

# WELCOME

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WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES YOU!

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 16, 2021**

**HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II**

*Before service speak to the Lord to prepare to worship.*

*During service the Lord will speak to you.*

*After service speak to one another.*

*Please, quiet your phone.*



**10:00 o'clock in the morning**

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO  
THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

*Resurrection*

Gerald Peterson

Welcome and Announcements

Procession Hymn #460

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*

**HYFRODOL**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scap - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scap - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how; though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Gloria S-280 Powell

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

*The Book of Acts begins by recalling Jesus' rising from the dead, his appearance to chosen people, and his return to the Father. The disciples have now returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. They are in the upstairs room where they are lodging, praying constantly with a group of women and Jesus' brothers.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two,

Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 1**

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

### **Epistle**

1 John 5:9-13

*The author has stated that the Holy Spirit witnesses – testifies – to both Jesus' baptism and his very human death on the cross. Now he speaks of the testimony of God the Father and of the Son.*

A Reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of John.

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Sequence**

*Because He Lives*

Gaither  
Jim Cooper and David Puckett

## **Gospel**

John 17:6-19

*The Last Supper is over; soon Jesus will be arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. In meditation, he looks up to heaven; he prays to the Father. He has come to earth to provide eternal life to all who believe. Now he prays for the disciples.*

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

## **Sermon**

The Rev'd James J. Popham

## **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**

Form III in *The Book of Common Prayer*

Father, we pray for the welfare of the people, leadership, and ministries of our fellow Christians at home and abroad. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Korea; in our own Diocese we pray for St. Mark's in Troy, Alabama, and the United Thank Offering. 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.**

Remembering especially Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Russell our own Bishop, Jim and Jo our Rectors, we pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

Remembering especially Joe our President, Ron our Governor, Gary our Mayor, and all who speak where many listen and also for protection for our Armed Forces at home and abroad, we pray for 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 all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; remembering in the Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle the inmates and their families, and the staff of Atmore Community Work Center, Atmore, Alabama, and the victims of crime everywhere;

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

Remembering those we love but see no more, especially for the repose of the soul of those we name now either aloud or silently... (*Observe silence.*)... and for those known only to you, Lord. Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Remembering especially Blessed St. Andrew, we praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

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

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially those who have ask for our healing prayers and those we name either silently or aloud. *Silence.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We are invited to name your thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or silently.

*Presider:* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn # 494

*Crown him with many crowns*

**DIADEMATA**

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne:  
2. Crown Him the Lord of love: Be - hold His hands and side—  
3. Crown Him the Lord of life: Who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: One with the Fa - ther known,

Hark! how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
Who rose vic - to - rious to the strife For those He came to save.  
One with the Spir - it thru Him giv'n From yon - der glo - rious throne.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
To Thee be end - less praise, For Thou for us hast died; Be

hail Him as thy match-less King Thru all e - ter - ni - ty.  
down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Thou, O Lord, thru end - less days A - dored and mag - ni - fied. A - men.

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## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer C

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

Sanctus, S-129, Powell

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, and of Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

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

**Communion**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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.**

**FAMILY PRAYERS**

*said together by the whole church family*

*for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS:* **O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray on your servant(s) as he/she/they begin(s) another year, grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*for those celebrating ANNIVERSARIES:* **O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: may these your servants love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience all the days of their life/lives together, and may they share their joy with others; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*for TRAVELERS:* **O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve all those who travel, surround him/her/them with your loving care; protect him/her/them from every danger, bring him/her/them in safety to his/her/their journey’s end, and return him/her/them to us renewed and refreshed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Exit Procession Hymn # 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine ENGELBERG**

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord \_\_\_\_\_

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; \_\_\_\_\_

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry, \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow, \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored. \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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**The Dismissal:**

**Postlude**

*Joyous Dawning*

Lani Smith

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR EASTER 7 – MAY 16

**TODAY** is the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Next Sunday, The Day of Pentecost, the 50<sup>th</sup> day after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, marks the end of the season of Easter. The sermon today will look to the deeper meaning of Psalm 1.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED?** The large wooden cross, a gift from Wesley Poole, now stands on the circle. And our Motley Crew is working to landscape the area around the cross. Also, our parking lot has been restriped. Next: Work will begin on the steeple to replace the covering that was damaged in the hurricane.

**BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE** Our Spring book study continues this week with eight people studying together. It is held after the healing service on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. It is a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) event. If anyone would like to join us, let Jo or Karen know.

**DO YOU HEAR A CALL?** Ministry is not just for the ordained. Increasingly, the Church is recognizing the essential roles and capabilities of the all the Baptized. And in our diocese, a school for lay ministry is up and running to equip and empower those who sense a call to serve the Church in one of several recognized ministries, including Lay Worship Leader, Lay Preacher, Lay Pastoral Care Leader, and Lay Evangelist. The diocese will be releasing more information shortly. In the meantime, if you find this training intriguing, contact Jo+ or Jim+. Anyone seeking admission to the school for lay ministry must be supported by their clergy and vestry.

**RED ALL OVER!** That's all we want to see in church next Sunday, The Day of Pentecost! Red is the color celebrating the Holy Spirit. Banners and streamers will be flying in the procession. Vestments will be red, and everyone is encouraged to wear red for the 10 a.m. service.

**AND ALL THAT JAZZ!** Get a good grasp on your masks. Our music ministry has been working hard to liven things up on Pentecost. The tunes will be familiar. The words will be familiar. But the combinations will knock your masks off. So hold on tight.

**IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL...** The bishop has been explicit: *Guidelines regarding masking and social distancing for worship and large group gatherings remain in effect until further advisement.* So we all should continue to wear masks at all times in and around all church facilities, unless we are in a group of persons, all of whom have been vaccinated. The Center for Disease Control has emphasized that even vaccinated people should “Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households.” We may be encouraged, however, by the decreasing number of cases and the increasing numbers of people who have been vaccinated – 34 % have been fully vaccinated in Okaloosa County. Still, one in 10 persons in Okaloosa County have contracted COVID-19, and one in 581 have died. So we still need to remain cautious and observe basic practices to prevent transmission of COVID-19 on church premises.



### *a bon mot from jo+*

You may have noticed the two “Magic 8 Balls” on a shelf in the clergy office. I call them Urim and Thummim. There were two objects used by a priest to answer a question or reveal the will of God. In the Old Testament we come across the use of stones to divine decisions a number of times. But we also see their use by the disciples in the Acts of the Apostles to choose between two candidates to fill the vacancy after Judas Iscariot’s death to complete the twelve again. Among the faithful two names were proposed: Joseph (also called Justus) and Mathias.

Both were good men, but which one would be more likely to carry Jesus’s ministry? Their decision was not made by casting of votes, nor was it merely like rolling the dice, for they believed that it was God who did the choosing through the casting of lots. When the people of the Old Testament “inquired of the Lord” technically they were asking divine guidance using a priest or prophet or Urim and Thummim, the sacred lot that were used in making decisions. Those in the upper room included brothers, yes, but also sisters, foster brothers and sisters, cousins, and neighbors who shared the same beliefs. And the women were understood to be Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and other women who were among Jesus’s Galilean followers. They were all disciples of Christ Jesus. And they all prayed. They prayed before they cast lots. And the lot fell upon Mathias. Mathias would be sent; he would become an apostle sent to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the other apostles were sent. We do not know of Mathias’s triumphs and tragedies, but we know that he was chosen. But Justus likely lived into his calling too. Just as we must.

Paul identified others as apostles, not just the 12 including Andronicus and a woman named Junia (Romans 16:7), and Apollos (I Corinthians 4:6, 9), and Barnabas (I Corinthians 9:5-6), and James, the brother of Jesus (Galatians 1:19), Epaphroditus (Phillippians 2:25), Silvanus and Timothy (I Thess. 2:7 with 1:1). And Paul often speaks of himself as an apostle (*Passim* in Paul’s letters). Luke also names Barnabas an apostle (Luke 14:14). John identified a Samaritan woman as an apostle (John 4:29). And Mary Magdalene is portrayed as an apostle, even an apostle to the apostles (John 20:1-2, 11-18). Of course, we all are disciples of Jesus – we are followers and students of the great wise teacher, the rabbi, Jesus. But some of us are apostles, in that we are sent out as messengers and ambassadors to spread the Gospel.

