



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)
MARCH 22, 2026: 10:00 A.M.
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages, welcome home to St. Andrew's! Everything you need for the Liturgy of the Word is found in your bulletin. Music may be found in this bulletin and in the blue 1982 Hymnal (in the pew rack). Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft; our greeters can direct you to a more accessible restroom in the parish house as well.

*Children of all ages are welcome to join us in our Soft Space, located by the St. Andrew's flag up front, during worship. Please move around our space as you and your children are most comfortable. Visitors, we would love to get to know you, and we invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters. **We are so glad you are here!***

Prelude

You are invited to prepare for worship in silent meditation and prayer.

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE II

Opening Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

Hymn #665

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer (BCP), p. 351

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Bless the One who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

BCP, p. 350

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to the people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:8,9

The Confession

BCP, p. 352

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

Kyrie Eleison

Hymn #S86

Sung by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
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THE WORD OF GOD

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 219

Please stand or remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from the A reading from the first book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and

flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 130

Psalter for the Common People

Please stand as you are able and join in the singing of the Psalm.



1. (Out of) the depths have I called to you, O LORD; LORD, / hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my / sup - pli - cation.
 2. If you, LORD, were to note what is / done amiss, *
O LORD, / who could stand?
 3. For there is forgiveness / with you; *
therefore you / shall be feared.
 4. I wait for you, O LORD; my soul / waits for you; *
in your word / is my hope.
 5. My soul waits for the LORD, more than sentries for the / morn - ing, *
more than sentries / for the morning.
 6. O Israel, wait for the / LORD, — *
for with the LORD / there is mercy;
 7. There is plenteous redemption with the / LORD, — *
who shall redeem Israel from / all their sins.
- Glory to the Father, and / to the Son *
and to the / Ho - ly Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, / is now, *
and will be for / ever. A - men.

The Epistle

Romans 8:6-11

NRSV

Please be seated.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.*

O Love of God

Hymn #455, verses 1-3

The Gospel*Please remain standing as you are able.*

John 11:1-45

NRSV

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins

The Nicene Creed

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

BCP, p. 358

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

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Praying the Scriptures

Leader Siblings in Christ, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying, we call to you, O Lord;

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our hope is lost, cause your life-giving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. We give for all those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially, Dempsey Ingram, Brian Baur-Millward, and Chris Leyen. We call to you, O Lord;

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope. We call to you, O Lord;

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places. We call to you, O Lord;

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of this city. Renew our trust that you have a life-giving future in mind for us. We call to you, O Lord;

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader With you, O Lord, there is mercy. Consider well the voice of those who call out from their depths. As they wait for you in their pain and sorrow, give life to their mortal bodies by your healing Spirit. We call to you, O Lord;

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead, especially Barbara Butler, your life. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection. We call to you, O Lord;

People **Lord, hear our voice.**

Leader God of wisdom who knows our path, we humbly ask you to guide our discernment committee: Christine, Patrick, Shar, Steve, and Vivien by the Holy Spirit towards the priest whom you have raised up to lead us. Quiet their hearts, keep them from sin, and strengthen Your gifts within them so they may better listen and respond to Your perfect counsel. We pray also for our future priest, that You may prepare them to aid us in continuing the mission of the church, began in the

apostles, continued in Grace Arents, us, and all St. Andreans, and perfected in the return of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Until that day, be close to St. Andrew's and strengthen our spirits, so we may continue in doing Your good work.

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome and Announcements

Please be seated.

Offertory Anthem

Comfort, O Lord, the Soul of Thy Servant

William Crotch

Please remain seated.

Presentation Hymn

The glory of these forty days

Hymn #143, verses 1,2,4,5

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymn #S124

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem

Hymn #S157

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Invitation to the Table

All are welcome at Christ's table. Communion is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not wish to receive the Eucharist may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chest to receive a blessing. Please let an usher know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Hymn

O Food to pilgrims given

Hymn #309

Sung by all.

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconcile your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Kneel before the Lord your maker.

You are invited to kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

I am the bread of life

Hymn #335

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes you.

