



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF
SAINTS JAMES AND ANDREW

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Instructed Morning Prayer

Live-streamed

Followed by Virtual Coffee Hour

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Worship! We are blessed by your presence with us today.

In celebrating the resurrection and Christ's presence with the disciples, throughout this Easter we open ourselves to the new life which God offers us. Today's service of Morning Prayer comes from *Enriching Our Worship*, a collection of liturgies in contemporary language authorized by The Standing Liturgical Commission of the Episcopal Church.

Our Mission

We believe God is calling us to cultivate a community of love, joy, hope, and healing. Jesus is our model for a life of faith, compassion, hospitality and service. We strive to be affirming and accessible, welcoming and inclusive; we seek to promote reconciliation, exercise responsible stewardship, and embrace ancient traditions for modern lives.

Dear People of Saints James and Andrew,

We have begun to shift away from the practice of virtual communion (consecration of the bread and wine over the airwaves) to walk in solidarity with the wider body of Christ in The Episcopal Church. Over the course of each month we will alternate between Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion and Morning Prayer. We hope this will be an opportunity to grow and deepen in our faith.

What is Spiritual Communion?

In Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion we participate in the Eucharist in a limited way, desiring its graces in the heart. Clergy and laity alike fast from receiving communion, and when we would normally receive the consecrated bread and wine instead join in a moment of silence and then a communal prayer.

What is Morning Prayer?

A daily morning worship service without communion, which can be led by lay or ordained worship leaders. Its origins are in the monastic tradition, and was made popular in the Anglican Church through the prayer book. Up until the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*, Morning Prayer was the chief worship service most Sundays of the month across The Episcopal Church.

Online Streamed Worship Sundays at 10 a.m.

Join us for worship on [Facebook Live](#). (*You do not need to have a Facebook account to view this public live stream*). Most weeks the live feed is started by 9:45 a.m. You may need to refresh your browser.

Offering Plate

We realize household finances are shifting due to COVID-19. For those who are able, please consider mailing in the check you would ordinarily put in the offering plate. A Counter is coming in each week to deposit our checks. For those interested in giving electronically, please consider taking advantage of your bank's online bill pay feature or [donating on our website through Tithe.ly](#). (If at all possible, it helps if you can cover the processing fee). Your ongoing pledge will allow us to continue our outreach and mission, paying our staff, and caring for our campus. Thank you in advance.

Virtual Coffee Hour at 10:45 a.m.

Following Facebook Live Worship, we will gather on Zoom for a virtual coffee hour. If you have never used Zoom before, please watch this video showing how to use it:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

Join our virtual coffee hour by <https://zoom.us/j/592077112>

Meeting ID: 592 077 112

Dial in by Phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

We will continue to offer live streamed worship until advised by Bishop Fisher and Governor Baker that churches may resume in person worship. This is one small action our community can do to slow down the spread of COVID-19. Know we are holding each of you in love and prayer.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Heather & Rev. Molly

Prelude

Welcome

Molly

The Hymnal 1982 - #518 *Christ is made the sure foundation*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

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Instructed Morning Prayer-Part 1

Heather

Opening Acclamation

Molly

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5:17 NRSV

Confession of Sin

Molly

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
 Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
 that we may abide in your love
 and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Molly

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

Instructed Morning Prayer-Part 2

Heather

Opening Versicle

Molly

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
And your glory all the day long.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

Molly

Alleluia. Christ is risen. O come let us worship. Alleluia.

Christ our Passover

Pascha nostrum

Molly

1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, *
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Matthew Leger-Small

In te, Domine, speravi

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."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

Matthew Leger-Small

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.

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

Thanks be to God.

Canticle S

A Song of Our True Nature

Julian of Norwich

Molly

Christ revealed our frailty and our falling, *
our trespasses and our humiliations.

Christ also revealed his blessed power, *
his blessed wisdom and love.

He protects us as tenderly and as sweetly when we are in greatest need; *
he raises us in spirit
and turns everything to glory and joy without ending.

