



# Welcome!

**ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
10 a.m. 28 April 2024

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

*Please maintain prayerful silence and  
turn off all cell phones before the service.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Prelude

### Announcements

### Processional Hymn *(Please stand)*..... **Red Hymnal 471**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

### The Gloria..... **Red Hymnal S-280**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The Celebrant continues*

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.*

### A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

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. *[Acts 8:26-40]*

*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:

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. *[I John 4:7-21]*

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn *(Please stand)*..... **Red Hymnal 487**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John.  
*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”  
*[John 15:1-8]*

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon** .....**The Rev. Leeann Culbreath**  
*A period of reflective silence is observed after the sermon.*

**The Prayers of the People**

*At the end of each petition:*

*Leader* Loving God,  
*People* Put your words in our hearts.

**The Peace**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Offertory**

**Eucharistic Prayer D** *(Please stand)* ..... **Prayer Book 372**  
**The Sanctus** (“Holy, holy, holy”)..... **Red Hymnal S-125**  
**The Lord’s Prayer** ..... **Prayer Book 364**  
**The Fraction Anthem**.....**Red Hymnal 325**

**Communion & Healing**

*All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—regardless of denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Anne’s. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest as the minister approaches.*

*After all have received Communion, the Altar rail is open for those who seek healing for themselves or others in body, mind, or spirit.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you have trouble coming to the altar, notify an usher so that the priest can come to your pew.*

*Please do not depart the sanctuary until the dismissal is given after the processional hymn. Our worship is not complete until we have offered thanks to God for the gifts he has given us today.*

**Communion Music**

**We Come as Guests Invited** ..... **Blue Hymnal 702**  
**I Come with Joy**..... **706**  
**Blest Are They**..... **666**  
**This Is a Time to Remember**.....**579**  
**I Worship You, Almighty God** ..... **69**

**The Prayer of Thanksgiving** .....**Prayer Book 365**

**The Blessing**

**Processional Hymn** *(Please stand)*..... **Red Hymnal 47**

**The Dismissal**.....**Prayer Book 366**

**Postlude**

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PENTECOST:** Join us as we celebrate the birthday of the Church! Pentecost is May 19 (three weeks from today), and we are looking forward to our famous, traditional Holy Ghost Weenie Roast. Bring a side or dessert; the church will provide the burgers and hotdogs. If you can grill the meat, set up, take down, or help in the kitchen, please contact Jenna Riddle.

**FOR NEWCOMERS:** If you are new to St. Anne’s, you are invited to celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Vestry on May 5 (next Sunday). We will get together in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. for tacos. Call the church office at 382-7505 to let us know you’re coming. This is a great way to meet people at St. Anne’s – all newcomers are welcome!

**TODAY’S OFFERING:** Since this is the fourth Sunday of the month, today’s loose plate offering will go to the clergy’s discretionary fund. This money enables the church office to offer assistance with rent and utilities when we get urgent calls for help from the Tifton community. Just this past week, we have received more appeals for assistance than we could answer. Please give generously. If you wish to drop a check in the plate, please mark it “clergy fund.”

**MAY 12:** Two weeks from today, we will recognize our graduating seniors and our acolytes, while the youth of St. Anne’s fill many of the liturgical roles that make worship a joy here. Come celebrate Youth Sunday with us, pray for their ministries, and show your support for our graduates.

**NEWSLETTER:** We welcome your news items, announcements, and photos for our weekly email newsletter, The Open Door. To submit, please send an email to [news@stannestifton.com](mailto:news@stannestifton.com) with your text in the body of the email (no special formatting, please) and any graphics attached as a jpg or png. Submit by **TUESDAYS at 5pm** for inclusion in that week’s newsletter. Look for the newsletter in your inbox on Friday mornings. If you are having any trouble receiving it, or if you would like a printed copy mailed to you, contact Mtr. Leeann or Emily.

**ONE MORE CHANCE:** Take a look at the items on the Lost & Found table in the Parish Hall when you come over after church for coffee and a snack. If you’ve misplaced an umbrella, a pair of glasses, a jacket or sweater, an earring, here’s your chance to reclaim them before they are donated.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Use the link in your online newsletter to sign your child up for VBS, which will be June 3-7. Joy Yost will be delighted to hear from you if you can work with kids, cook, set up, or help with registration. Also, we are collecting cardboard boxes, Coke boxes, and monetary donations for supplies. Bring them to the Godly Play room or the church office.

Should you need to complete the Safeguarding/Safe Church training, which is necessary for all volunteers, please contact Emily to set up the online instructions.



GIVING

**YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE:** St. Anne’s runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STANNESTIFTON to 73256; or scan this code to give online. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church we love.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY	
JANUARY-MARCH 2024	
Budget: \$120,804	████████████████████
Expenses: \$94,504	████████████████████
Income: \$91,402	████████████████████

**TODAY’S LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

- MC** Pam Leonard
- Vestry** Alan Smith
- Media** Paul May, Ron Elizondo
- Lectors** Jackson Beckham, Chris Beckham
- EMs** Brenda Doss, Kim Jacobs
- Greeters** Amanda Fowler, Alan Smith
- Acolytes** Kaleb Bell, Acolyte Master; Riley Johnson, Ella Johnson, Eli Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Georgia Cook, Brinley Dandron
- Altar Guild** Jerry Duncan, Lorie Felton, Glenda Johnson, Brenda Doss
- Ushers** Micah Johnson, Kristifer Bell, Darrell & Pat Walker

**PARISH PRAYER LIST:** George, Lisa, Judy, Patrice, Matt, Serita & Chappie, Kay, Charlotte, Gerald & Nancy, Elsa, Sheila, Sally, Tommy, Jackie, Crisp, Paula, Grace  
**BIRTHDAYS:** Donald Pearson, Shelly Schmeisser, Lisa Gibbs, Mike Lackey, Riley Johnson, Georgia Cook, Wyatt Cook  
**OUR CLERGY:** The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue (Bishop), the Rev. Leeann Culbreath (Priest-in-Charge)  
**OUR POSTULANT FOR HOLY ORDERS:** Brandon Medley  
**FOR THE DEPARTED:** Linda Norman