

Welcome to SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 17, 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: Adagio from Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C Major, BWV 564

J.S. Bach (1685–1785)

Tower Bell

Hymn 388 (*stand*)

Hanover

- 1 O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love! Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old, hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

- 4 Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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. S-96 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 alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*

A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

"The days are surely coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband," says the Lord. "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the Lord: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," says the Lord; "for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

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

Psalm 119: 9–16 *Sung by the choir to plainchant.*

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? * By keeping to your words.
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you; * let me not stray from your commandments.
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart, * that I may not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O LORD; * instruct me in your statutes.
- 13 With my lips will I recite * all the judgments of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees * than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments * and give attention to your ways.
- 16 My delight is in your statutes; * I will not forget your word.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek

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

Hymn 474 (*stand*)

Rockingham

1 When I survey the wondrous cross where the young Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

- 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Holy Gospel John 12:20-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it

bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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:

Spiritual arr. Arnold Sevier

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near, when my life is almost gone, at the river Lord, I stand, guide my feet, and hold my hand: Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey

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.

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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 S-130

Celebrant and People

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 S-164

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 706 (sit)

Halton Holgate

- 1 In your mercy, Lord, you called me, taught my sin-filled heart and mind, else this world had still enthralled me, and to glory kept me blind.
- 2 Lord, I did not freely choose you till by your grace you set me free; for my heart would still refuse you had your love not chosen me.

3 Now my heart sets none above you, for your grace alone I thirst, knowing well, that if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Anthem

Richard Shephard (1949 – 2021)

O Lamb of God who gave thyself for me; now in my heart I give myself to thee. Forgive us Lord, and grant with prayer and praise, that we may come to love you all our days. Teach us to know and keep your ways, O Lord; that we would hold thy wondrous Name adored.

Anonymous

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 473 (stand) Crucifer

Refrain Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign, the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *Refrain*

2 Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *Refrain*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *Refrain*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THOSE SERVING TODAY: Sunday, March 17, 2024

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr. Stadel

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Richard Ferlita Crucifer: Joe Scheuer

Torchbearers: Aiden Kennington, Jacob Kennington

Lectors: Paul Scheuer, Joe Scheuer

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown

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

Ushers: Winston Blake, Paul Bentschner, Chris Cobb, Eric Hargens, Loueita Hargens

Altar Guild: Kathy Lawless, Adrienne Love, Anne Paige **Coffee Hour Hosts:** Gary Cotter and Sharon Colucci

BIRTHDAYS: Charles Palm, Catie Chapman, Rosann Creed

ANNIVERSARIES: Mike & Pam Billings

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.

Rector Away

The Rector is in Jacksonville this weekend attending a Florida State University alumni ice hockey tournament, with FSU playing UCF, USF, and Ole Miss. God-willing, he will be back in the office tomorrow.

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday: March19
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

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.

3/22 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.

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 Victoria Klug 9mail.com

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

3/19 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 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.

*** Attention Youth ***

Calling all youth 6th-12th grades! Come and join us for a pool party as we launch St Andrew's Youth Group on **Sunday**, **March 24th from 4-6:30**. Bring your suit. Dinner will be provided! Please contact Alicia Schmid, Ben Borsch, or Martha Cobb if you have any questions! © © Looking forward to seeing everyone! Address: 3210 Hoedt Road Tampa, 33618

Tom Ingui Bach Concert

Tom Ingui will be performing an all-Bach organ concert at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on **Friday, April 5th, 2024, at 7 pm**. Tom serves as Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, FL and is a collaborative pianist for both Southeastern University and Harrison School for the Arts. He holds a Master of Music degree in organ performance from Yale University studying with Thomas Murray and a Bachelor of Music degree from Stetson University where he studied organ with Dr. Boyd Jones and piano with Dr. Michael Rickman. Tom was a finalist in the Taylor national organ competition and placed second in the Rodgers national organ competition. His most recent concert appearances include The University of Tampa, Stetson University, and Bethesda-By-The Sea Episcopal Church in Palm Beach, FL. Tom serves as a Member-At-Large on the Board of the Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

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!

Music Notes

I was first introduced to our offertory piece while in college. Its arranger, Arnold Sevier, was a guest at The Moody School of Music at the University of Alabama when I was just a freshman in 1994. The music was still in manuscript when we performed it with the composer at the piano.

This arrangement had a profound effect on me in those days. Since then, I've performed it multiple times with various college groups I've conducted, and without fail, it's an audience favorite. This familiar hymn was written by Thomas Dorsey in 1932, an African American musician, composer, and Christian evangelist influential in the development of early blues and 20th-century gospel music. His most famous songs are "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" and "Peace in the Valley." Recordings of these sold millions of copies in both gospel and secular markets in the 20th century.

Following a religious conversion, Dorsey tried to concentrate on performing and writing religious music and printed thousands of his own songs trying to sell them himself, even going door to door. He found no success and returned to performing and composing rhythm and blues. Unsure if gospel music could sustain him, Dorsey was surprised to learn that he made an impression at the National Baptist Convention in 1930 when, unknown to him, Willie Mae Ford Smith sang "If You See My Savior" during a morning meeting. She was asked to sing it two more times; the response was so overwhelming, Dorsey sold 4,000 print copies of his song. And the rest, as they say, is history.

How many times have we been enthusiastic about our work, but we cannot "sell" it? Do you know how many people are trying to "make it" in this world? That's because we don't make it, we're being made, and success begins by releasing it into the hands of the Great Unknown. Precious Lord take my hand really means, precious Lord, *unclasp* my hands. Dorsey was surprised that his piece took off. And that's the key – *surprise*. We try to take the surprise out of everything and predict "how to," but joke's on us!

When we let go of the desire to know how, it works effortlessly and on its own. In other words, it's organic, not forced. "Lead me home" means to help me focus my efforts on my inner joy and unconditional love. The outcome is literally out of our hands. If you put the outcome *into* your hands, you try to figure out how, you strip out the surprise, and it becomes an exercise in futility. You *don't* know how. That's the miracle of God's ways – surprise is set up in the precious gift of letting go.

Sevier increased Dorsey's music by adding *more* love to it. Love begets love. It cooperates then catches fire. Trying to make something go viral is forcing, competing, and egoic. The spark of real success is honest expression, releasing, and loving the creative act. To make it soar, abandon the idea of "making it" altogether. Try loving it and letting it go. What makes something outstanding is that it was instanding with love first and *only* for love's

sake. Don't overlook the gift of surprise by trying to figure out how something turns out. Just love unconditionally, and the precious hand of God will lead you home to levels of success that will blow your mind. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

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

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, 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, Linda Barry, Fabio Pompili (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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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.