

The service begins on p. 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Celebrant ✠ Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
✠ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

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.**

Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards 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.

Minister The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 22:24-30, *responsively by whole verse (Lector then the Congregation)*

- 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.

Epistle: 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 Saviour 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 judgement, 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.

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People Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Minister ✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 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."

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The 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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord, especially the Anglican Communion; the Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East; the Episcopal Church; the Diocese of Springfield; St. Andrew's, and the Cathedral of St. Paul (Springfield); the Diocese of Tabora and St. Stephen's Cathedral; the Diocese of Peru and the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin (Archbishop of Canterbury); Michael (Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church); Daniel (Bishop of Springfield); Ben (Rector of St. Andrew's); Andrew and David (Dean and Associate Priest of the Cathedral of St. Paul); Elias (Bishop of Tabora and Dean of St. Stephen's Cathedral); Rogers and Lucas (Canon and Curate of St. Stephen's Cathedral); Jorge (Bishop of Peru); John (Dean of the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd); that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, J.B., Hal, and all executives, legislatures, and courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Bobby, Mike, Laura, Rebecca, Elmer, Joseph, Thomas, Bob, Keith, Richard, Alice, Deborah, Debbie, Tim, Sammie, Kathy, Trudy, Jay, Peter, Kyle, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We give thanks for the birthdays of Bob (5/5) and Kim (5/8). I bid the further prayers of the congregation.

Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.

And we also bless ✠ thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Mark, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the ever blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Andrew, and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

The Peace - BCP p. 332; *All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory - The Celebrant begins the Offertory with a sentence of Scripture.

The Great Thanksgiving - BCP p. 340; *The people standing.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

But chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus - Celebrant and People

🔔 Holy, 🔔 holy, 🔔 holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand. Then the celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. 🔔

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given + thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
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Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given + thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠ 🛎 🛎 🛎

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be ✠ filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.** ✠ %

The Lord's Prayer - BCP p. 336

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 - BCP p. 337

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The ministers receive the Sacrament. Those who wish to receive come forward to the foot of the Altar. The celebrant will be administering both the bread and the wine by intinction then distributing the Sacrament into the hand. Neither drinking from the chalice nor self-intinction are permissible. Should you choose to receive only the host, please indicate by crossing a single arm across your chest while extending the other to receive in the hand. As always, crossing both arms across the chest indicates the reception of a blessing instead of Communion. Please wait to consume the Host until returning to the pew. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive.

An Act of Spiritual Communion may be found below, and additional prayers may be found at the end of the bulletin.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

This form is for use with those who have prayed through the liturgy of the day and not as a standalone devotion. The longer form for such occasions may be found at: http://anglicanhistory.org/oceania/wood_communion1916.html

Now make a special effort to realize the presence of Jesus in your soul, and make your act of Spiritual Communion, remembering how at countless altars of the Church the Holy Sacrifice is being pleaded and souls fed sacramentally by the Body and Blood of Christ.

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love.~Amen.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that as the hem of Thy garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch Thy Body, so the soul of Thy servant may be healed by like faith in Thee, Whom I cannot now sacramentally receive; through Thy tender mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever one God.~Amen.

Ask Jesus for the spiritual gifts you most need. Ask Him for any other needs for yourself, your school, and your friends. Pray,~

O Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, who hast promised to be with Thy Church even to the end; grant to Thy children the sense of Thy abiding presence, and bless our Bishop, clergy, and teachers, that Thy Kingdom may be spread and all brought to the knowledge of Thy saving grace.~Amen.

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.**

Post-Communion Prayer - BCP p. 339

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, may dismiss the People with these words

People Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 2, 2021

Schedule

Sun., 5/2	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	11:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting Outdoors
Tues. 5/4	11:30 a.m.	Virtual Lunch Bunch (Zoom)
Wed., 5/5	6 p.m.	Parables Class (Zoom)
	7 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Sun., 5/9	8 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
	10 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
		Outdoor Coffee Hour

The schedule for the Daily Offices is found on the website on the Calendar and Service Information pages.

Notices

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting is today at 11:30 p.m. A Zoom link is available in the last newsletter for those who would like to join online.

Bishop Election: Listening sessions, in-person and Zoom options, for the Bishop Election process are underway. The Darrow Zoom session will be Monday, May 10, from 6-8 p.m. For more information and to register to attend, please visit: www.episcopalspringfield.org/listening-sessions-registration/

UTO: The spring United Thank Offering Ingathering will occur on May 9 and 16. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Contributions may be placed in the offering plate on these two Sundays or mailed to the church, just be sure to identify your gift is for the UTO. Online contributions can be made at: <https://unitedthankoffering.com/give/>

Virtual Lunch Bunch: Parishioners, especially Charlie's Lunch Bunch aficionados, are invited to gather at their PCs, tablets, or phones twice a month on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. to visit over lunch via Zoom. The initial dates are May 4 and 18 and June 2 and 16.

Bible Study: The Easter study continues on Wednesdays, with a series on the Parables. This class will be based upon a series by Dr. Garwood Anderson of Nashotah House and will include a presentation and discussion. As with previous studies, the study will be online via Zoom with materials including audio of the class available on the church's website.

Book Fair: The next Book Fair will be on May 7-8. Signups available online for those looking to shop, and volunteers are welcome to schedule a time to serve with Cindy.

Prayer List: If you know of someone for whom we are currently praying that can be removed or of someone we should add to our weekly prayers, please email Fr. Ben (rector@standrews-edwardsville.com) with the names.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

64. Before Worship, BCP p. 833

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

66. Before Receiving Communion, BCP p. 834

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

67. After Receiving Communion, BCP p. 834

O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament hast left unto us a memorial of thy passion: Grant us, we beseech thee, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

68. After Worship, BCP p. 834

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

69. On Sunday, BCP p. 835

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.