

For the sick and all of those in distress, praying especially for *Bishop Michael Curry, John Carver, Nancy, Andrea, Tony Durso, Don & Marlene Taggart, Eve Albanese, Sally Heyer, Claudia Dugan, Alice Roerig, Ed Zaptin, Janet Foley, Larry Packard, Rich Roerig, D'Arcy, Jesse Hill, Sam Withington, Ron Mason*, and for those newly added, including *Rodolfo, David Humphrey* and everyone else on our extended parish prayer list. (*Bill Hartig, Olivia, Felix, Gayle Brooks, Eddie Fortune, Michelle, Mike, Angela Kennedy, Bishop Carl Wright, Bishop Shannon Johnston, Francisco, Elaine Askew, Sylvia J., Bill Armour, Marcia & Jim Compton, Wally Morgan, Benn Crandall, Jennifer Herzog, Gary Nash, Cathy Withers, Dom Grady, Amber Almonte, Mike de Cardona, Lorinda Quinlivan, Eric, Craig D., Kevin Linehan, Verona Grady, Dan Dellapenta, Doris Sidor, James, Norman Procobe, JoVanna Tawney, Darlene, Roslyn, Brice, Gabriel, Patrick, Samuel, Philippa Pearce, Wendy Tibbetts*).

We pray that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life. We pray out loud or in the silence of our hearts for others who may need our prayers.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

We pray for all who have died, that we may see the hope in your eternal kingdom. We pray out loud or in the silence of our hearts for others who have died.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the name of the Resurrected Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** BCP 331

**THE PEACE** BCP 332

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Celebrant:* All things come of thee O Lord  
*People:* **and of thine own have we given thee.**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Eucharistic Prayer I) BCP 333

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** BCP 336

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD** BCP 337

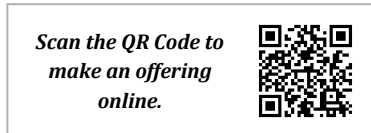
**THE COMMUNION** BCP 338

**THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER** BCP 339

**THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL** BCP 340

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN**

*For the birthday of Barbie Nein  
For the birthday of Grant Maynard*



**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*The Holy Eucharist*

APRIL 28, 2024

8:00 AM

*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church † Burke, Virginia*

**THE WORD OF GOD**

BCP 323

*All stand, as able.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

BCP 323

**SUMMATION COMMANDMENT**

BCP 324

**GLORIA**

BCP 324

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSONS**

*People are seated for the readings and psalm.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

*Acts 8:26-40*

Then 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 22:24-30**

*Prayed in unison.*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

A reading from the first letter of John.

*1 John 4:7-21*

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GOSPEL**

*All stand, as able.*

*John 15:1-8*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

*People:* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. William L. Packard

*Rector*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively.*

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying, God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' Resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, *we pray for the Church of Bangladesh.* In the Diocese of Virginia, *we pray for Emmanuel (Beckford Parish), Woodstock; Grace & Holy Trinity, Richmond; Immanuel on the Hill, Alexandria; and St. Andrew's (Beckford Parish), Mt. Jackson.* We pray for St. Andrew's, Ramallah.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bishops Stevenson, Harris, and Shand, our bishops; for Will our priest; for Justin our Aspirant; for our Prayer Guild, Stephen Ministers, and for all of us ministers, that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

We pray for those places in our world and nation torn by violence or destruction, including Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan, Palestine, and Israel. For all those in need, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For our neighbors, our military, those who serve at home and abroad, our first responders, and for all who serve the common good, that together we may dwell in harmony. We pray especially for those who are deployed, including *Cameron Bouton;*

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**

For the gift of joy you give to us, we pray for the abundant thanksgivings we have in this life, naming out loud or in the silence of our hearts thanksgivings at this time, that we may have and cultivate grateful hearts;

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer**