

# 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

12 May 2024 - 8:00AM & 10:15AM



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SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!

Scattered in the world we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

### **GOD'S TIME AND SEASONS OF THE CHURCH: THE SEASON OF EASTER**

In the Christian Life, we measure our time not by things we achieve or things we need to do. We measure our time by what God has already done for us in the birth and resurrection of Christ Jesus. Our church year is oriented around two special days: Easter, the Sunday of the Resurrection; and Christmas, the Feast of Our Lord's Nativity.

The Season of Easter begins with the Great Vigil of Easter, which takes place sometime between sunset on Holy Saturday (the night before Easter Day) and sunrise on Easter morning. But Easter is too large a celebration to be contained from Easter Day to the Day of Pentecost. It is a time when we rejoice extravagantly. In our liturgy, we add extra alleluias to express our deep joy in the resurrection of our Lord.

Year in and year out, we cycle through the church year: from the waiting and anticipation of Advent, to the celebration of Christmas, to the spreading of light at Epiphany, to the contemplation and repentance of Lent, into the extraordinary joy of Easter, and through the long season after Pentecost, the "ordinary time: of our church year. In all of these seasons we are focused, not on ourselves, but on the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

These different seasons keep us from getting “stuck” in one image of God. In the church year, sometimes we remember and worship and celebrate the baby Jesus born in the manger, and sometimes we remember and worship and celebrate the broken Jesus, hanging on the cross. We don’t get to pick which Jesus we like best; we don’t get to remake Jesus in our image or package Jesus in the way that is simple and safe for us. Instead, the church year invites us to walk with Jesus through all the moments and seasons of his life—and all the moments and seasons of ours.

-From Walk in Love by Gunn & Shobe

## ABOUT THE HOLY EUCHARIST



*“When God finds us, there is always a celebration. In the Eucharist, we gather to celebrate God finding us in Jesus Christ. If you’re feeling lost, when you come to receive Jesus in bread and wine, ask to be found. If you know what it is to have been found by God, when you come to receive Jesus in bread and wine, give thanks – thanks to the one who came looking for you, and found you.*

-Br. Geoffrey Tristram

Society of Saint John the Evangelist

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ’s body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, “thanksgiving.” Jesus instituted the Eucharist “on the night when he was betrayed.” At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to “do this” in remembrance of Jesus. For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus’ own words and by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist becomes alive.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## GATHERING

*We begin by praising God through song and prayer.*

## OPENING HYMN • SEE INSERT/BLUE HYMNAL IN PEW RACK FOR HYMN

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*All stand.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Collect is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scripture for the day. The Contemporary Collects are on pages 211-261 in the red Book of Common Prayer in the pew rack*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

## WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES • SEE INSERT FOR READINGS

*We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Reading and commenting on scripture goes back to the earliest services of Christianity. Following the pattern of Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set pattern for what will be read when.*

## THE FIRST READING

### A READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURES

*All sit.*

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM OF THE DAY

*The psalms are a part of the poetry of the Hebrew people. They express joy and sadness, loneliness and thanksgiving as part of the human longing to be united with God.*

## THE SECOND READING

### A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

*Reader* Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## PREPARING TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

*We rise in body or in spirit for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL

*All stand.*

*Presider* God is with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

*After reading*

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## THE SERMON

*We remain seated for the sermon. Having someone comment on the scriptures read goes back to the earliest days of Christianity and to the Jewish Synagogue worship which preceded it.*

## THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Presider leads the assembly in an affirmation of faith. Originally the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. But, since the Sixth Century, the Church has recited either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed at the Eucharist. The word creed comes from the Latin credo for "I believe" or "I lend my heart to." Creeds tell a deeper "truth" that goes beyond "facts."*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All stand.*

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

*Prayer changes people. Prayer is not about changing God, but about changing us more into the likeness of God. Collectively and individually, we offer the hopes and desires of our hearts to God.*

*Reader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Reader* Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Reader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Poulson Reed, and St. Luke's – Chickasha, and St. Timothy's – Paul's Valley;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Reader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially President Joe Biden, Governor Kevin Stitt, and Mayor Stan Booker.

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Reader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Abbey, Bill, Bob, Bonnie, Butch, Carol, Chris, Cody, Dave, David, David M., Debbie L., Debbie R., Elissa, Emelia, Glen B., Helen, James, Jean, John, June, Kim, Leo, Lucille, Martha, Noor, Rita, RL, Rose, Ryker, Scott, Sherry, Taylor, and Terry; for the firefighters, the first responders, for the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison, and those in the military;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Reader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Reader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others; especially a birthday for Eric Craig, and an anniversary for John & Carol Carter.

