



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024
10:30AM

*May those who sorrow find comfort;
the weary, rest;
the troubled, peace;
the lonely, friends;
the unhappy, joy;
and may all find the sense of God's presence in this Holy Place.*

Welcome to Saint Andrew's Church in the city of Tampa. You are sharing in a tradition of worship that has been offered here since 1883, when a wood-frame building was erected on this site as Tampa's first Episcopal Church. The cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1904.

All Visitors and Newcomers are invited to complete the information card, found on the back of the pews, and leave it with an usher or in the offering plate. Please introduce yourselves to the clergy as you leave the church.

Each Sunday we celebrate The Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m. (Rite I, said); and at 10:30 a.m. (Rite II, with choir).

At Your Service: Stay warm at Saint Andrew's: Borrow a shawl from the basket at the back of the church. Shawl donations also welcomed!

IMPORTANT PRIVACY NOTICE

As a mission of outreach to our parishioners and the greater Christian community, audio and video of this service will be recorded and broadcast live on social media. We make every effort to respect and preserve the privacy of members and visitors. If you have any specific questions or concerns about your privacy while worshipping with us, please speak with one of the ushers at the rear of the church.

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent—for this is the house of God.
Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you.
After the service, speak to one another.*

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Offertoire from *Messe Basse*

Louis Vierne (1870–1937)

Tower Bell

Hymn 137 (*stand*)

Wareham

1 O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory
that the church may share, which Christ
upon the mountain shows, where brighter
than the sun he glows!

2 With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate
Lord holds converse high; and from the
cloud, the Holy One bears record to the
only Son.

3 With shining face and bright array, Christ
deigns to manifest today what glory shall
be theirs above who joy in God with perfect
love.

4 And faithful hearts are raised on high by
this great vision's mystery; for which in
joyful strains we raise the voice of prayer,
the hymn of praise.

5 O Father, with the eternal Son, and Holy
Spirit, ever One, vouchsafe to bring us by
thy grace to see thy glory face to face.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
 Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The following is sung, all standing

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

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Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading (*sit*)

2 Kings 2:1-12

A Reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.” Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that

today the Lord will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1–6 *Sung by the choir to Anglican chant* *Edward J. Hopkins (1818–1901)*

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
 God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
 before him there is a consuming flame,
 and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
 to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
 for God himself is judge.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

Hymn 129 (*stand*)

Mowsley

1 Christ upon the mountain peak stands
alone in glory blazing; let us, if we dare to
speak, with the saints and angels praise
him. Alleluia!

2 Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and
Elijah speaking. All the prophets and the
Law shout through them their joyful
greeting. Alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came. God
proclaiming in its thunder Jesus as his Son
by name! Nations cry aloud in wonder!
Alleluia!

4 This is God's beloved Son! Law and
prophets fade before him; first and last and
only One, let creation now adore him!
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

Sermon

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

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.

Prayers of the People (*kneel*)

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially the people of
Ukraine, Israel and Gaza;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the
power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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.*

Peace (*stand*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory

Anthem

T. Frederick Candlyn (1892–1964)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by Thee;
Joyless is the day's return, Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
Till Thou inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiance divine, Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Hymn 380, stanza 3 (stand)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus

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Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant 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 Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
 grant us peace.

The Celebrant 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.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Music during Communion:

Hymn 307 (*sit*)

Bryn Calfaria

1 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,
first-begotten from the dead. Thou alone,
our strong defender, liftest up thy
people's head. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!

2 Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow; here for
faith's discernment pray we, lest we fail
to know thee now. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Thou art here, we ask not how.
Thou art here, we ask not how.

3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem, here as there thine
angels hail thee, branch and flower of
Jesse's stem. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
We in worship join with them. We in
worship join with them.

4 Paschal Lamb, thine offering, finished
once for all when thou was slain, in its
fullness undiminished shall forevermore
remain. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Cleansing us from every stain. Cleansing
us from every stain.

5 Life-imparting heavenly Manna, smitten
Rock with streaming side, heaven and earth
with loud hosanna worship thee, the Lamb
who died. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified! Risen,
ascended, glorified!

