

# St Andrew's Episcopal Church & School

*The Celebration & Administration of*  
**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
*for*  
**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

10 March 2024 at 10:30 am

## Concerning the Liturgy

This bulletin provides page numbers for *The Book of Common Prayer* (the book with the cross) and *The Hymnal 1982*. Hymns that are marked with "S" are found at the beginning of the hymnal. The italicized words are rubrics, or directions, to let you know when to stand, sit, kneel, and sing.

### **VOLUNTARY**

*Andante* (from *Organ Sonata VI*)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

### **THE WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **The Blessing of Birthdays & Anniversaries**

*Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing prayed by the priest and congregation:*

May God guard your joy and keep you in holy grace;  
may God meet you in your celebration  
and give you the Spirit's peace;  
may God bless you and at the last,  
bring you into Christ's everlasting Kingdom. Amen.

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

**In Procession, a Hymn** *Uffingham* Hymnal 148

**A Penitential Order** BCP 351

**The Decalogue** BCP 350

**Kyrie eleison** *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Hymnal S-91

**The Collect of the Day: 4 Lent** BCP 218

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**.

**The First Lesson**

**Numbers 21: 4-9**

*All sit.*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**At the Gradual, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22**

Plainsong

*Sung by all.*



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for / he is good, \*  
and his mercy en/dures forever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed pro/claim \*  
that he redeemed them from the / hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the / lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the / north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to re/bellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted be/cause of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of / food \*  
and drew / near to death's door.

- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their / trouble, \*  
and he delivered / them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and / healed them \*  
and / saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his / mercy \*  
and the wonders he does / for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of / thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his / acts with shouts of joy.

Glory to the Father, and to the / Son,  
and to the / Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is / now,  
and will be for / ever. Amen.

### **The Second Lesson**

### **Ephesians 2: 1-10**

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## At the Sequence, a Hymn

Taylor Hall

All stand and sing.



1. Peace in our time, O Lord, To all the peo - ples - Peace!  
2. Too long mis - trust and fear Have held our souls in thrall;  
3. O shall we nev - er learn The truth all time has taught,  
4. Peace in our time, O Lord, To all the peo - ples - Peace!



Peace sure - ly based up - on thy will And built in right - eous - ness.  
Sweep through the earth, keen breath of heav'n, And sound a no - bler call!  
That with - out God as ar - chi - tect Our build - ing comes to naught?  
Peace that shall build a glad new world And make for life's in - crease.



Thy power a - lone can break The fet - ters that en - chain The  
Come, as thou didst of old, In love so great that men Shall  
Lord, help us, and in - spire Our hearts and lives, that we May  
O liv - ing Christ, who still Dost all our bur - dens share, Come



sore - ly strick - en soul of life, And make it live a - gain.  
cast a - side all oth - er gods And turn to thee a - gain!  
build, with all thy won - drous gifts, A king - dom meet for thee.  
now and dwell with - in the hearts of all men ev - ery - where!

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941).

Music: Taylor Hall, Leo Sowerby (1895-1968).

## The Holy Gospel

John 3: 14-21

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe

in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Clint Brown

### **The Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

### **The Prayers of the People**

When our faith is weak and our hopes seem empty, come to us, Spirit, and fill us again. You are rich in mercy, and our need is deep. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Lead us to let go of the burdens we carry: the guilt, the shame, the unrealistic expectations. Lead us to depend on you. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Guide each of us in the decision making of our common life: in our family relationships, our churches, and our communities. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pull us closer to your compassionate heart. We pray for those in pain, for those who worry, for those whose livelihood is fragile, for those who grieve. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Sharon, the Kelly family, Lisa, Catherine, and Gary. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Push us into the world to be the advocates for your expansive love among all the creatures you have created. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Receive those who have died, especially Sergio, into the arms of your abundant mercy. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

*The priest adds a concluding collect.*

**The Peace**

BCP 360

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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Giving to St. Andrew's**

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the plate as it is passed down the aisle or scan this QR code to give securely online.



**At the Offertory, an Anthem**

*Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.

To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore. Amen.  
Words: Lidley's Prayers, 1566 Music: Richard Farrant

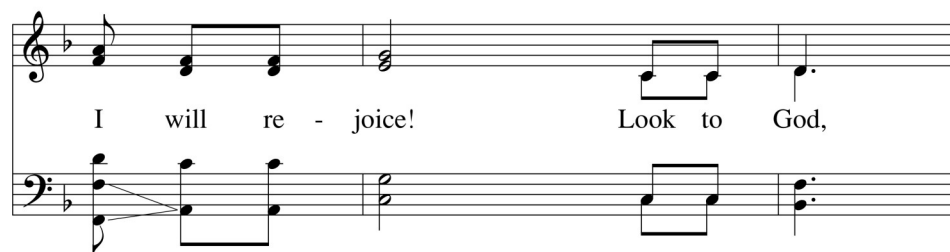
**At The Presentation, a Hymn**

Taizé

*All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.*



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord



I will re - joice! Look to God,



do not be a - fraid; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is

near; lift up your voice - es, the Lord is near.

