Name's | sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will | fear no | e|vil,*

for thou art with me; thy | rod and · thy | staff | comfort | me.

⁵ Thou shalt prepare a table before me against | them that | trouble | me*

thou hast anointed my head with oil, and | my · cup shall | be | full.

⁶ But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of | my | life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord for-|ev|er.

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

All stand and sing. Children may follow the Children's Minister into the Chapel for Children's Chapel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

I heard the voice of Jesus say

RESIGNATION

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wear - i - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirs - ty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wear - y, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun,

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:22-30

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The People are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Right Reverend Dr. Dorothy Sanders Wells

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

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Bishop The candidates will now be presented.

Presenters I present these persons for Confirmation.

Steven Phillip Browning, Jr.
Lisa Harvey
Riley Holden Caraway Joorfetz
Harrison McLemore Martin
Jude Apperson Misenar
Stephanie Puckett

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all the candidates have been presented, the Presider then addresses the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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 to the dead. 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.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

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Bishop Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Litanist Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Litanist Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of

that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands upon each candidate for Confirmation and says one of the following prayers

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. **Amen.**

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that he/she may continue yours forever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until he/she comes to your everlasting kingdom. **Amen.**

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your gracious hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Children will return from Children's Chapel

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE www.standrews.ms/offertory

At the offertory, acknowledging all we are given from God, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, sacramentally in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

*Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
Keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand,
None can pluck me from thy hand.*

*I would praise thee every day,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above
Happy in thy precious love.*

*Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
Suffer not my steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.*

*Where thou leadest I would go,
Walking in thy steps below,
Till before my Father's throne,
I shall know as I am known.*

-Jane Leeson, text

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION H-1982 #380 v. 3 *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* OLD 100TH

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "him above, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, PRAYER B

All stand.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

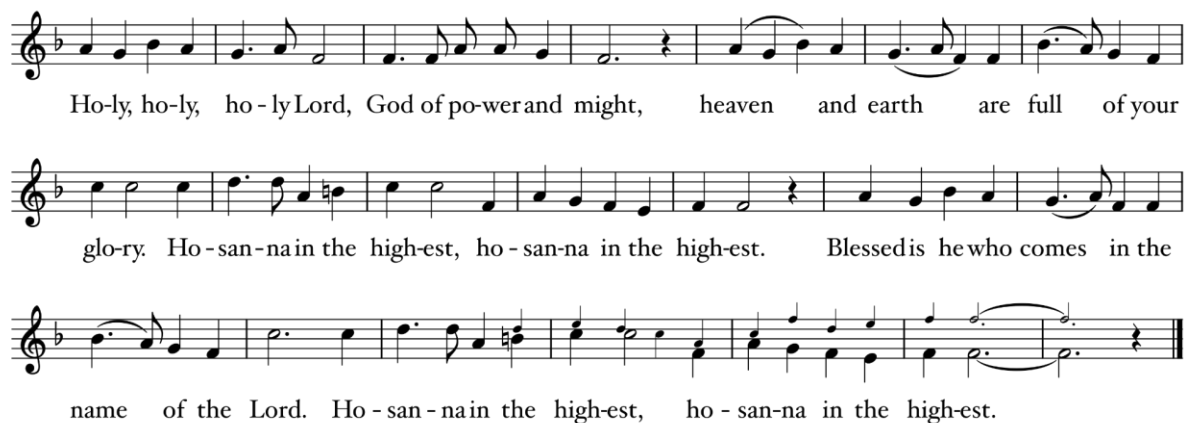
Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our 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:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, heaven and earth are full of your
 glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with The Blessed Virgin Mary, Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.

FRACTION H-1982 #S-154

from *New Plainsong*

Mass, David Hurd

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.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The People may be seated. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you may come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten free bread is available upon request. The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN, H-1982 #192

This joyful Eastertide

VRUECHTEN

HYMN, H-1982 #454

Jesus came, adored by angels (vv. 1, 2, 3)

LOWRY

At the Presider's invitation People stand, and remain standing through the end of the service.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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.

THE BLESSING

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us;
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor,
much we need thy ten - der care;
ear - ly let us learn thy will;
in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,
for our use thy folds pre - pare.
with thy love thy our bos - oms fill.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus!
Bless - ed Je - sus! Bless - ed Je - sus!
Thou hast bought us, thine love we are.
Thou hast loved us: love us still.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

Rigaudon

Elisabeth de la Guerre

Please join us in the Parish Hall after the service
for a reception to welcome Bishop Wells and our new Confirmands

OUR PRAYER LIST

Ben, Gloria, Rose, Doug, Cindy, Catherine, Roy, Saul, Elizabeth, Joel, Cynthia, Bette, Wayne, Margaret, Ben, and Kathy. *(The last names are not listed to provide some privacy for those who have asked our prayers but do not necessarily want to answer questions. Our prayers come from the heart and don't need details to be effective).*

AT WEEKDAY PRAYERS, WE PRAY FOR: Emma George, Ralph, Charles, Joyce, Tasha, Phyllis, Barbara, Dot, Betsy, Susan, Matt, Betty, Chris, Paula, Bob, Anthony.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, May 11: Susannah Mylroie, Paul Bragg, Maryanne Stroupe; Monday, May 12: No birthdays; Tuesday, May 13: Betsy Martin; Wednesday, May 14: Janice Grant, Avery Rollins, Tom Coleman; Thursday, May 15: Peyton Parker, Katie Rogers; Friday, May 16: Peggy Gibson; Saturday, May 17: BJ Brumley-Halfacre; Sunday, May 18: Maggie Sewell, Sara Anne White.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Jessie Bryant Knapp, sister of Ben Bryant and aunt of Teddy; Muriel Allen Jones, cousin of Robert Hauberg; and Bill Theadgill, father of Burney Threadgill.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY: Patsy and Dick Turner, May 2, 1964; Hannah and Will Ivison, May 16, 2015; Alexandra and David Long, May 19, 2012; V.V. and Jeff Selman, May 24; Kelly and Thorne Butler, May 30; Ben and Ann Garrott, May 30, 2020.

IN OUR COMMUNITY CYCLE OF PRAYER, WE PRAY FOR SPRINGBOARD TO OPPORTUNITY: Springboard to Opportunities connects families living in affordable housing with resources and programs that help them advance in school, work and life. Working directly with families as well as establishing partnerships with other organizations to help families reach their goals is the aim. For more information, contact Sarah Stripp at Sarah.l.stripp@gmail.com.

WEDDINGS | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

HOLY BAPTISM | Please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms

PRAYER LIST | On Sunday mornings, our prayer list holds those in acute need of prayer. During the week, another prayer list holds those whose need for prayer is less acute but longer term. To add or renew a name on either of these lists, please contact The Very Rev. Anne M. Maxwell at amaxwell@standrews.ms.

PRAYER CHAIN | For prayers at any time, please call in your prayer request to one of our confidential Prayer Chains. For the morning or evening prayer chain, call Melissa Crouch at 601-672-8952.

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