Anthem

Richard Shephard (b. 1945)

God be in my head, and in my thinking.
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
Oh, God be in my heart, and in my understanding.

The Sarum Primer, 1558

After Communion, the Celebrant 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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 460 (*stand*) *Stanzas 1,3, and 4*

Hyfrydol

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter,
his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone; Hark! the songs of
peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed
us by his blood.

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth
our food, our stay! Alleluia! here the
sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's
Redeemer, plead for me, where the songs
of all the sinless sweep across the crystal
sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of
lords we own: Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne: thou
within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh,
our great High Priest: thou on earth both
Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Sortie from *Messe Basse*

Louis Vierne

THOSE SERVING TODAY: February 11, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Piers Curry

Thurifer: Lynn Dorman

Crucifer: Sam Scheuer

Torchbearers: Abby Turlington, Shea Polley

Lectors: Betsy Scheuer, Sam Scheuer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Wallace Dixon, Paula Stewart

Videographer: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk Peters

Ushers: Laurence Hammond, Gerge Bedell, Chris Sherman, Frazier Carraway

Altar Guild: Ursula Keeler, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

Coffee Hour Hosts: Victoria and Charles Klug

BIRTHDAYS: James Endicott, Donald Sink, Susan Mueller, Stephanie Chapman, Victoria Klug, Lori Taplow, Janet Norona, Cassady Lawless, Paul Pizzo, Steve Chambers, Catherine Sanders



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in appreciation of the parishioners of St. Andrew's

Make a Pledge for 2024

Please return your pledge card for 2024 as soon as possible. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, cards are available at the back of the church, in the Parish Hall, or through the parish office (813-221-2035). Make a commitment and support St. Andrew's in the coming year. **We have currently 142 pledges for \$493,684.00**

Congratulations to our new vestry members:

Nicole Carr, Don Crawford, Piers Curry, Wayne Daley, Paul Henley

2024 Executive Committee:

Piers Curry, *Senior Warden*
Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*
Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*
Nicole Carr, *Clerk of the Vestry*

Save the date to taste new wine and enjoy music

Save the date: **February 17th from 6-8 pm**, in Saint Andrew's Parish Hall. This year St. Andrew's wine lovers will meet for a special midwinter program of new harmony in wine and music provided by Parish Life. You will enjoy music performed by violist (and verger) Allison Besselieu and her colleague Julie Tollen. You will also sample wines beyond your usual favorites presented by Chris Sherman. Tickets are \$10 and will be available after church services on 4 and 11 Feb, as well as on the day. Please note: Child care will be available at the church, if needed.

New Flower Chart

The 2024 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Please help adorn the altar during worship by sponsoring flowers. High Altar flowers are \$150 for florist choice, personal choices can be arranged at an additional cost. Chapel Altar flowers are optional. To sponsor both Altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162 cmchurchi18@gmail.com

Youth News

We will have the confirmation **retreat today after the 10:30am service until 2:30pm**. Once coffee hour is over, we will walk three blocks as a group to Curtis Hixon Park. We will visit the park (the "Bark in the Park" event will also be going on during this time) and walk some of the Riverwalk. We will get lunch and make our way back to St. Andrew's at 2:30pm. Ben and I want this to be an open time for questions, sharing thoughts or comments

about faith and/or confirmation, having fun in a laid-back environment getting to know one another better as people, etc. The Confirmation Retreat is open to all confirmands, youth, and parents. Please RSVP so we know how many lunch spots to reserve by Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

Two days after the Confirmation Retreat, Confirmands and Youth at St. Andrew's will host the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024**. We ask that all confirmands, youth and any parents who would like to help arrive in the parish hall from 4:30-5pm. This is a simple event that just involves lots of hands. Pancake flavors will be blueberry, chocolate chip, and plain, we will have a toppings bar, sausage links, and more. Supper is served at 6 and all are welcome to attend and share a meal with us.