- The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A** BCP 361  
**Sanctus et Benedictus** *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Hymnal S-114  
**The Lord's Prayer** BCP 364  
**The Breaking of the Bread**  
**Fraction Anthem** Ambrosian chant Hymnal S-172  
**Agnus Dei** *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* Hymnal S-158

*All are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. At the altar rail, you may elect to dip (intinct) your wafer in the wine or drink from the chalice as it passes you. If you desire to receive a blessing instead of communion, please cross your arms over your chest. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer, please clasp your hands together, and one of the clergy will offer a gluten free wafer to you. If you require communion be brought to you, please let the usher know.*

**At the Distribution, an Anthem** *My Spirit Longs For Thee*

My Spirit longs for thee Within my troubled breast  
 Though I unworthy be Of so divine a guest.  
 Of so divine a guest Unworthy though I be  
 Yet has my heart no rest Unless it come from thee.  
 Unless it come from thee In vain I look around  
 In all that I can see No rest is to be found.  
 No rest is to be found But in thy blessed love  
 O let my wish be crowned And send it from above.

Words: John Byrom Music: Matthew Godfrey  
 Kandace Gipson & Quinton Parmenter, Choral Scholars

- At the Distribution, a Hymn** *Balm in Gilead* Hymnal 676  
*Tallis' Ordinal* Hymnal 489

**The Post-Communion Prayer** BCP 366  
*All stand.*

- In Procession, a Hymn** *Rockingham* Hymnal 474  
**The Dismissal** BCP 366  
**VOLUNTARY** Fugue in C Minor Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

## PARISH LIFE & NEWS

**Evensong:** Join us this evening at 4pm for a Lenten Evensong with a reception to follow in the Oak Table Room.

**MIQRA:** On March 17 through 24, St. Andrew's hosts our 7th annual MIQRA. We will read the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation during the week before Palm Sunday. The reading takes place at St. Andrew's in the sanctuary or Chapel of the Good Shepherd. Readers schedule themselves online for one or more one-hour slots. Please use the QR code to sign up or go to <http://tiny.cc/miqra24>



**Men of St. Andrew's BBQ:** The Men of St. Andrew's are smoking lamb, salmon, and pork loins for your Easter brunches and dinners. Please use the QR code to order. Contact Ben Gibbs or email [menofsaec@gmail.com](mailto:menofsaec@gmail.com) if you'd like to help cook on Saturday, March 30th .



**Prayer Vigil:** As is our custom, you are invited to keep vigil through the night of Maundy Thursday and into Good Friday with the reserved sacrament in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. This is an opportunity to reflect on the momentous happenings of Holy Week and to engage with them in prayer and meditation. Please see the Voice for more information and the link to sign up.

**Lenten Soup & Study Series:** Join us in the parish hall Thursdays during Lent for soup, study, and fellowship as we discuss *The Ten Commandments: Laws of the Heart* by Joan Chittister. Supper begins at 6 PM, the program at 6:30 PM. Participants take turns bringing soup.

**Adult Formation Class for Lent:** Join us Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Oak Table Room during Lent. We are discussing *Speaking of Sin: The Lost Language of Salvation* by Barbara Brown Taylor.



**Education Hour:** The Rector's Book Club meets at 9:30 AM in the Youth Room. Sunday Story for Children meets at 9:30 AM in the Godly Play Classroom.

**Church Nursery:** The nursery is open from 8:15 AM to 12:15 PM for infants through 3 years.

**Alcoholics Anonymous (AA):** Meetings are offered at St. Andrew's every week. Primary Purposes Group meets Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tradition 5 Group meets Wednesday nights at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Friday Night Survivors Group meets at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. Al-Anon Group meets at 11 AM Saturday mornings in the Parish Hall. We are Not Saints Group meets at 7 PM Saturday nights in St. Andrew's House. For questions about these groups, contact the Rector at [jgrace@saecheights.org](mailto:jgrace@saecheights.org)

## ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LIST

*“Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, bear our prayers for this parish family.”*

**Please keep these individuals in your prayers this week:**

Sarra Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Lynette Edwards, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Gary Moseley, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
Sharon Klander, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*  
The Kelly Family, *friends of Lisa Moore*  
Lisa Cronin, *sister-in-law of Thomas Cronin*  
Catherine Whitney, *friend of Priscilla Burroughs*  
Gary Burton, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

**We pray for the repose of the soul of:**

Sergio Chapa, *husband of St. Andrew's School teacher Monica Chapa*

As part of their work the Daughters of the King offer prayers daily for those on our parish prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the published parish prayer list above, please notify Carrie Conti, Office Manager, at [cconti@saecheights.org](mailto:cconti@saecheights.org). If you would like your prayer request to be confidential, please let Carrie know.

Names remain on Parish Prayer List for four Sundays unless the request is renewed.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Help celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by contributing to the lilies and flowers that will adorn our church Easter Day. You may contribute any amount towards flowers or you may purchase lilies for \$20/each or an altar arrangement for \$50/each.

You may complete this form and place it in the alms basin during the Offertory or you may contribute through your Realm account.

The deadline is Sunday 24 March.

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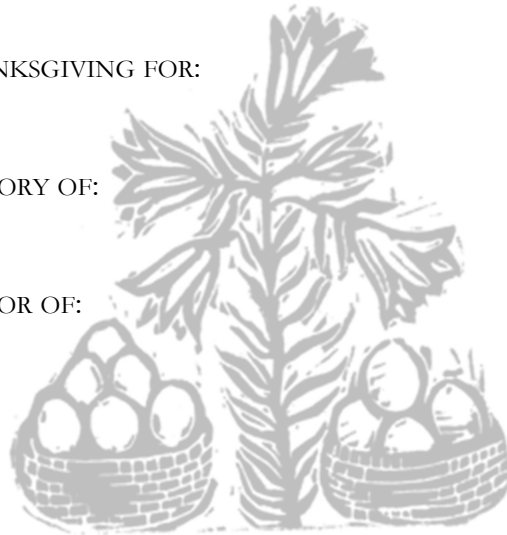
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