

PALM SUNDAY

The Liturgy of the Palms *with* The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two



Painting by Mark Jennings

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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church & School
Houston, Texas**

THE CONGREGATION GATHERS ON THE FRONT LAWN

The congregation will gather on the front lawn prior to the service. Palm crosses will be distributed and blessed at this time. Following the Liturgy of the Palms, the congregation will be led by the Thurifer to 19th Street, down Heights Blvd., and to the front door of the church.

THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Priest Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

Priest 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 Gospel Reading

Mark 11: 1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The Blessing over The Branches

The musical notation is set in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a B-flat key signature. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is right to give him thanks and praise." The fourth staff is for the Celebrant and People, with the lyrics "... ev - er. A - men." The notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

The procession halts at the church doors while the following Collect is said.

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.**

Once the congregation has processed into the nave, verses 3–5 of “All glory, laud, and honor” will be sung.

The Salutation

Priest Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest 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.**

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

All sit.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.



being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence, a Hymn

Kingsfold

All stand and sing.



1 When Je - sus left his Fa - ther's throne, he chose an hum - ble birth;
2 Sweet were his words and kind his look, when mo - thers round him pressed;
3 When Je - sus in - to Zi - on rode, the chil - dren sang a - round;



like us, un - hon - ored and un - known, he came to dwell on earth.
their in - fants in his arms he took, and on his bos - om blessed.
for joy they plucked the palms and strowed their gar - ments on the ground.



Like him may we be found be - low, in wis - dom's path of peace;
Safe from the world's al - lur - ing harms, be - neath his watch - ful eye,
Ho - san - na our glad voic - es raise, ho - san - na to our King!



like him in grace and know - ledge grow as years and strength in - crease.
thus in the cir - cle of his arms may we for ev - er lie.
Should we for - get our Sa - vior's praise, the stones them - selves would sing.

The Passion Gospel

Mark 14: 1– 15:47

All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel. At the verse which mentions the arrival at the place called The Skull (Golgotha), all stand.

It is expected that the congregation will take the role of the "Assembly." The "Assembly" is a conflation of the priests and scribes, the leaders and the people, who often speak with one voice.

NARRATOR: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

NARRATOR: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

DISCIPLES: "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor."

NARRATOR: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

JESUS: "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

NARRATOR: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

DISCIPLES: "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

NARRATOR: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

JESUS: "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there."

NARRATOR: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me."

NARRATOR: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

DISCIPLES: "Surely, not I?"

NARRATOR: He said to them,

JESUS: "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For 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."

NARRATOR: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

JESUS: "Take; this is my body."

NARRATOR: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

JESUS: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

NARRATOR: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee."

NARRATOR: Peter said to him,

PETER: "Even though all become deserters, I will not."

NARRATOR: Jesus said to him,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: But he said vehemently,

PETER: "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

NARRATOR: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

JESUS: "Sit here while I pray."

NARRATOR: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them,

JESUS: "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake."

NARRATOR: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

JESUS: "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want."

NARRATOR: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

JESUS: "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

NARRATOR: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

JESUS: "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

NARRATOR: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

JUDAS: "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard."

NARRATOR: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

JUDAS: "Rabbi!"

NARRATOR: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

JESUS: "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled."

NARRATOR: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

ACCUSERS: "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three

days I will build another, not made with hands."

NARRATOR: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

HIGH PRIEST: "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

NARRATOR: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

HIGH PRIEST: "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

NARRATOR: Jesus said,

JESUS: "I am; and `you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and `coming with the clouds of heaven.'"

NARRATOR: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

HIGH PRIEST: "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?"

NARRATOR: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

ACCUSERS: "Prophecy!"

NARRATOR: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

SERVANT GIRL: "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth."

NARRATOR: But he denied it, saying,

PETER: "I do not know or understand what you are talking about."

NARRATOR: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

SERVANT GIRL: "This man is one of them."

NARRATOR: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

BYSTANDERS: "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean."

NARRATOR: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

PETER: "I do not know this man you are talking about."

NARRATOR: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

JESUS: "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times."

NARRATOR: And he broke down and wept.]

NARRATOR: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered him,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

PILATE: "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you."

NARRATOR: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

PILATE: "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

PILATE: "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: They shouted back,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: Pilate asked them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done?"

NARRATOR: But they shouted all the more,

CROWD: "Crucify him!"

