



Welcome to
SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 2025
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.*

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. Regrettably, for some people, Holy Week consists solely of Palm Sunday and Easter Day. The rites of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are not attended. It is important, therefore, that the impact of the Passion and Death of our Lord be emphasized on this day, so that the glory of the Resurrection may indeed be celebrated the following Sunday.

The procession with palms calls to mind the triumphal entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. The procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness and devotion to our Blessed Lord. The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill his Father's will: thus it is fitting that this service continues with the reading of the Passion, turning the emphasis to the days which lie ahead in Holy Week. We who hail him as king one moment may in the next deny him, even joining with the crowd in shouting "Crucify him, crucify him!"

*Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.
Wherefore God also has highly exalted him,
and given him a Name which is above every name.*

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.

Liturgy of the Palms, Procession, and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Prelude: Fanfare

William Matthias (1934–1992)

Tower Bell

Liturgy of the Palms

Please stand as the Choir and Ministers enter. The people standing the Celebrant says

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Priest then reads Luke 19:29-40 first saying

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

The Blessing and Distribution of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The palms are distributed while the choir sings the following anthem

Motet *Thomas Weelkes (1576–1623)*

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, thou that sittest in the highest heavens. Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

The Procession

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.
People In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 154

Valet will ich dir geben

Refrain All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One. *Refrain*
2 The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply. *Refrain*

3 The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present. *Refrain*
4 To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. *Refrain*
5 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King. *Refrain*

When the procession reaches the church door, the Celebrant says the following:

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The procession continues

Hymn 156

Winchester New

1 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments
strowed.
2 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.
3 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.
5 Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

At the Eucharist

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson (*sit*)

Philippians 2:5-11

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

1 There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where our dear Lord was crucified
who died to save us all.
2 We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.
3 He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

4 There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,
he only could unlock the gate
of heaven and let us in.
5 O dearly, dearly has he loved!
And we must love him too,
and trust in his redeeming blood,
and try his works to do.

Passion Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

All may be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel.

NARRATOR: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. The assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

CROWD: **"We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king."**

NARRATOR: Then Pilate asked him,

PILATE: "Are you the king of the Jews?"

NARRATOR: He answered,

JESUS: "You say so."

NARRATOR: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

PILATE: "I find no basis for an accusation against this man."

NARRATOR: But they were insistent and said,

CROWD: **"He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place."**

NARRATOR: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

PILATE: "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him."

NARRATOR: Then they all shouted out together,

CROWD: **"Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!"**

NARRATOR: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

CROWD: **"Crucify, crucify him!"**

NARRATOR: A third time he said to them,

PILATE: "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him."

NARRATOR: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

JESUS: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.'

For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

(At the mention of the place called the Skull, all should stand, as able.)

NARRATOR: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

JESUS: "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

NARRATOR: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

CROWD: "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

NARRATOR: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

SOLDIERS: "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

NARRATOR: There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

CRIMINAL 1: "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

NARRATOR: But the other rebuked him, saying,

CRIMINAL 2: "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

NARRATOR: Then he said,

CRIMINAL 2: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

NARRATOR: He replied,

JESUS: "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

NARRATOR: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

JESUS: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."

NARRATOR: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

CENTURION: "Certainly this man was innocent."

NARRATOR: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid.

It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

Sermon

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 welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our Bishop, John, Rick, and Jerry, our priests, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, 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, especially the people of Israel, Gaza and Ukraine, 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.

The Holy Communion

At the Offertory:

Anthem

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

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?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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

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

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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

Duet

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710–1736)

Stabat Mater dolorosa juxta crucem lacrimosa dum pendebat Filius.
The grieving mother stood weeping beside the cross where her son was hanging.

Carolyn Tapie, *mezzo-soprano*
Amanda Cohen, *soprano*

Hymn 168 (*sit*) *Stanzas 1-3*

Herzlich tut mich verlangen (Passion Chorale)

1 O sacred head, sore wounded, defiled and put to scorn; O kingly head, surrounded with mocking crown of thorn: what sorry mars thy grandeur? Can death thy bloom deflower? O countenance whose splendor the hosts of heaven adore.

2 Thy beauty, long desireth, hath vanished from our sight; thy power is all expired, and quenched the light of light. Ah me! for whom thou diest, hide not so far thy grace: show me, O Love most highest, the brightness of thy face.

3 In thy most bitter passion my heart to share doth cry, with thee for my salvation upon the cross to die. Ah, keep my heart thus moved to stand thy cross beneath, to mourn thee, well-beloved, yet thank thee for thy death.

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

Hymn 164 (*stand*)

Bangor

1 Alone thou goest forth, O Lord, in sacrifice to die; is this thy sorrow nought to us who pass unheeding by?	3 This is earth's darkest hour, but thou dost light and life restore; then let all praise be given thee who livest evermore.
2 Our sins, not thine, thou bearest, Lord; make us thy sorrow feel, till through our pity and our shame love answers love's appeal.	4 Grant us with thee to suffer pain that, as we share this hour, thy cross may bring us to thy joy and resurrection power.

