

St. Andrew Worship

April 23, 2023
Sunday at 10:30 AM

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Welcome and Announcement

*Call to Worship (Responsive)

Christ is risen! He greets us with a word of peace.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! Locked doors and doubting hearts cannot keep him away.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

Christ is risen! He comes to bless us with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We welcome the risen Christ! We worship and adore him!

*Hymn 238

"Thine Is the Glory"

***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is
the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.***

Refrain { ***Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is
the victory thou o'er death hast won.*** }

***Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly
he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting.***

Refrain

***No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught
without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors
through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.***

Refrain

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We expect more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

(Time for Silent Reflection)

Assurance of Grace

“Jesus came and stood among [the disciples] and said, ‘Peace be with you’” (John 20:19).
Know that you are forgiven and receive Christ’s peace. Alleluia. Amen.

Response: “Gloria Patri”

Anthem

St. Andrew Choir

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

“Lord Listen to Your Children Praying”

*Hymn 817

*“We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”
We walk by faith and not by sight; with
gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”*

*We may not touch your hands and side, nor
follow where you trod; but in your promise
we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
may our faith abound to call on you when
you are near and seek where you are found.*

*And when our life of faith is done, in
realms of clearer light may we behold you
as you are, with full and endless sight.*

Prayer of Illumination

Savior God, you’ve gifted us with the Holy Spirit as our advocate and guide. Open us to the Spirit’s breath. Carry us on the wings of your wisdom. Set us on the solid foundation of your Word read and proclaimed. May we hear the truth you intend for us today. Amen.

First Lesson:

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Second Lesson:

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Sermon

"Believing Without Seeing"

Rev. Anne McAnelly

*Affirmation (Unison)

Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Offertory

“Sarabande” by Handel

Eileen Mihm, Flute

Doxology

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Risen and redeeming God, you have given us more than we could ever give you in return. You are gracious and generous in your love. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ’s behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ’s spirit. Amen.

*Hymn 452

“Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you;

I want to see you;

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart;

I want to see you;

I want to see you;

*To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.*

*Pour out your power and love
as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”*

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy,

I want to see you.

Benediction