



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 3, 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: Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot, BWV 678

J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

Tower Bell

Hymn 143 (*stand*)

Erhalt uns, Herr

1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in three-fold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

Penitential Order

All standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People His mercy endures for ever.

Decalogue (*kneel*)

Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant says

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

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.*

Lord, have mercy.

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Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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*)

Exodus 20:1-17

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

God spoke all these words to Moses on Mount Sinai: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love

me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Sung by the choir to plainchant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 409 (*stand*)

Creation

1 The spacious firmament on high, with all the blue ethereal sky, and spangled heavens, a shining frame, their great Original proclaim. The unwearied sun from day to day does his Creator's power display; and publishes to every land the work of an almighty hand.

2 Soon as the evening shades prevail, the moon takes up the wondrous tale, and nightly to the listening earth repeats the story of her birth: whilst all the stars that round her burn, and all the planets in their turn, confirm the tidings, as they roll and spread the truth from pole to pole.

3 What though in solemn silence all move round the dark terrestrial ball? What though no real voice nor sound amid their radiant orbs be found? In reason's ear they all rejoice, and utter forth a glorious voice; for ever singing as they shine, "The hand that made us is divine."

Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the

cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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*)

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace of the world, for the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our Bishop, John and Jerry, our Priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Joe, our President, Ron, our Governor, Jane, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

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.*

Peace (*stand*)

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

Simon Lole (b. 1957)

My Spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast
Though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.

Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be
Yet has my heart no rest unless it come from thee.

Unless it come from thee in vain I look around
In all that I can see no rest is to be found.

No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love
O let my wish be crowned and send it from above.

John Byrom (1692–1763)

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.

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 685 (*sit*)

Toplady

1 Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2 Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone; in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.

3 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne, Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable
in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

Psalm 19:14

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.*

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, March 3, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Vergers: Piers Curry

Crucifer: Ian Curry

Torchbearers: Heath McGhee, Esther Henley

Lectors: Coleman Flentge, Paula Stewart

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Richardson, George Bedell

Videographers: Paul Scheuer, Doug Rubottom, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann

Ushers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown, Chris Watson, Michael Dickinson

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige, Jennifer Richardson

BIRTHDAYS: Bailey Carraway, Sonya Endicott

ANNIVERSARIES: Alex & Kim Liggett

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.

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 145 pledges for \$500,580.00**

Choir Staff Singers Perform Solo Recitals

Several of our choir staff singers, who are music students at UT, will be giving solo recitals as part of their degree studies. These events are free and open to the public, so please mark your calendars and plan to join them! Parking is available anywhere on campus in the evenings.

3/1 7:30p.m. C.C. Graham, organ - Sykes Chapel

3/22 7:30p.m. Ethan Lucas, tenor - Sykes Chapel

3/30 7:30p.m. Brianna Davies, mezzo soprano - Sykes Chapel

4/23 7:30p.m. Lucas Glenn, piano - Gordon Theater, Ferman Center for the Arts

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.

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

Fridays in Lent
Stations of the Cross 12:10pm

Tuesdays: March 5 • 12 • 19
5:30pm **Eucharist in Children's Chapel**
6:00pm **Tuesday evening Pot Luck Supper**
6:45-7:30pm **Lenten Program**

Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
8:00am and 10:30am (*with incense*)

March 25 • 26 • 27
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
of Holy Week**
Holy Eucharist 12:10pm

March 28
Maundy Thursday
12:10pm Holy Eucharist
7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

March 29
Good Friday
12:10pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

March 31
Easter Day
8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist (*with incense*)
& Flowering of the Cross

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

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)

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:

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.

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.

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

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

When I choose choral music for Sunday, something that I always search for, is a compelling text and a well-crafted melody. Today's offertory is a good example of an anthem that fits the bill. *My Spirit Longs for Thee*, a text by John Byrom and music by Simon Lole, is a fine specimen of elegance and understated beauty. Simon Lole is an English composer, organist, arranger, and broadcaster. He has held several prestigious organist's posts, including a stint at Salisbury Cathedral (1997–2005). I am a fan of his compositions. He has a gift of writing beautiful and tuneful melodies. That's part of the reason why I chose to program it today.

This music is easy to understand. It's easy to hear, and it's simple, but not simplistic. The music peaks where the words peak, and the melody always helps the words find a place in the heart of the listener. Essentially, the melody and harmony help to unpack the meaning of the words, tenderly, and subtly. All artforms do that – they unpack meaning. This music sets you at ease, helps draw you inward in prayer, and gives you an awareness of God's abiding love.

There's one more interesting thing to ponder in the beauty of this anthem. John Byrom (1692–1763), the author of the text, was not only a hymn writer, but the inventor and perfecter of the system of shorthand. I suppose it's a lost art, but it's a way of quickly taking down dictation, or speeding up the process of writing longhand. Byrom essentially simplified words and letters, just like Simon Lole simplifies words by using melodies that are easy to hear and to understand. Incidentally, Byrom's system of shorthand was posthumously published, and it was used by John and Charles Wesley, who recorded their self-examinations in coded diaries.

Good art always helps you make sense of the world. When it's done simply, and elegantly, even better. If the music and words that you hear in the offertory this morning help you understand how to know God's love in your life, then I'm happy that we've pointed you to the way. Sometimes the message gets lost in our busy lives; but we just need a gentle nudge, a shorthand reminder that it's not *that* complicated. *Soli deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert



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for prayers by the Daughters of the King
or contact Adrienne Love (phone) 813-677-2909
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WE REMEMBER 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, Roma Plimmer, Patricia Maxfield, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams

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, 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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