



*Welcome to*  
**SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**TAMPA, FLORIDA**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 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!

*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: O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß, BWV 402

*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

### **Tower Bell**

*All stand as the choir and ministers enter.*

### **Great Litany** (*kneel when choir and ministers kneel*)

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,  
*Have mercy upon us.*

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.  
*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence,  
and famine,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and  
from dying suddenly and unprepared,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law;  
by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and  
Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy  
Ghost,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the  
day of judgment,

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule  
and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge  
and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set  
it forth, and show it accordingly,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind  
into thy kingdom,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy  
Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

*Grant us thy peace.*

O Christ, hear us.

*O Christ, hear us.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          And also with you.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading** (*sit*)

Genesis 9:8-17

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

*Reader*          The Word of the Lord.

*People*          Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 25:1–9** *Sung by the choir to plainsong*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**Second Reading**

1 Peter 3:18-22

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.



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

**Hymn 142** (*stand*)

*St. Flavian*

1 Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.  
2 As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win, O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.  
3 As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord, to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy Word.  
4 And through these days of penitence, and through thy Passiontide, yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus! with us abide.  
5 Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:9-15

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

*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.

## **Peace**

*Celebrant*     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.*

## **Announcements**

### **Holy Communion**

#### **At the Offertory:**

Anthem

*Harold Friedell (1905–1958)*

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.  
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.  
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.  
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

*Edith Williams (1889–?)*

*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.*

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*         And also with you.  
*Celebrant*     Lift up your hearts.  
*People*         We lift them to the Lord.  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*         It is right to give 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.*

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

*Agnus Dei*

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Jesus, Lamb of God: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your 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 150** (*sit*)

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

1 Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.	4 So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.
2 Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?	5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side; that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.
3 Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call! Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint or fall!	

*Ave, verum corpus  
natum de Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum immolatum  
in Cruce pro homine,  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine. O dulcis, O  
pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae,  
miserere mei. Amen*

Hail, true body  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
Who truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the Cross for man,  
Whose pierced side  
Overflowed and blood,  
Be for us a foretaste  
In the test of death. O sweet,  
O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary.  
Have mercy on me. Amen.

*Latin text attributed to Pope Innocent VI, 14<sup>th</sup> century*

*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 559 (*stand*)

*Dulce carmen*

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us o'er the world's tempestuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee, yet possessing every blessing, if our God our Father be.

2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us; all our weakness thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth before us; thou didst feel its keenest woe; yet unfearing, persevering, to thy passion thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy; love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy; thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy.

## Dismissal

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

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**Organ music in Lent:** In keeping with tradition and the solemnity of the Lenten season, we will take a seasonal break from the performance of organ postludes at the 10:30am service. The service will conclude with the final hymn and the dismissal.

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## **THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, February 18, 2024**

**Celebrant & Preacher:** Fr. Reese

**Assisting Priest:** Fr. Stadel

**Organist:** Ryan Hebert

**Choral Assistant:** Coleman Flentge

**Vergers:** Allison Besselieu

**Crucifer:** Ethan Smith

**Torchbearers:** Rayanne Crawford, Winona Crawford

**Lectors:** George Western, Chris Sherman

**Lay Eucharistic Ministers:** Donreece Brown, Derrick Brown

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

**Ushers:** Chris Cobb, Winston Blake, Bob Kimble, Elaine Kimble

**Altar Guild:** Ursula Keeler, Jan Smith, Cathy Szuba

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Rod & Lucinda Evans, Dawn Headland



## **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*

### **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 144 pledges for \$499,644.00**

### **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](mailto:cmchurchi18@gmail.com)

**BIRTHDAYS:** Jim Morgan, Ben Besseliu, Jim Shuler

## 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.

## Youth News

Our new Bishop will be in the house for Confirmation 2024! Youth & Children's Ministries are gearing up for Confirmation on **Sunday, February 25th** with Bishop Doug Scharf!

Youth in grades 6 & up are 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](mailto:aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com).

## **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.*

## 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***

- 2/20 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)*

## 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 25<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:30 service.

Here is the rest of the line-up:

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.*

## Celebration of Life

Saint Andrew's is hosting a Celebration of Life for former parishioner, Vestry member and choir section leader, Stephen Rosser, on Saturday, April 27th at 2 pm. Some of you may have known Stephen before he departed for New York City ten years ago. His kindness, openness and talent touched many at St. Andrew's and around the Bay Area and he will be greatly missed. As part of our celebration we are gathering many who sang with him in our choir and other exceptional groups to raise our voices in hymns, anthems and songs Stephen loved. If you would like to join us as a singer please contact Betsy Scheuer at [elisabetsy40@gmail.com](mailto:elisabetsy40@gmail.com) or 813-434-5159 regarding your interest and for more details. If you would like to assist with or make a financial contribution for the reception following the celebration, please contact Irene Baker at [ihbaker1011@yahoo.com](mailto:ihbaker1011@yahoo.com) or 571-481-8536. Whether you sing or help or attend, we look forward to seeing many of you on the 27th!

