



THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS & HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II  
THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY  
MARCH 29, 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!***

## THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The congregation gathers in the courtyard of St. Andrew's School.

**Celebrant** Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord:

**People** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

NRSV

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" "When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**Celebrant** It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**People** **Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant** Let us go forth in peace.

**People** **In the Name of Christ. Amen.**

The people follow in procession behind the cross. Please make your way into the pews and remain standing.

**Celebrant** Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn**

All Glory, laud, and honor

Hymn #154

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

## THE WORD OF GOD

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP, p. 219

Please remain standing as you are able as the Celebrant says the collect.

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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

**The Passion Gospel**

Matthew 26:14 – 27:66

NRSV

with verses from *My Song is Love Unknown*, Hymn #458

*Please be seated. Congregational responses and hymn verses appear in bold text.*

**Hymn Verse 1: My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,  
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die!**

*First Reader:* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me." And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

**Congregation: Surely not I, Lord?**

*First Reader:* He answered, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born." Judas, who betrayed him, said,

**Congregation: Surely not I, Rabbi?**

*First Reader:* He replied, "You have said so." While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee." Peter said to him,

**Congregation: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.**

*First Reader:* Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him,

**Congregation: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.**

**Hymn Verse 2: He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!**

*Second Reader:* Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial;

the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand." While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

**Hymn Verse 3:** Sometimes we strew his way and his sweet praises sing,  
resounding all the day hosannas to our king.  
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

*Third Reader:* Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

**Congregation:** This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'

*Third Reader:* The high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

**Congregation:** He deserves death.

*Third Reader:* Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

**Congregation:** Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

*Third Reader:* Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it before all of them, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about." When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man." After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

**Congregation:** Certainly, you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

*Third Reader:* Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

*Hymn Verse 4:* **Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?**

**He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.**

**Sweet injuries! Yet we at these ourselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.**

*Fourth Reader:* When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said,

*Congregation:* **What is that to us? See to it yourself.**

*Fourth Reader:* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money." After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

*Hymn Verse 5:* **We cry out; we will have our dear Lord made away,  
a murderer to save, the Prince of Life to slay.**

**Yet cheerful he to suffering goes that he his foes from thence might free.**

*Fifth Reader:* Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

*Congregation:* **Barabbas.**

*Fifth Reader:* Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

*Congregation:* **Let him be crucified!**

*Fifth Reader:* Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?"

*Congregation:* **Let him be crucified!**

*Fifth Reader:* So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered,

*Congregation:* **His blood be on us and on our children!**

*Fifth Reader:* So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

*Congregation:* **Hail, King of the Jews!**

*Fifth Reader:* They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

*Hymn Verse 6:* **In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heav'n was his home but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

*Celebrant:* And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Congregation:* **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

*Celebrant:* In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

*Congregation:* **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

*Celebrant:* The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Congregation:* **This man is calling for Elijah.**

*Celebrant:* At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

*Congregation:* **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

*Celebrant:* Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.

*Please kneel as you are able. Silence is kept for a few moments.*

*Celebrant:* At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

*Hymn Verse 7:* **Here might I stay and sing—no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!**

**Homily**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins

**The Prayers of the People**

from *Praying the Scriptures*

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Leader* The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying, Crucified King,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* Have mercy on your Church, O Lord, for the times we have denied you. We have not been humble as you are humble. We have been unwilling to share the gospel with our friends and families. Crucified King,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* Have mercy on those who hold authority in the nations of the world, O Lord, especially those who are threatened by your message of love and justice. Have mercy on us for our silence and complicity. We pray for all who are serving in our armed forces, especially those deployed to combat zones. At this time we invite you to name your loved ones who are serving, either silently or aloud. Crucified King,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* Have mercy on those of us who are called to be stewards of your creation, O Lord. We have exploited and mistreated your masterpiece. Have mercy on us and teach us to love what you have called good. Crucified King,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* Have mercy on us, O Lord. Teach us to value what you value. Increase in us love for our neighbors. Crucified King,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* Have mercy on all who are sick and suffering, O Lord. Strengthen those whose strength fails them. Comfort and care for those wasted with grief. Make your face to shine upon your servants. We thank you for Nate Plunkett, Brittany Plunkett, and all who celebrate birthdays this week. Crucified King,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*Leader* Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death, even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead, especially Barbara Butler. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you. Crucified King,

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

*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.

*We invite you to add your own prayers, either silently or aloud, at this time. The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### **The Confession**

BCP, p. 352

*Please remain kneeling as you are able.*

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

#### ***Celebrant and People***

**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.**

**The Peace**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** And also with you.

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

**Welcome and Community Announcements**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*Ride On, King Jesus*

Traditional

**Presentation Hymn**

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Text: Jeanette Threfall

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

Tune: *Ellacombe*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,  
 3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to His breast,  
 The Lord of men and an - gels rode on in low - ly state  
 O may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on His bid - ding wait.  
 and in His bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!



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.

*Celebrant* *People*

A-men.

Hymn #S142

## The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #S148

*Celebrant*

As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

## 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 a greeter know if you would prefer to have communion brought to you in your seat.

