



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 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 & Confirmation, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Prelude: Prière

Jean Langlais (1907–1991)

Tower Bell

Hymn 149 (*stand*)

Old 124th

1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent, led by your cloud by day, by night your fire, moved by your love and toward your presence bent: far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

2 So daily dying to the way of self, so daily living to your way of love, we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod, knowing ourselves baptized into your death: so we are dead and live with you in God.

3 If dead in you, so in you we arise, you the firstborn of all the faithful dead; and as through stony ground the green shoots break, glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower, so in the Father's glory shall we wake.

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22–30 *Sung by the choir to plainsong*

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live forever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S forever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf

Hymn 349 (*stand*)

St. George's, Windsor

1 Holy Spirit, Lord of love, who descended from above, gifts of blessing to bestow on your waiting Church below, once again in love draw near to your servants gathered here; from their bright baptismal day you have led them on their way.

2 When the sacred vow is made, when the hands are on them laid, come in this most solemn hour with your strengthening gift of power. Give them light, your truth to see: give them life, your own to be; daily power to conquer sin; patient faith, the crown to win.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented.

The Presenters say

I present these persons for Confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Bishop then says to the people

Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows. Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him* for your service; and sustain *him* all the days of *his* life. *Amen.*

OR

Defend, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your heavenly grace, that *he* may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more, until *he* comes to your everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

For Reception

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

For Reaffirmation

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Announcements

Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Anthem

William Harris (1883–1973)

Come down, O love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardour glowing; O Comforter draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity mine outward vesture be, and lowliness become mine inner clothing: True lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part, and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; For none can guess its grace, till he become the place wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen.

Bianco da Siena (d. 1434)

Tr. By Richard F. Littledale (1833–1890)

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 455 (*sit*)

Dunedin

1 O love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought, beyond
all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, we
read thee in the sky above; we read thee
in the earth below, in seas that swell and
streams that flow.

3 We read thee best in him who came to bear
for us the cross of shame, sent by the Father
from on high, our life to live, our death to
die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en
in the darkness of the grave; still more in
resurrection light we read the fullness of thy
might.

Spiritual

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

I've been in the storm so long, children, give me little time to pray.

Oh, let me tell my mother how I come along, oh give me little time to pray,
with a hung down head and an aching heart, oh give me little time to pray.

I'll go into heaven and take my seat, and a cast my crown at Jesus' feet, give me
little time to pray. I've been in the storm so long, children, give me little time to
pray.

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 522 (*stand*)

Austria

1 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode; on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2 See! the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove. Who can faint, when such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus deriving from their banner, light by night, and shade by day, safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them when they pray.

4 Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in the Redeemer's blood! Jesus, whom their souls rely on, makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his people raises over self to reign as kings: and as priests: his solemn praises each for a thank-offering brings.

Dismissal

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

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.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, February 25, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Bishop Scharf

Assisting Priest: Fr. Reese

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Richard Ferlita & Piers Curry

Crucifers: Ian Curry & Maren Kennel

Torchbearers: Aiden Kennington, Daniel Carr, Diana Tapie, Esther Henley

Lectors: Jim Shuler, Dennis Clarke

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Partrick Keogh, Dorothy Peters

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

Ushers: Marshall Ferrell, Richad Chapman, Warren Brown, Pam Billings

Altar Guild: Kathy Lawless, Adrienne Love, Anne Paige

Coffee Hour Hosts: Parish Life

BIRTHDAYS: Paula Stewart, Campbell Burton, Donna Cline, Betty Trueblood,
Karen Joseph, Oscar Simmons

ANNIVERSARIES: David & Jan Dees, Michael & Christean Hursey

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.

Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Youth

Thomas Adams

Emily Borsch

Rayanne Crawford

Rhys Diaz

Shea Polley

Samuel Scheuer

Mary Streeter-Smith

Wyatt Smith

Adults

Mike Billings

Torrey Arthur Bingham

Camille Box

Lucinda Mary Evans

Roderick Sherrod Evans

Curt Johnson

Stephanie Johnson

Susan Kiniry

Ethan Lucas

Lloyd H. McFarquhar

Barbara Y. McFarquhar (received)

Louise Polley

R. Craig Polley

Justin Sperando

S. Jaret West

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

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*

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 rest of the line-up:

- 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 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 6:45pm. The presenter this year is our own Dr. Ryan Hebert.

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

- 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)*

Youth News

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.

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 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 or 571-481-8536. Whether you sing or help or attend, we look forward to seeing many of you on the 27th!

School Volunteers needed

Want to help Tampa's littlest citizens? Come spend an hour each week working with a small group of 1st graders at Dunbar Elementary. If you have 45-60 minutes each week to work with a small group of students in one of our 1st grade classrooms, please contact me for more information. Days and times are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and/or Thursdays either between 8:45 and 10:15 or 10:45 to 12:45. The teacher will have all the materials available for you. This enrichment group will allow the teacher to get an extra small group in with some of her struggling readers. Thank you for considering this opportunity. Victoria Klug 813-774-1246 or VictoriaKlug1@gmail.com

Music Notes

Today's communion anthem is a well-known spiritual arrangement by Mark Hayes. There are several choral versions of this spiritual, but this one appealed to me for several reasons. I love how the music paints the words, but never obscures them. Like many spirituals, this one utilizes repetition as a tool to drive home the meaning of the words. This is partly because African music itself contains a lot of repetition, usually in the form of call-and-response. A leader will call out a line of music, and the rest of the group responds with some type of repeated phrase. The army does this while they march. It's called a military cadence. Railroad workers did it. "I've been working on the railroad all the live-long day." Repeating a mantra is a spiritual practice. That's why we call work songs spirituals. In our faith tradition, we simply call our repeated mantras "Litanies." Do you remember the Great Litany from last Sunday? It's a lot of work to repeat all those prayers. But worship has its roots in the word work – liturgy (or litany) or worship is the work of the people.

Sometimes you get to a point in your life that you have no choice but to repeat yourself. It's not a gesture of despair, but an echo of faith *working* in your life. The soul hears repetition in ways logic doesn't. Like all affirmations, this anthem reminds us that we need time to pray. Yes, you can. The slaves were deprived of all human freedom, yet they sang. They were cut off from being able to commune with each other, to have the freedom to play. All they knew, for the most part, was work.

So, what they did was they played *while* they worked in the best ways they knew how – in singing. They sang *during* the storm, so to speak. These songs were concocted while they were chained together, sweating in the fields under the hot sun, bent over in agony, and exhausted from exerting themselves. Paul did the same thing while locked up in the foulest

prison, bereft of any comfort whatsoever. From within the squalor of his rat-infested prison cell he said, “Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!” He wrote this from the pit of hell, living in squalor none of us can even imagine, starving and naked.

Modern conception of life is that we can simply eliminate negative - get rid of the storm in a manner of speaking. We have more creature comforts than we can imagine, yet we’ve never been more uncomfortable. “With a hung down head and an aching heart, oh give me little time to pray,” as we hear in the music. You can’t eliminate the negative. Positive and negative are inextricably joined; but the slaves taught us to sing *in* the storm.

An electrical current is complete by hooking up the positive *and* the negative terminal. This alternating current creates a storm. Ups and downs are a vibration of aliveness. You can’t have *one* without the other, and spiritual enlightenment sees the complete circuit of Truth. Paul rejoiced *in* prison. The slaves sang *in* the fields. What do we do? We complain.

“Everyone complains about the weather, but no one does anything about it,” quipped Mark Twain. But we indeed do something about the weather. When it rains, we use umbrellas. When it’s cold, we wear coats. When a hurricane comes, we evacuate. And when we get caught in the storm, we surrender, we accept, and we pray. You’ve got time to pray. Pray *in* the storm. Don’t say “One day, when the sky is clear I will.” The time is now, and no matter what, you’ve got time to pray and rejoice – yes, especially *during* the storm. *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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