## Music Notes

In some translations of John, Jesus said that he came to give life to the fullest, other translations word it as life abundantly. This might conjure up images of joy, butterflies, rainbows, and riches. But that's only *one* side of the story.

A now-deceased friend of mine who spent 40 years as a church musician in a non-liturgical church, lamented on how everything was *just* “terrific, terrific, terrific.” They didn't have penitential seasons of Advent or Lent. *Every* Sunday had to be upbeat and joyful. No Good Friday, no passion, no pain, no silence, no brokenness, just “heavenly” music - streets of gold, and mansions on the hilltop, flanked by the pearly gates. And *then* what?

Our anthem this morning, by American composer Harold Friedell, is a gem. It's weary and sad. It sighs and weeps, and it says things aren't *just* “terrific, terrific, terrific.” Friedell uses minor tonality and lamenting rhythms in a downtrodden aesthetic. Jesus was weary and sad and broken and pale, but that's not the *whole* story. That's not the fullness of life, but the partiality of life. How can “everything” be terrific? If your version of the afterlife is that you'll stand at the throne of God, looking up and singing “Hallelujah” forever, your voice will tire, and you'll get a crick in your neck.

The fullness of life includes the dimension of discomfort. Birth *is* uncomfortable, right? I can't speak from experience, but my mother told me I was quite “the pain” as a 9-pound baby. But the pain justifies joy. And what I think Jesus was trying to say to us is that life is cyclic more than anything, and that fullness also means emptiness. It's not *just* one way. Pain *justifies* pleasure and vice versa.

The word parable, creative stories that Jesus used to teach wisdom, is like the word parabola. A parabola is a curve which is mirror-symmetrical and approximately U-shaped. Para-, from the Greek means beside; next to, or nearby. So, if we live in a paradox, which includes both full *and* empty, all opposing forces are essentially alike. If God is for us, *who* can be against us?

Burial and planting are synonymous. Going from tomb to womb is a cycle that Paul calls dying to self, daily. The “self” is the false notion that God is absent – even in darkness, pain, and loneliness. Then, you can see how glorious death is to be, as it says in the end of the anthem. Death leads to new birth, an ongoing cycle of Truth.

Yes, things *are* terrific, terrific, terrific, but not *just* so. Implicitly, things are terrible, terrible, terrible. They go together, *fully* inextricable. It's hard to understand because you might think "I'm *only* human." Can things be *only* terrific? Can you be *only* human? The fullness of life is realizing who you are *fully*, which includes more than your flesh. You can't be *only* human any more than life is *just* birth or *just* death or *just* terrific.

The last verse of the anthem turns it around and unifies polarization with the underlying truth of love. In the fullness of life, love includes *both* sides of the equation. When you realize who you are, the illusion of two becomes one. In a parabola, the mirror symmetry mysteriously unifies itself in what the mind sees as "polarizing." *Just* human? How can you *justify* only one part of the story? *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

**THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:**

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Charlene Maxwell, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Jack Plimmer, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Jean Turner, Analee Mayes, Rick Ostman, Linda Barry, Dawn Headland, Beth Luensman, Carole Fields, Roy Collins, Judy Van Valkenburgh, Joe Daurril, Georgia Vahue, Sean Heavey, Janet Cook, Linda Liconti Longo, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Deloris Lewis, Dale Saville, Jeff Johnson, Wayne Putney, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky (*We are happy to include all prayer requests. Names will remain on the list for four weeks. Please call Lauri in the church office if you desire a name to remain on after four weeks or to be removed sooner.*)

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## ***Vestry***

*Class of 2025:* Barbara Brotherton, Derrick Brown, Victoria Klug,  
Richard Chapman, *Junior Warden*, Brad Hall

*Class of 2026:* Allison Besseliu, Holly Clemmons, Martha Cobb, Wallace Dixon,  
Eric Hargens, *Treasurer*

*Class of 2027:* Nicole Carr, *Clerk of the Vestry*, Piers Curry, *Senior Warden*,  
Don Crawford, Wayne Daley, Paul Henley

*In the name of Christ, we the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, in response to God's call, proclaim our belief that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior, and thereby declare our purpose to be to glorify God through our worship and work, to serve the spiritual and temporal needs of others as Christ's disciples, and to build a lively, growing community in Christ's image.*