There are twenty possible answers in my Magic 8 Balls: “As I see it, yes. Ask again later. Better not tell you now. Cannot predict now. Concentrate and ask again. Don’t count on it. It is certain. It is decidedly so. Most likely. My reply is no. My sources say no. Outlook not so good. Outlook good. Reply hazy, try again. Signs point to yes. Very doubtful. Without a doubt. Yes. Yes – definitely. And you may rely on it.” Urim and Thummim were used to discern the will of God to choose between two faithful disciples who would be tasked to bring others to Jesus. We too can be ambassadors, if not apostles, by inviting a friend to church to celebrate Pentecost next week. Studies show that we Episcopalians do invite our friends to worship. – We do – once every 37 years. Sadly that is not a joke. You may rely on it, people need to know that God loves them. And where else are they going to hear about God if not from Jesus himself, working through us?



## David's Musical Notes

A few Sundays back, in fact the first Sunday in Easter, Jo and Jim were away and I was asked to lead Morning Prayer and present the homily. My homily was titled, "We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song." I tried my best to remind us that even in the darkest hours and in the simplest routines that make us smile and giggle, "Alleluia" is an appropriate approach to every moment of every day. The triumphant hymn, "Alleluia! sing to Jesus" is a fitting bookend on this final Sunday of Easter to the thoughts I hope inspired you on the first Sunday in Easter.

The second stanza, to me, sums up our gospel living daily song of Alleluia with these words:  
Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Easter tide 2021 has been a joyful one for most of us. I could have turned holy cartwheels down the center aisle when Jo and Jim said we could sing hymns during worship. But it hasn't been all rainbows either as we as a church family are finding new ways of sharing the gospel this pandemic has compelled us to do. To be honest, I've struggled with this as my ministry of music has taken a direction very new and different. I've even questioned my own advice of singing "Alleluia" in the face of uncertainty. But as you traveled this period with me, what comfort your words and smiles and text messages have given me. Yes, Alleluia, God is near us, faith believes, nor questions how.

Next week is Pentecost Sunday and we are in for a toe-tapping, happy birthday celebration to the church during worship. We will be singing and listening to a jazz service with a new Gloria and Sanctus set to familiar jazz tunes. Don't forget to wear red. I may even get out my red sequined top. One never knows! Love to all of you and yes, we are Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE•

**For immediate concerns:** Annie, Lindsay Anderson, B.J. Cannon, Steven Eldridge, Kem Gay, Kate Gholston, Larry Griffin, Hannah Kendrick, Helen Kendrick, Jeffrey King, Jennifer Lee, Lori & Greg, Mark, Fr. Lee Jefferson, Frances & Simon Lovich, Nancy Martino, Nevaeh, Stacy Peloquin, Tara Perez, Sara Popham, Ed & Dee Richardson, Sandy, Thomas

**For the repose of the soul:** Scott Anderson, Joey Ford, Tom Gay, Jessica Harris, Bishop Charles Jenkins, William Lee, Nirvanka Lovich, Jeffrey W. Middlebrook, Anne O’Ferrell, Maxine Pajares, Marie-Aline Razet, Jose Barbosa dos Santos, John Weinard

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Korea

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Mark’s in Troy, Alabama, and the United Thank Offering.

**Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle:** The inmates and their families, and the staff of Atmore Community Work Center, Atmore, Alabama, for the victims of crime everywhere, and for captives, refugees, and evacuees, and all who remember and care for them.

• Please, call or email the church to add or change the status of someone on the prayer list.

### **Jesus Christ Head of the Church**

#### **The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick**

4<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

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#### **Karen Perez Lowe**

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#### **Class of 2021**

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#### **Class of 2022**

Tom Hanlin

#### **Class of 2023**

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