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

THIS MORNING'S LEADERS

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins *Organist & Choirmaster:* Demas Boudreaux
Crucifer: Dwight Johnson *Altar Guild:* Dale Holcomb *Tellers:* Tracey Miles & Michael DeLano
Lay Reader: Britton Trimble *Intercessor:* Laura Boucher *Lead Greeter:* Mike Culver
Sunday Steward of the Day: Patrick Hall *Email your vestry:* vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Pat Bridgewater, The Comissiong and Williams family, Ellen Field, Mil Floyd, Patrick Getlein, Sandra Heitzler, Bill Jackson, Romell Johnson, Crystal Munnings, Deya Porter & family, Brick Quinn, Lizzie Schrass, Carol Slonaker, the Thompson-White family, Tim Williams, Jim Uzel, Chris Vega.
- We pray for those who have died, especially Barbara Butler, and those who mourn.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of the Blessings Fence.
- Pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all religious communities, abbeys, orders, brotherhoods, sisterhoods, religious societies, and para-church organizations.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Dempsey Ingram (3/23), Brian Baur-Millward (3/24), Chris Leyen (3/25).

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, March 22: The Fifth Sunday in Lent

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m., church and on Facebook
- **Coffee Hour:** after the service, Chapel
- **Acolyte Training:** after the service, Church

Tuesday, March 24

- **Lenten Bible Study:** 6:00 p.m., on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572648766?pwd=2MTdQk1QhA9CmTnUzKE9iDNBRbDwhx.1>

Palm Sunday, March 29:

- **Procession of Palms & Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m. Begins in the courtyard of St. Andrew's School, then in the Church and on Facebook.
- **Coffee Hour:** after the service, Chapel
- **Discernment Committee Update:** after the service, Chapel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Acolyte Training:** Interested in becoming an acolyte? Have a child who is interested? Please join us after the service in the church today for Acolyte Training!
- **Discernment Committee Update:** Please join the Discernment Committee in the chapel after church on *Sunday, March 29*, for an update on its work. You'll hear a summary of the conversations committee members had with many St. Andreans through January and February, get an update on the committee's current work of building a parish portfolio, talk about next steps, and have time for questions. Plan on 15 minutes following coffee hour. As always, there will be snacks and drinks for all. We hope to see you there!
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** *Children 12 years of age and younger* are welcome to join our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will happen right after the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 5. ***Please bring your own basket*** for collecting eggs. Our Fellowship Ministry is preparing for the hunt! They ***need donations of small candies that fit inside of standard plastic eggs***, such as jellybeans, small chewy candies (like Fruities), Nerds, jellybeans, or small candy-coated eggs. Please avoid large candy or chocolate bars. Dollar Tree and other dollar stores are usually the best place to find the correct sizes. A basket will be placed in the nave to collect your donations of candy. ***Please bring your donations by March 29.***
- **Lenten Bible Study on Zoom:** Join us on Zoom at 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday during Lent for Bible study with Rev. Lynn! We use the book, *Following Jesus Through Mark: A Guide to Faith in Action*. One copy is available in the office. Additional copies are available for purchase as a paperback or a Kindle book on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). Please see Rev. Lynn for more information. Zoom meeting ID: 895 7264 8766, passcode: 061688. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572648766?pwd=2MTdQk1QhA9CmTnUzKE9iDNBRbDwhx.1>
- **Is Your All at the Altar?** Now through Holy Week, you'll find a wooden box, paper, and writing utensils next to the baptismal font. You are invited to write out your concerns and troubles that you cannot seem to let go, those spiritual things and memories that hold you in bondage and interfere with your relationship with God. Then, tuck them in the bag there. No one on earth will read them, but they will ascend to our Lord God as we use them to light the new fire at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4.
- **Last Chance for Easter Lilies:** We were able to extend the deadline for Easter Lilies, but they ***must be ordered today!*** [Click here](#) to fill out our online order form or fill out one of the forms available in the narthex or the bulletin. Lilies cost \$20 each. [Click here](#) to make an online payment (choose Easter Lilies in the drop-down menu). If you pay with a check, please write it out to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with Easter Lily in the memo section and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office.