NARRATOR: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

SOLDIERS: "Hail, King of the Jews!"

NARRATOR: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

(At the mention of Golgotha, All stand as able.)

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!"

NARRATOR: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

CHIEF PRIESTS: "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe."

NARRATOR: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

JESUS: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"

NARRATOR: which means,

JESUS: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NARRATOR: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

BYSTANDERS: "Listen, he is calling for Elijah."

NARRATOR: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

BYSTANDERS: "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down."

NARRATOR: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

CENTURION: "Truly this man was God's Son!"

NARRATOR: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day be-

fore the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph saw where the body was laid.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jeff Bohanski

All sit.

The Prayers of the People

All stand.

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. So, let us cry out to our Lord, saying, “Crucified King, have mercy on us.”

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, **have mercy on us.**

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. Crucified King, **have mercy on us.**

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, **have mercy on us.**

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

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 pray for those on our parish prayer list, including Sarrah, Lynette, Gary, Sharon, the Kelly family, Catherine, Gary, Chase, Dorethea, Jeanne, and Karen. Crucified King, **have mercy on us.**

Merciful Lord, you know the pain of death—even death on a cross. Have mercy on the dying and the dead. Bring them to the joy of everlasting life in you. We pray for those who have died, including Ricky, John, and Michael. Crucified King, **have mercy on us.**

The Priest adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace

All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

An Update on Lord of the Streets (LOTS)

Joel Ballard
LOTS Bishop's Warden

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Giving to St. Andrew's

To make a contribution to the ministry of St. Andrew's, please drop your offering in the plate or scan this QR code to give securely online.



The Loose Plate Collection today goes to Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church (LOTS).

LOTS is a church providing relationally-focused services that address the whole needs of the homeless & formerly homeless. Monday -Friday from 8am, physical, spiritual, social & mailing services are offered. Sun 7am worship is followed by a hearty breakfast.

At the Offertory, an Anthem

“All we like sheep” from *Messiah*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way;
and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

Words: Isaiah 53:6

Music: George Frideric Handel

At the Presentation, a Hymn

Taizé

All stand and sing as the offering is brought forward.

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name." and "Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life." The score includes various musical notations such as chords, notes, rests, and a repeat sign at the end of the second system.

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:

Priest and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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 Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Priest then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Priest

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

A period of silence is kept.

The Fraction Anthem

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
There - fore let us keep the feast.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

The Invitation

The Priest says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Agnus Dei

Plainsong

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.


The Sharing of Communion

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. 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, a Reflection

Andante from Oboe Concerto in Em, BWV 51:E1


Georg Philipp Telemann



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me,
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow,
Men 3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing,
Women 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
 5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way;
 6 In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
 7 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di - vine:



1 love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be.
 2 but men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know.
 3 re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 4 He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
 5 a mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay.
 6 in death no friend - ly tomb but what a stran - ger gave.
 7 ne - ver was love, dear King, ne - ver was grief like thine.



1 O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
 2 But O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.
 5 Yet stead-fast he, to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
 6 What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb where - in he lay.
 7 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could glad - ly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman (1624-1683), alt.

Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland (1879-1962)

After Communion, the Priest says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

In Procession, a Hymn

Herzlich tut mich verlangen

During the hymn, a cross will be processed into the chancel.

1 O sa - cred head, sore wound - ed, de - filed and put to scorn;
 2 Thy beau - ty, long - de - sir - ed, hath va - nished from our sight;
 3 In thy most bit - ter pas - sion my heart to share doth cry,
 *4 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est friend,
 *5 My days are few, O fail not, with thine im - mor - tal power,

1 O king - ly head, sur - round - ed with mock - ing crown of thorn:
 2 thy power is all ex - pir - ed, and quenched the light of light.
 3 with thee for my sal - va - tion up - on the cross to die.
 4 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pi - ty with - out end?
 5 to hold me that I quail not in death's most fear - ful hour;

1 what sor - row mars thy gran - deur? Can death thy bloom de - flower?
 2 Ah me! for whom thou di - est, hide not so far thy grace:
 3 Ah, keep my heart thus mov - ed to stand thy cross be - neath,
 4 Oh, make me thine for - ev - er! and should I faint - ing be,
 5 that I may fight be - friend - ed, and see in my last strife

1 O coun - te - nance whose splen - dor the hosts of heaven a - dore!
 2 show me, O Love most high - est, the bright - ness of thy face.
 3 to mourn thee, well - be - lov - ed, yet thank thee for thy death.
 4 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er, out - live my love for thee.
 5 to me thine arms ex - tend - ed up - on the cross of life.