*Silence*

*Presider closes with concluding prayer*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*As we enter into worship, we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other and to God.*

*Presider* Holy God, we have fallen short in loving you and loving our neighbors; we stand beside each other and ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

*People* Most merciful God,  
We confess that we have sinned against you,  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Silence is kept for a time*

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

*As we enter the most sacred portion of our worship, we exchange a sign of God's promised peace. There are no set words to use in greeting each other, but "Peace be with you," "God's peace," and "Shalom" are all commonly used.*

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

## GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

*Having been nourished from the richness of God's love in sacred story and reconciled to each other through prayer and peace, we gather at Christ's table to offer ourselves to be transformed for service in the world.*



## OFFERTORY

*The gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought to the Presider as an offering to God as a reminder of Christ's sacrificial love and life. Once the Altar is prepared the Presider and people give thanks to God for the many gifts we have been given.*

*Please rise first when the Bread and Wine  
(our offerings or "gifts" to God)  
are brought forward to the altar*

*Be seated after the "gifts" are presented at the altar*

Instructions for online giving are found in the Announcements portion at the end of this bulletin.

OFFERTORY HYMN • SEE INSERT/BLUE HYMNAL IN PEW RACK FOR HYMN

## THE HOLY COMMUNION



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Eucharistic Prayer, or Great Thanksgiving, is the prayer of the Church to invite Christ to be present in the elements of bread and wine. Now we come to the second act in the drama with the Liturgy of the Table. It is based on Jewish Fellowship meals, particularly the Passover observance. But this second half of the service is not communion in and of itself. It is the whole service, both acts of the drama, that make up the Eucharist.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

*Please rise a second time as the offering plate is presented at the altar*

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

*The people remain standing:*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

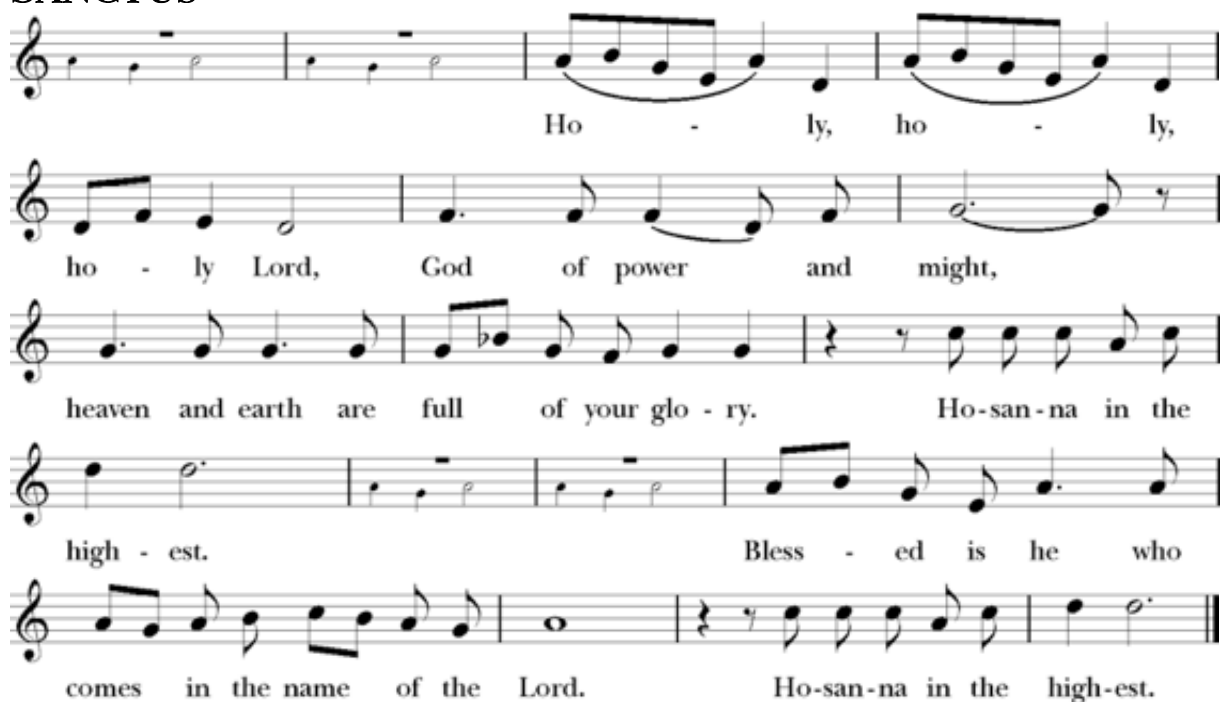
*People* We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Presider* Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS



