

Saint Andrew's Parish

Kent, Connecticut

Welcome to St Andrew's

If you are visiting or have a prayer request, we invite you to fill out a card that's hanging in the pews and either place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Offering envelopes are also available in the pews.

We especially welcome all young worshippers! At 10:30, Church School meets downstairs in the Undercroft.

Today we are pleased to welcome The Reverend Dr. Robert Flanagan as our celebrant and preacher.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY *of* EASTER *Year B*

28 April 2024 8:30 and 10:30 AM

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Prelude

The Hymn 529

In Christ there is no east or west

McKEE

The Salutation and Collect for Purity

The Song of Praise S-202

Glory be to God

Healey Willan

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p 225

People The Lord be with you.
Celebrant And also with you.
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.*

All may be seated

The First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Lector A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

The Response (*remain seated*)

at 8:30 and 10:30

Psalm 22:24-30 (spoken)

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The Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Lector A reading from First letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

All stand, as they are able



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The Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All repeat the singing of the Alleluia

All may be seated

The Sermon

Silence is kept

All stand, as they are able

The Nicene Creed *(said by All)*

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The Prayers of the People, Form III

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The Confession of Sin is omitted during Eastertide

The Peace

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Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

All may be seated

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem

If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

All stand, as they are able, when the ushers bring to the Altar the gifts that have been collected

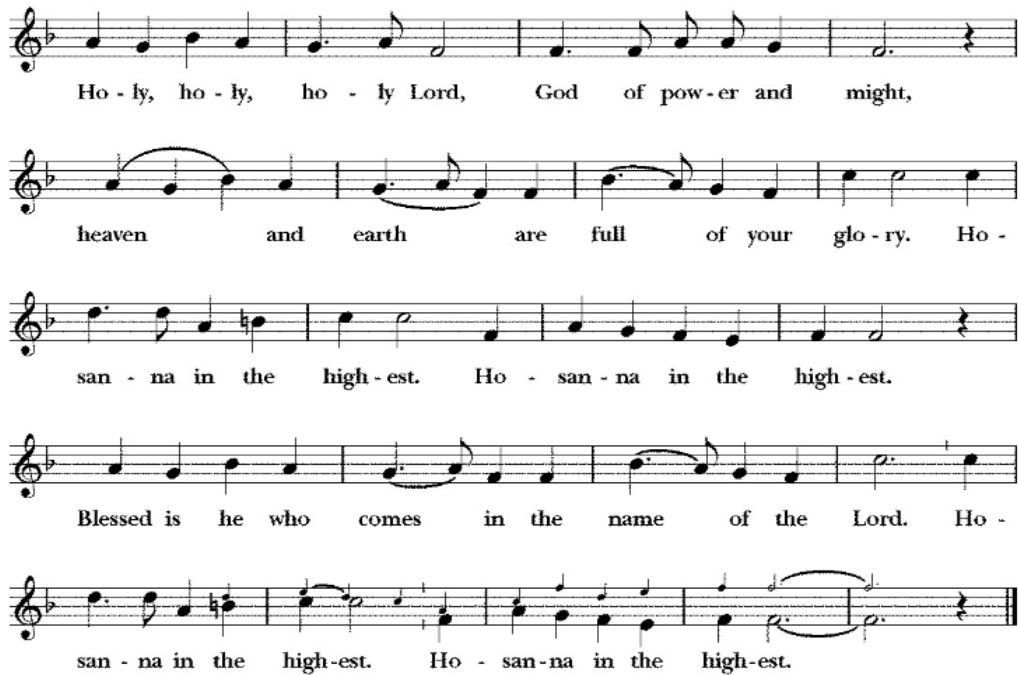
Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

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SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

S 125, Richard Proulx, A Community Mass



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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All Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion

Following the direction of the ushers, the People may come forward to receive the Bread and the Wine; if it is easier for you to receive at your seat, please inform one of the ushers, who will arrange this

If you do not wish to receive the Bread and/or the Wine, you are invited to come forward, cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the Celebrant

The Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing

Announcements

The Dismissal

The Postlude



The flowers this day have been given to the glory of God

THIS WEEK AT ST ANDREW'S

Today	Church School	10:30 AM
Monday, 29 April	LGBTQ+ A.A. meeting	8:00 PM
Wednesday, 01 May	Midweek Worship Service	6:00 PM
Wednesday, 01 May	Women's A.A. meeting (new)	7:00 PM
Thursday, 02 May	A.A. meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday, 02 May	Al-Anon meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday, 06 May	Holy Eucharist: <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 AM (spoken) 10:30 AM (with music)
Sunday, 06 May	Church School	10:30 AM

Coffee hour immediately follows the 10:30 service in the Parish House. Please join us!

There is a **restroom** located in the undercroft (basement) of the church building. There are two additional restrooms located in the Parish House, which sits behind the church. Please ask an usher if you need help locating these facilities.

You will find a complete calendar of activities for the coming week and more information about St Andrew's Parish on our website: **standrewskentct.org**. We are also on Facebook: **facebook.com/standrewskentct**. We also publish a weekly online newsletter. Please let the Parish Office know if you would like to be added to our distribution list.

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