- Our leaders have finalized our 2026 budget, but it's not too late to pledge! Pledge cards are available in the narthex, or you can [pledge online](#) using this QR Code to the right.
- **Updated Directory Available:** If you would like a copy, have changes to your information, or have questions or concerns, *please see or email Britton Trimble for the new, updated link* at office@standrewsoregonhill.org. Please do not share your copy of the directory and please do not distribute information contained in this directory outside of our parish family.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Readers Needed for Palm Sunday and the Easter Vigil:** Please see Britton Trimble or email her at office@standrewsoregonhill.org if you can read for Palm Sunday (March 29) or the Easter Vigil (April 4).
- **Blessings Fence:** As warmer weather approaches, we will continue to put out socks, gloves, hats, lighter jackets, etc., for a few more weeks. We invite you to bring handmade, purchased, or gently used items and place them on the fence as you arrive at church. If the weather is inclement, you are invited to drop your items in the collection box in the narthex.

LENTEN DEVOTION, WEEK FIVE

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself

“You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Leviticus 19:18

This commandment to "love your neighbor as yourself," was given to the Israelites as part of the Mosaic Law during their journey from Egypt, likely in the 15th to 13th century BC, or fourteen centuries before Jesus said, *“Love one another as I have loved you.”*

The sheer antiquity of this law, with its objective to secure holy living and community harmony, has been much on my mind in these last few days of ICE terrorism and deadly force —on the heels of the genocide in Gaza, and the many other atrocities extending back millennia.

How is it that senseless tribal warring continues almost 3,500 years later? Have we learned nothing?

In this “country of immigrants,” the recent expulsion of those who have come here to make a better life for themselves, refugees of war and famine, who, generally speaking, are huge contributors to American society, is anathema – not who we are as a country. Indeed, this is a horrific policy developed by immigration hypocrites whose power lies in their skin color and their failure to recognize what true wealth is: to love and be loved.



The sheer cruelty of hunting down and terrorizing families by ICE in Maine and Minnesota of late is epitomized in my mind by the recent abduction of Liam Conejo (“rabbit”) Ramos, age 5.

Sporting an oversized powder blue bunny hat with dangling pom poms and a little Spider Man backpack, Liam was heartlessly loaded onto a bus bound for a Texas detention facility 1,200 miles away from his home in Minneapolis. The photograph of his imminent deportment was my first sighting of the little boy who resembles my ½ Japanese grandson, Kai. They could be friends.

Liam’s bunny hat not only told us that there is someone close to him (his Mom, it turns out) who loves and cares for him, but also conveyed the powerful message that we, adults, all of us, owe our children in America the right to live free from present meanness that sadly so characterizes adulthood in America these days.

Shame!

Finally, it filled me with anxiety.

When will they come for Kai and his mother, a non-citizen, who has opted to retain her Japanese citizenship which means she is not allowed (by Japan) to obtain US citizenship concurrently?

This worries me a great deal that she could be caught up in the deportation net even though her husband, my son, was a U.S. Marine and she has a green card and teaches in the Culpeper School system.

I have always felt that growing up in the melting pot of Manhattan's Hungarian-German Yorkville neighborhood as I did, was a privilege – the beauty for me of my childhood – all the nationalities! Back then, little girls prided themselves in their collections of dolls from all over the world in their native dress – kimono, dirndl, saris.

Vive la difference!

We need to stand together as a community and fix this by denouncing the growing nativism which has no place and is a curse to our land.

In short, we need to more resolutely spread the Lord's 3,500-year-old commandment to “love your neighbor as yourself.”

Little Liam was a poster child of this, as his teacher, Ella Sullivan, observed, “He comes into class every day, and he just brightens the room.”

-Felicity Blundon

Holy Week at St. Andrew's



**Palm
Sunday**

3/29

10 am



**Maundy
Thursday**

4/2

6 pm



**Good
Friday**

4/3

12 pm
& 6 pm



**Easter
Vigil**

4/4

7³⁰ pm



**Easter
Sunday**

4/5

10 am

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Good Friday 1-2 pm & 5-6 pm*

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