Youth in grades 6 & up are also invited to assist in Easter preparations on Palm Sunday during coffee hour (***Sunday, March 24th***) as we pack Easter goody bags and eggs for the big hunt! Look for Alicia in the parish hall and come lend us a quick hand! We will also be taking Easter donations for items to pack in our wonderful goody bags starting on Sunday, March 3rd-- items like individually wrapped candy, pencils, erasers, small toys and trinkets are much appreciated! ***A marked bin will be placed at the children's chapel entrance of the parish building for all Easter goody bag donations. We will pack goody bags on Sunday, March 24th during coffee hour.***

All Children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, which falls on Sunday, March 31st after the 10:30 service in the courtyard! Bring a basket or bag and join in the fun, making beautiful family memories on this blessed Easter Sunday! All children and youth (this means middle & high school too!) will receive an awesome goody bag following the hunt, but due to space, we will have an official egg hunt for kids who are toddler age through 5th grade in the courtyard. We will also have golden coins inside some of the hidden eggs for additional special prizes!

Please contact Alicia Schmid for questions, or to volunteer with our amazing kids & youth at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com. ***We currently need volunteers one or two Sundays per month during the 9:30am Sunday School hour in the preschool and elementary classrooms!***

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess

Often we make a mess of our lives and wonder if there is any redemption. In this six-week video series, pastor and author Tom Berlin helps us see our mess through the eyes of Christ to find redemption and restoration. Using Scripture, devotional tools, and the writings of Ignatius of Loyola, John of the Cross, St. Augustine, John Wesley, Evelyn Underhill, and others, Berlin encourages reflection and meditation through our own brokenness. Only then can we focus on the cross as the place where we truly surrender control, leave our mess, and find redemption.

Tom Berlin is currently the Bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Here is the line-up:

- February 18 - This Is a Real Mess
- February 25 - Who Left This Mess?
- March 3 - Bless This Mess
- March 10 - No Messing Around
- March 17 - Address This Mess
- March 24 - The Message in the Mess

This class, facilitated by the Rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Thursday evenings at 7:00pm

Adult Inquirers' Class

New to St. Andrew's and the Episcopal Church? Or just trying to brush up on the faith? Then join us for this seven week series exploring the Episcopal Church. We will use *Looking at the Episcopal Church*, a book by The Rev. William Sydnor. We will comprehensively cover the church's symbols, customs, practices, history, creeds, sacraments, and mission. This class is required if you wish to be confirmed or received into

the church during Bishop Scharf's visitation on **Sunday, February 25th** at the 10:30 service.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

February 15 – The Ordained Ministry and the Mission of the Church

February 22 – Ministry of the Laity

This class, facilitated by the rector, meets in Room 302 (the Library) on the third floor of the Parish Building.

Shrove Tuesday, February 13th

5:30pm Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel

6:00pm Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall

(hosted by St. Andrew's Youth)

6:30pm Lenten Series begins



Ash Wednesday, February 14th

8:00am Holy Eucharist (Rite One) in the Chapel

12:10pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two)

7:00pm Holy Eucharist (Rite Two with choir)

All services include imposition of ashes

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 12:10pm

Come and join us for this 30-minute devotional, observed on Fridays in Lent at 12:10pm running through Good Friday on March 29. Our Stations of the Cross, a gift from Nathan & Jane Simpson, are a series of pictures representing certain scenes in the Passion of Christ, each corresponding to a particular incident. Formerly the number of stations varied considerably in different places but fourteen are now generally acknowledged. The object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make in spirit, as it were, a pilgrimage to the chief scenes of Christ's sufferings and death. It is carried out by passing from Station to Station, with certain prayers at each and devout meditation on the various incidents in turn. It is very usual, when the devotion is performed publicly, to sing a stanza of the "Stabat Mater" while passing from one Station to the next.

Tuesday Evening Lenten Series

Our annual Lenten series will begin this year on Shrove Tuesday, February 13th, and continue weekly through March 19th. Each evening begins at 5:30pm with Holy Eucharist in the Children's Chapel. A potluck supper follows at 6pm in the Parish Hall and the program begins at 6:30pm. The presenter this year is our own Dr. Ryan Hebert.

