

St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Marina Silva, *The Beatitudes*

St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral

May 3, 2026

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

GATHERING MUSIC *Sung by all.*

Down by the Riverside

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside,

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.

I ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more.
I ain't gonna study war no more. (repeat)

Gonna try on my starry crown...
Gonna put on my long, white robe...

THE WORD OF GOD

EASTER ACCLAMATION

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (BCP), PAGE 355

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People may be seated.

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

THE PSALM (*said in unison*)

PSALM 31:1-5; 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly
set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”, and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

All stand and sing.

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown -- will you let my name be known?
 Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen?
 Admit to what I mean in you and you in me

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract and scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the you, you hide if I ever call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you found to reshape the world around?
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me.

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In your company I go where your love and footsteps show,
 Then, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

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

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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 Rev. Christopher McAbee

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The People stand at the invitation of the presider.

THE NICENE CREED

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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 *Based on Form III*

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Dorothy, our bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Donald, our president, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgments, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION



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AT THE OFFERTORY

God and Man at Table Are Set Down

*Welcome all you noble saints of old,
As now before your very eyes unfold.
The wonders all so long ago foretold.
God and man at table are sat down.*

*Beggars lame and harlots also here.
Repentant publicans are drawing near.
Wayward sons come home without a fear.
God and man at table are sat down.*

*Elders martyrs all are falling down.
And prophets, patriarchs are gathering 'round.
What angels longed to see now man has found,
God and man at table are sat down.*

*Worship in the presence of the Lord.
With joyful songs and hearts in one accord.
And let our hosts of table be adored.
God and man at table are sat down.*

*Who is this who spreads the vict'ry feast?
Who is this who makes our warring cease?
Jesus risen Savior Prince of Peace.
God and man at table are sat down.*

*When at last this earth shall pass away,
When Jesus and His Bride are one to stay.
The feast of love is just begun that day.
God and man at table are sat down.*

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE FRACTION

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE INVITATION

These are 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

Sanctus

David DuBay

O holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory, and Lord we sing your praise.

Hosanna in the high...est

Hosanna in the high...est

Hosanna in the high...est

Lord we sing your praise

O holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might.

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand and say together

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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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN *Sung by all.*

I saw the light

1 I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

*I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.*

2 Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God
gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

3 I was a fool to wander and a-stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong
for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light.

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ!!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

OUR PRAYER LIST

James, Paul, Joel, Jeff, Joanne, Joan, Vee, Peggy, Matt, Kathleene, Buddy, Elizabeth, Chris, Linda 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: Duncan, Bob, Jackson, Rachel, Tasha, Barbara, Betsy, Susan, Matt, Betty, Chris, Keith, Paula, Floyd, Anthony, Doug, Ben, Cindy, Paul, Betti, Trey, Norma, Mary, Martha, Gray, Mike, Chip, Anne, Libbi and Jason.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Elizabeth Borst, mother of Michelle Lewis; Katie Harper, friend of Sarah Smith; Bill Morris, brother of Bob Morris, Joe Morris and Sarah Morris; John Black, friend of Sheryl Fox; and Rose Lee Robinson.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK: Sunday, May 3: Brooks Rhoden, Julie Noone; Monday, May 4: Emma Lewis; Tuesday, May 5: Bill McCarty, Kimber Sanders, Nevin Swain, J.D. Harris; Wednesday, May 6: Lily Rhoden, Charlie Daughdrill; Thursday, May 7: John Sewell, Tricia Stevens, Carl Black, McNeil Martin; Friday, May 8: Betsy Nation; Saturday, May 9: V. V. Selman; Sunday, May 10: Butch Rains, Julie Braswell.

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 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Habitat For Humanity is a Christian organization that builds homes for people in need in over 100 countries world-wide. Since 1986, over 635 new homes have been built in Greater Jackson by sponsors, corporations and thousands of Habitat volunteers. For more information, contact Bill Osborne at wgoii2@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 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.

HOSPITAL VISITS, HOME VISITS, AND PASTORAL CARE | Please call the Cathedral and speak to one of our clergy if you or a family member are in need of pastoral prayer or conversation. Voicemails are sent to our email inboxes. The Cathedral number is 601-354-1535 or you may call the Lay Pastoral Minister on call as listed in the sleeve.

A Look Ahead

Next Sunday!

Episcopal Visit with Bishop Wells + Confirmation Reception

Sunday, May 10th, 8:30am and 10:30am services | Reception to follow

The Right Reverend Dorothy Sanders Wells will join us on May 10th to preach and preside over both morning services at 8:30am and 10:30am. The 10:30am service will include confirmations. We will have a reception to celebrate the newly confirmed in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra: An American Celebration

TODAY! Sunday, May 3rd, 3:00pm

In celebration of America250, join us for a free performance at the Cathedral by the Metropolitan Chamber Orchestra

Music in the City featuring Jorge Diez, clarinet

*At the **Mississippi Museum of Art**, Tuesday, May 5th, 5:15pm*

Together with the Mississippi Museum of Art, the Cathedral offers Music in the City as a gift to the Jackson community.

Enneagram Group

Wednesday, May 6th, 5:15pm

This group meets to explore the Enneagram personality system and related topics. The May meeting will be the last gathering before the group's summer break. Meetings will resume in September on the first Wednesday of each month.

Contact Avery Rollins if you are interested in joining: averyrollins@gmail.com

Guild of St. Mary: Women's Meet-up

*At **Fertile Ground Beer Co.**, Thursday, May 7th, 6:00pm*

This is a casual meetup for the women of St. Andrew's Cathedral to join in fellowship together. We will meet at Fertile Ground Beer Co., and your first drink will be on us!

Sunset Chords featuring Raphael Semmes & Friends

Sunday, May 10th, 5:00pm

This free concert will take place on the columbarium. Bring a chair, a snack, a beverage, and a friend!

Mahjong Group

Monday, May 11th, 1:00pm

The mahjong group meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in St. Francis Hall.

Contact Susan Duke if you would like to attend: 601-937-3828

Senior Recognition Day

Sunday, May 17th, 10:30am

We will celebrate our graduating seniors during the 10:30am service on May 17th. Reception to follow in the Parish Hall.