God is the ground and the substance, the very essence of nature; *
God is the true father and mother of natures.

We are all bound to God by nature, *
and we are all bound to God by grace.

And this grace is for all the world, *
because it is our precious mother, Christ.

For this fair nature was prepared by Christ
for the honor and nobility of all, *
and for the joy and bliss of salvation.

The Second Lesson

John 14:1-14

Matthew Leger-Small

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."

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Instructed Morning Prayer-Part 3

Heather

The Apostles' Creed

Molly

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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. Amen.

The Prayers

Molly

Hear our cry, O God.
And listen to our prayer.

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Suffrages

Molly

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collects

Molly

The Collect of the Day

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 Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Silence: please add your own petitions and thanksgivings, either silently or aloud.

We pray especially, in these times of global pandemic, for those who are ill and those who are frightened, for medical personnel caring for the sick and workers who provide support to their communities, for scientists seeking treatments and prevention, and for those officials who bear the weight of decision-making for the common good. We pray especially today for Jeff, Phil, Eva, Courtney, Claire & her daughters, Nancy, Timothy, and Johanna. We pray also for Lucy Melnick, may she rest in peace and rise in glory everlasting. And we honor all mothers for whom the flowers are given this Mother's Day. **Amen.**

Instructed Morning Prayer-Part 4

Heather

The Peace

Molly

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

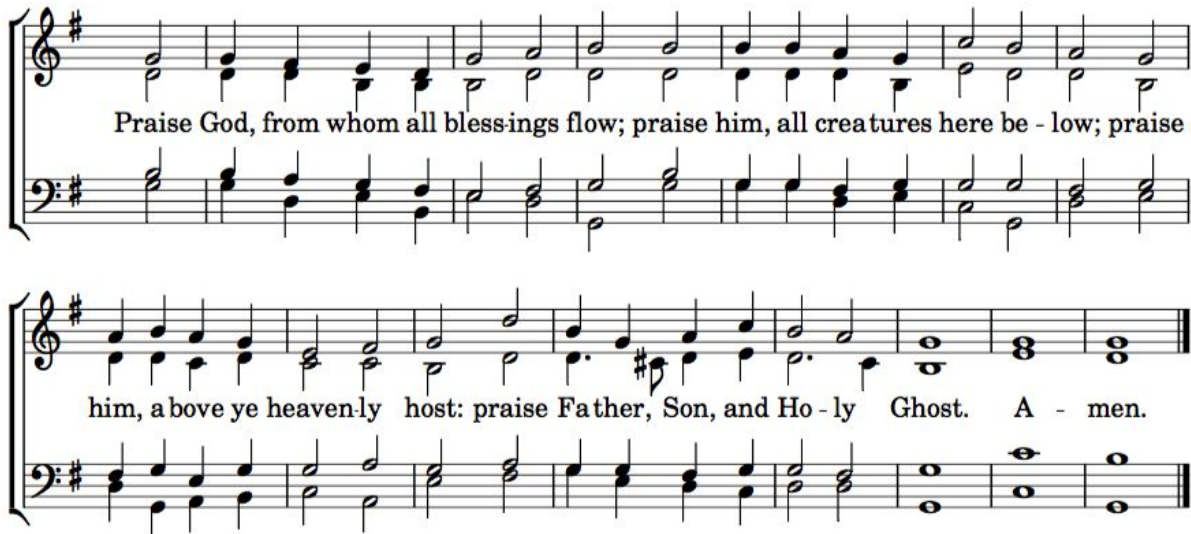
Offertory Sentence

Molly

Offertory

Doxology

The Hymnal 1982 - #380, Stanza 3



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here be - low; praise
him, a bove ye heaven-ly host: praise Father, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Closing Prayers

Matthew Leger-Small

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Announcements

Molly

The Hymnal 1982 - #593 *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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Dismissal

Molly

This service has ended. Now let ours begin.
 Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Concluding Sentence

Molly

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.
Ephesians 3:20, 21

Scripture for Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020

View the texts at: www.lectionarypage.net:
Acts 7:55-60; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Prayer List

Names are on the list for 4 weeks, then removed. Feel free to add a name again.
 Jeff, Phil, Eva, Courtney, Claire & her daughters, Nancy, Timothy, and Johanna.