Words: Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676); sts. 1-3 and 5, tr. Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930); st. 4, tr. James Waddell Alexander (1804-1859), alt.
 Music: *Herzlich tut mich verlangen* [Passion Chorale], Hans Leo Hessler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Dismissal

Priest Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Sarabande *from* Suite IX

Handel, arr. Noël



Today's guest musicians are here as a part of St Andrew's partnership
with the string quartet *La Speranza*
and through the support of Jerry & Martha Gallagher,
in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

Oboe, Pablo Moreno
Violins, Joanna Becker & Maria Lin
Viola, Erika Lawson
Cello, Fran Koiner
Double Bass, Burke Shaw

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*

Catherine Whitney, *friend of Priscilla Burroughs*

Gary Burton, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

Chase Authement, *cousin of Lisa Moore*

Dorethea Mosely, *friend of Debbi Van Etten*

Jeanne Ingraham, *parishioner at St. Andrew's*

Karen Webb, *sister in law of Laura Mergens*

We pray for the repose of the soul of:

Ricky Garrett

John Longnecker, *friend of Michael Mergens*

Michael Cottingham, *cousin of Jimmy Grace*

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. 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.

Holy Week & Easter

March 24 Palm Sunday

The Liturgy of Palms & The Holy Eucharist at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM,
Rhythms of Grace at 2:30 PM

Monday & Tuesday in Holy Week

Contemplative Holy Eucharist at 7 PM

Wednesday in Holy Week

The Office of Tenebrae at 7 PM

A monastic liturgy of psalms and readings on themes of light and darkness

March 28 Maundy Thursday

The Holy Eucharist with The Washing of Feet & The Stripping of the Altar at 7 pm

Altar of Repose 8 PM until Noon

*We will keep vigil with the reserved sacrament in the Chapel of the Good Shepherd
throughout the night.*

March 29 Good Friday

The Liturgy for Good Friday at Noon

*A solemn service that recounts the crucifixion and death of Jesus
through Scripture, music, and the adoration of the cross.*

The Way of the Cross for Families at 4 PM

*The Stations of the Cross are presented in pictures and language appropriate
for young children.*

March 30 Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter with Holy Eucharist at 8 PM

*Hear the story of salvation, partake in the kindling of new fire, and celebrate
the Resurrection with the first Eucharist of Easter.*

March 31 Easter Sunday

Festive celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM
and Rhythms of Grace at 2:30 PM

Festivities on Easter Day

*Flowering of the Cross following the 9 AM service
Easter Egg Fest following the 11 o'clock service*

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 TODAY.

Please print clearly and provide the following information:

YOUR NAME:

AMOUNT:

GIVEN IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

GIVEN IN MEMORY OF:

GIVEN IN HONOR OF:



PARISH LIFE & NEWS

The Loose Plate Collection today goes to Lord of the Streets Episcopal Church (LOTS). LOTS is a church providing relationally-focused services that address the whole needs of the homeless & formerly homeless. Monday -Friday from 8am, physical, spiritual, social & mailing services are offered. Sun 7am worship is followed by a hearty breakfast.

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 use the QR to sign up.



LOTS Volunteers Needed: St. Andrew's will provide the Lord of the Streets Serve team on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024. We are seeking from 12 to 15 volunteers and VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. Anyone aged 13 years or older is welcome to be part of the team serving a hot Easter meal to 150 unhoused brothers and sisters. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Joel Ballard at joelballard@gmail.com.

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 if you'd like to help cook on Saturday, March 30th .



Family Friday: Join us at the Flying Fish on April 5th! Located at 1815 N Durham Dr. Come by with the family for dinner and lots of St. Andrew's fun at 6:30pm. Contact Mary Eyuboglu for any questions, 281-881-5343.

Weekly Voice: Are you receiving the *Weekly Voice* newsletter in your inbox every Wednesday? If not, you can easily subscribe to receive weekly updates and news from St. Andrew's by scanning this QR Code.



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

Volunteer at St. Andrew's: To sign up to help with St. Andrew's partner ministries (including Lord of the Streets, Heights Interfaith Ministries Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, St. Andrew's Garden, etc.) please scan this QR code. To learn more about our partner ministries please visit our website saechheights.org/community-outreach



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



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