Music Notes Unscripted: *What Music Teaches us about God* *By Ryan Hebert*

- 2/13 In the beginning was the word (John 1:1) - Hosted by the Youth
Inspiration, Motivation, Intention, and the Creative Process Unfolding
- 2/20 Let everything that has breath praise THE LORD (Psalm 150:6) - Hosted by Parish
Life
Breadth and Breath: Singing and the allure of the pipe organ
- 2/27 Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10) - Hosted by the Choir
Sound and Silence: Musical expression and the art of listening
- 3/5 Become like children (Matthew 18:3) - Hosted by Daughters of the King
Playing music and creation's playfulness
- 3/12 Forget the former things (Isaiah 43:18) - Hosted by Outreach
The illusion of perfectionism and the perfect performance
- 3/19 The truth will set you free (John 8:32) - Hosted by the Altar Guild
*Organ Voluntary? Or Involuntary? Playing with Abandon
(organ recital demo)*

Music Notes

Today's prelude is a whimsical number by French composer Louis Vierne. It delights. But that's the nature of a piece that's full of spirit. It titillates, tickles, and teases. It is wiggly like a small, free-spirited creature. How fun!

The creative act is spontaneous. You never know when the spirit will nip at you. Like a thief in the night, it surprises. It flits about, ideas coming and going in the ether. Try to "catch" the spirit. People do, but like a lightening bug in a jar, its effervescence will diminish if you entomb it. The spirit *knocks* and must be free to come *and* go. That's also the nature of love – it's free. Gripping it or hoarding it kills it.

Tapping, flashing, knocking are rapid successions of on-off. Sound is like that. It's a wave. The two dimensions of the creative process are inhale-exhale, crest-trough, and back-forth. It's the birth-death principle. When something is seemingly taken away, a new idea, inspiration or motivation arises. This is our ongoing story, life is "waving" at us. From tomb to womb, nothing is forever. The spirit flits about, dodging obstacles, even in something like blindness, a condition that seems debilitating to those unplugged from the alternating current of AC/DC of the electrifying spirit.

Vierne, organist of Notre-Dame de Paris was nearly blind. But that was no disadvantage. His ear was refined to levels unknown to us "mere mortals." At age two, his neighbor played a Schubert lullaby for him, and he immediately was able to pick out the notes on the piano. He was at Notre-Dame for 37 years and left us with some of the most remarkably whimsical, fresh, and unique music. He died while playing an organ recital. He suddenly pitched forward and fell off the bench. He lost consciousness and his foot rested on a low "E" that resounded in the cathedral. He had thus fulfilled his lifelong dream — to die at the console of the great organ of Notre-Dame, his student Maurice Duruflé by his side.

In 1881, when Vierne was 11, he heard an organ performance of the great César Frank:

The organ played a mysterious prelude, quite unlike any I had heard ... I could not hold back my tears. I knew nothing; I understood nothing; but my instinct was violently shaken by this expressive music echoing through every pore.

Vierne was not overcome by his disability but overcome by the spirit and triumphed over his so-called disadvantage. This music wiggles around obstacles, reminding us that we're never stuck in the tomb, but merely on our way to the womb – new life. What some might

consider loss, the spirit sees as gain. His auralty brought him to heights of compositional envy and superior creative ingenuity that few achieve. To get there, we must let go of our ideas of obstacles. Obviously, Vierre lived the fullness of life promised to us. Fullness doesn't mean sightedness, but wholeness, connected to spirit.

It's easy to gain, not easy to lose. But in letting go, we realize the ephemeral nature of everything – tap, tap, tap. Touch *and* release. Can you hear it in the music? The spirit dances. When it's time to let go, release with love. Don't worry, there's unlimited dazzling supply, no need to keep it entombed in a jar. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Charles Caro, Evelyn Smith, Mignon Grant-Levy, John Tomlinson, Nell Rorebeck, Marion Gustin, Jane Collins, Paul Cullen, Barbara Jones, Gerry Calahan, Mary Nichols, Peggy Kleven, Linda M. Delmasto, Angela Massari, Evelyn O. Jewell, Brycen Coyle, Anita Ramirez, Jane Cantler, Phyllis Sheaffer, Diane Kemker, Martha Medel, Sarah Moody, Larry Kleven, Isabelle Ferrell, William Shuler, Ian Snider, Libby Dickinson, LouAnn Connors, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser

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