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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Presider*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider  
& People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us

the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit

and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters,  
that with all your saints,

past, present, and yet to come,

we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

to you be honor, glory, and praise,

for ever and ever. *AMEN*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer follows in traditional language. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. In the Lord's Prayer we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the bread also symbolizes God's presence.*

*Presider*      And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*Presider*      **Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
*& People*        **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,**  
                      **forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread in view of the assembly.*

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Presider*      Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
*People*        Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

## INVITATION

*We partake in the Eucharist and are spiritually nourished, but it is not for our benefit alone. Communion enables us to return to the world with renewed vigor for proclaiming the Gospel in our words and in our lives. In the Eucharist, Christ's presence both nourishes us and challenges us.*

*Presider*      These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people. So come to this table you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed. You who are full of faith and full of doubt. Come, it is Christ himself who invites you to meet him here.

## SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

*This is Christ's table and all are welcome and all are fed. Please follow the movement to the altar.*

COMMUNION HYMN • SEE INSERT/BLUE HYMNAL IN PEW RACK FOR HYMN

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After the Silence the Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying:*

*Presider* God is with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Together, let us pray.

*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.

CLOSING HYMN • SEE INSERT/BLUE HYMNAL IN PEW RACK FOR HYMN

*We begin and end our time of worship by praising God through song and prayer.*

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

*As the celebration ends, we are charged to “Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.” The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world, but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.*

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *Alleluia. Alleluia.*

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

**THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPCOMING GATHERINGS

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

May 28 - June 1 - VBS @ Whirlwind Mission in Watonga



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Scan this code with your phone camera.  
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Donna Watson is moving

Thank you, Donna for all your dedication and love for this church.

We will miss you!

Thank you to all who supported the fundraiser at the Children & Youth event in the Parish Hall.

So far, we have raised \$161.00!

# The Day of Pentecost

May 19, 2024

WEAR RED  
TO CHURCH!



## ALTAR FLOWERS

by

Stephen & Yvonne Johnson

IN THANKSGIVING FOR  
Mother's Day



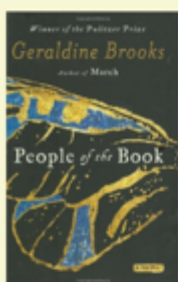
## ALTAR CANDLES

by

Doug & Emily Craig

IN THANKSGIVING FOR  
Eric's Birthday

# SUMMER READ BOOK SELECTED



### PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

This story traces the harrowing journey of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a beautifully illuminated Hebrew manuscript created in 15th-century Spain.

When it falls to Hanna Heath, an Australian rare-book expert to conserve this priceless work, the series of tiny artifacts she discovers in its ancient binding - an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair - only begin to unlock its deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges Hanna into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics.

**See Rev'd Stephanie if you are  
interested in joining.**

## CHURCH STAFF & LEADERSHIP

### THE BISHOP OF OKLAHOMA

The Rt. Rev. Poulson Reed

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Reverend Stephanie Jenkins

### PARISH TREASURER

Jimmy Lee

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Alli Somerlott

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Allison Simpson

Camryn Simpson

### SENIOR WARDEN

Carl Ryker

### JUNIOR WARDENS

John Carter

Larry Neal

### VESTRY MEMBERS

Emily Craig

Blake Dutcher

Lane Hooton

Paul James

Harriet Lugo

## PEOPLE SERVING TODAY

### THE SERVICE LEADER

Rev'd Stephanie Jenkins

### LECTORS

8:00AM - John Carter

10:15 Lessons - Carl Ryker

10:15 Prayers & Psalm - Lane Hooton

### USHERS

Carl Ryker

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Ann Friedl

### CRUCIFER

Richard Routon

### PRIEST CROSS

Jayden Charles

### BANNER CARRIERS

Evie Brown

### MUSICIANS

David Gabriele - Pianist

Corbin Taggart - Organist

### COUNTERS

John Carter

Carl Ryker

### ALTAR GUILD

Nan Mazza

Emily Craig

Carol Carter

### TORCHBEARERS

Gloriana Robinson

Noah Charles

### VERGER

Tom Love

### TECHNOLOGY

Richard Ward

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### PLEDGE PAYMENTS & CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

Between April 29<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> - \$3,361.00

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8 AM TO 5 PM

8 AM TO 4 PM

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

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