Announcements

NEW Sunday Sandwiches Program: We are now offering a Sunday Sandwiches program to provide a Sunday meal to the food insecure in the community. Four volunteers each week will prepare bagged lunches to be handed out from the takeaway window in the Whiteman Room from 12-12:30 PM. Only lunch packers will be allowed in the Parish Hall, and must be without symptoms. We cannot accept food items prepared at home but welcome donations of individually-wrapped granola bars, trail mix, plastic sandwich bags and brown paper lunch bags, to be dropped off at a bin near the elevator between 11 and 12:30. Thanks to all for your support of this new ministry.

Questions about the program: Marie Paquette 772-2213 paqman3@comcast.net

To volunteer to help with the program: Nancy Maleno 772-0678 nkmaleno@gmail.com

Save the New Date, May 31, for The Green Team “100 Mile Breakfast for Dinner” at 5 pm in the Parish Hall. We'll be serving local food with a menu designed to meet various dietary preferences including vegetarians, carnivores and those avoiding gluten.

Second Helpings is available as a takeaway meal from the parking lot, accessible through the Whiteman Room window from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Questions? Call 413 773-3925 weekday mornings

Prepaid Grocery Card Fundraiser: Saints James and Andrew is selling Big Y and Stop & Shop gift cards to raise much needed funds for mission and outreach programs (Bread of Life, Cathedral in the Light, Health Ministry, Second Helpings, St. Andrew's Guild, Whitney's Pantry, etc.). Order prepaid cards for your grocery needs by calling the office during remote office hours (Mon-Fr, 9-12) or emailing office@saintsjamesandandrew.org. Pay for cards one of two ways:

1. By check made out to SsJA with “prepaid card fundraiser” in the memo line and mail it to the church, or
2. Pay online at https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/79040. If you pay online, please change “Give To” to Grocery Cards and be sure to cover fees at the bottom.

Your cards will be put in the mail to you on the following Monday.

Welcome to Newcomers and Visitors

Welcome to The Episcopal Church of Saints James and Andrew! Whether you are passing through or looking for a church home, we invite you to explore this community. We are eager to welcome you and look forward to an opportunity to meet you. Please fill out a Welcome Card, hanging on the back of the pew. Place it in the offertory plate, or hand it to an Usher after the service. Please sign the Visitor's Sheet in the front entryway. We invite you to join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall, immediately following the 10 a.m. service.

Children of all ages are always welcome and encouraged to attend any worship service. We seek to make it as meaningful an experience for them as possible, and we encourage their participation throughout the service. We invite little ones to explore our Littles' Corner in the back of the church and the rest of the sanctuary. In this corner you can find drawing and coloring materials, quiet toys, books, a blanket to crawl on, and comfortable chairs. We invite school aged children to sit with their families or in the front of our worship space to get a closer look. The ushers also have grab bags of coloring and other quiet activities that are for kids of all ages.

Our worship is drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship 1 & 2, Hymnal 1982, Wonder, Love, and Praise, and Lift Every Voice and Sing II, and other approved liturgical resources. All that you will need for worship is inside this worship leaflet. We invite you to help yourself to the items in the Literature Rack on the door in the entryway that provide information about us and about our life and work, especially the Newcomer's Guide. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, who greet parishioners and visitors at the front door after the service. We welcome you in the Name of God!

From time to time Saints James and Andrew will record our worship services and events on video and film to share on our social media as a way to increase our evangelism to the larger community. If you would prefer that you not be included on video or film, please notify our Rector, and she will ensure your wishes are respected.

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