Communion Hymns

Go to dark Gethsemane

Hymn #171

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

**Postcommunion Prayer**

BCP, p. 366

*Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

**All** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Solemn Prayer***Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.*

**Celebrant** Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The Blessing****Closing Hymn***There is a green hill far away*

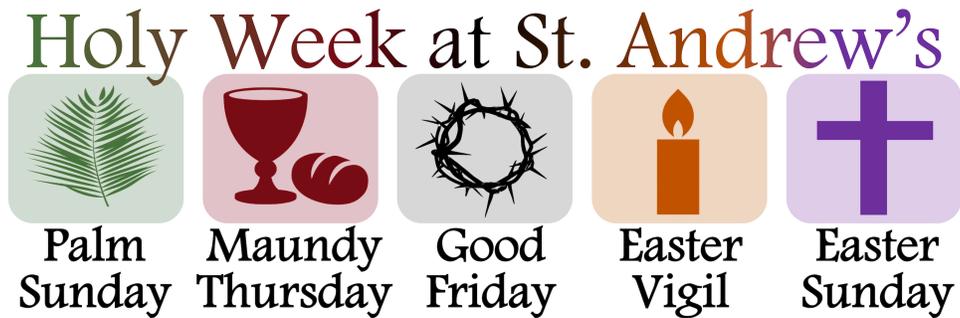
Hymn #167

*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.***The Dismissal****Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**People** Thanks be to God.*The ministers and people depart in silence.***THIS MORNING'S LEADERS****Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Dr. Lynn Collins      **Organist & Choirmaster:** Demas Boudreaux**Crucifer:** Belinda Brugh      **Altar Guild:** Pat Bridgewater      **Tellers:** Steve Salter, Chuck Baur**Lay Reader:** Tim Williams      **Passion Gospel Readers:** Pat Bridgewater, Chris Prior, Karen Salter, Britton Trimble, Tim Williams**Intercessor:** Sue Barrett      **Lead Greeter:** Mike Culver      **Soft Space:** Laura Boucher**Sunday Steward of the Day:** Patrick Hall      **Email your vestry:** [vestry@standrewsoregonhill.org](mailto: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 in our armed forces, especially those deployed to combat zones.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Shelter Lunches Ministry.
- Pray for the churches and religious institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For a spirit of unity, mutuality, cooperation, reconciliation, reform, and common ministry within the faith community.
- Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week, especially Nate Plunkett (3/29), Brittany Plunkett (3/30).



### 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

### Tuesday, March 31

- **Lenten Bible Study:** 6:00 p.m., on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572648766?pwd=2MTdQKlQhA9CmTnUzKE9iDNBRbDwhx.1>

### Wednesday, April 1

- **Laundry Ministry:** 1:30 p.m., corner of Cary & Meadow Streets

### Maundy Thursday, April 2

- **Holy Eucharist Rite II & Footwashing:** 6:00 p.m., Church and on Facebook.

### Good Friday, April 3

- **The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday:** 12:00 p.m., Church and on Facebook.
- **Self-Guided Stations of the Cross:** 12-1:00 p.m. & 5-6:00 p.m., Church
- **The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday:** 6:00 p.m., Church and on Facebook.

### Holy Saturday, April 4

- **The Great Vigil of Easter:** 7:30 p.m. Church steps, the Church, and on Facebook.

### Easter Sunday, April 5

- **Holy Baptism & Holy Eucharist Rite II:** 10:00 a.m. Church and on Facebook.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** after the service
- **Coffee Hour:** after the service, Chapel

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Discernment Committee Update Today:** Please join the Discernment Committee in the chapel after church today 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! ***Please drop off your candy donations today.***
- **Lenten Bible Study on Zoom:** Join us on Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday for Bible study with Rev. Lynn! Zoom meeting ID: 895 7264 8766, passcode: 061688.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89572648766?pwd=2MTdQKlQhA9CmTnUzKE9iDNBRbDwhx.1>
- **Is Your All at the Altar?** 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.
- **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](mailto: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

- **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 - HOLY WEEK

### Scripture

*Psalm 118:1-4*

#### *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim,  
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron now say,  
that his mercy endures for ever.
- 4 Let them now that fear the Lord say,  
that his mercy endures for ever.

### Reflection

*The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde*

I've been reflecting recently on the politics of mercy, in the broadest sense, as in Aristotle's understanding of politics as our shared moral responsibility of tending to our common life for the common good. Weaving through biblical texts is a similar sense of responsibility to care for our common life. And at the heart of the biblical witness-and certainly of the life and teachings of Jesus-is mercy.

For Christians, mercy is not optional. It reveals God's very nature and God's relationship with us, which we experience as unmerited grace. Through mercy, we come to trust that God is more concerned with human wholeness than with retribution.

Nor is mercy optional in our relationships with one another. We are to be merciful as God is merciful. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

May we remember that mercy others need is also what we ourselves long for, and that we all stand equidistant under the mercy of God.

### Prayer

*Paula Harper*

Dear God of abundant Love and unending Forgiveness  
Help us to find Hope and Humility  
And teach us the ways of Justice and Mercy.  
In your name we pray. **Amen.**



Seekers, believers, and doubters of all ages:  
Welcome home to St. Andrew's!

Together we are building a community in Christ that gathers to  
worship joyfully, love abundantly, and serve wholeheartedly.

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