Dismissal

<i>Priest</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
<i>People</i>	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, April 13, 2025

Celebrant and Preacher: Fr. Reese

Assisting Priest: Fr. Campbell

Organist: Ryan Hebert

Choral Assistant: Coleman Flentge

Verger: Richard Ferlita

Thurifer: Lynn Dorman

Crucifer: Ethan Smith

Torchbearers: Wyatt Smith, Roy Collins

Lector: Mark Shroka

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Derrick Brown, Donreece Brown

Narrator: Ray Vince

Pilate: Gary Cotter

Videographer: Paul Scheuer, Jan Smith, Kirk McCann, Joe Scheuer

Ushers: Laurence Hammond, George Bedell, Chris Sherman, Bill Besselieu

Altar Guild: Adrienne Love, Anne Paige, Ana Putney

Coffee Hour Hosts: The Fellowship Team

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE

Fridays in Lent
Stations of the Cross 12:10pm

Sunday, April 13
Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
8:00am and 10:30am (*with incense*)

April 14 • 15 • 16
**Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
of Holy Week**
Holy Eucharist 12:10pm

April 17
Maundy Thursday
12:10pm Holy Eucharist
7:00pm Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

April 18
Good Friday
12:10pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

April 20
Easter Day
8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:30am Choral Eucharist (*with incense*)
& Flowering of the Cross



BIRTHDAYS: Trey Baldy, Louise Barrow, Sam Scheuer, Leesa Polley, Mark Turlington, Mallory Colson-Miller, Dana Putney, Sally Phethean, Robin DeLaVergne, Jan Riasanovsky, Bill Besselieu, Betty Wood, Linda McGhee
ANNIVERSARIES: Frank & Kristin Mora, Paul & Caroline Gubbini

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 April 18th. 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.

Retirement

Our Organist and Music Director, Ryan Hebert, is retiring from church music. His last Sunday at St. Andrew's will be **April 27th**. Please come and join as for fellowship hour after the 10:30 service that day, when we will thank Ryan for his six years of making beautiful music at St. Andrew's. We wish Ryan all the best in his future endeavors, whatever they may be!

Youth News

Youth in grades 6 & up are invited to assist in Easter preparations **today, Palm Sunday** during coffee hour 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-- 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, April 13th during coffee hour.

All Children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Easter Sunday, April 20th after the 10:30 service in the courtyard!** Bring a basket or bag and join in the

fun, making beautiful family memories on this blessed Easter Sunday! All children and youth (this means middle & high school too!) will receive an awesome goody bag following the hunt, but due to space, we will have an official egg hunt for kids who are toddler age through 5th grade in the courtyard. We will also have golden coins inside some of the hidden eggs for additional special prizes!

Please contact Alicia Schmid for questions, or to volunteer with our amazing kids & youth at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com. ***We are currently searching for a children's & youth ministry assistant. Do you think you might be a good fit? Reach out to Alicia today!***



Vacation Bible School 2025 will take place August 4-8, 2025. The VBS theme this year is True North: Point kids to Jesus, a faithful friend we can always trust. Guide kids on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! Stay tuned for supply lists, but feel free to contact Alicia at aliciaschmid@rocketmail.com to volunteer for a week of faith, fun, and fellowship!

Adult Christian Education

Sunday mornings at 9:30

The Third Day: Living the Resurrection

On the third day, he rose again.

In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect people to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This video series traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. Berlin is Bishop of the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Here is the line-up

4/27 – Mary Magdalene

5/4 - Simon Peter

5/11 – Thomas

5/18 - Emmaus

5/25 - Paul

6/1 - Jesus

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

Music Notes

Thomas Weelkes was a noted composer of the madrigal, a secular, a cappella form of vocal music which rose to popularity in the 17th century. These kinds of pieces were colorful representations of life itself. The composers tried to encapsulate *real* life – sounds of love, heartache, and struggle. They were an attempt to unpack what it means to be a human. The music highlighted pain, suffering, and the longing of unrequited love and desire. Weelkes had first-hand knowledge of struggle. It's reported that he often got into trouble for too much drinking, having been dismissed in various church positions for showing up drunk. As comedic as that might sound, those of you who struggle with addictions know first-hand how difficult they can make one's existence.

What I hear in his glorious setting of *Hosanna to the Son of David*, which is very much like a madrigal, is a complex unfolding of Palm Sunday's meaning. The fanfare-like beginning, juxtaposed with the jagged edges of complex rhythms are combined with ominous, minor tonalities that ultimately culminate in a victorious ending. Pay particular attention to how the music goes back and forth from being crystal clear to being seemingly cacophonous. It's no mistake, but an intentional representation of what Jesus was about to go through, and ultimately what He would walk away from.

In many ways, we all go through unbearable suffering. There are always jagged edges to being a human, treacherous circumstances that seem to burn up the rough edges of who we are. But without that refiner's fire, we could never see the better days that are ahead. *Hosanna to the Son of David*, with its declamatory beginning, abruptly turns to the

darkness. The ominous quality of the outset makes the forecast look dismal. But somehow, by listening in between the notes, we know better than that.

If your own suffering is the end of your story, then you've haven't read ahead in the "assignments." If you listen carefully to this music, you'll hear the *real* forecast. Sure, the refiner's fire is at work, but it's making the crooked places straight. That's what the story is really about, after all. You'll hear the thunder roar, and hear the music sinking into the valley. But that's not the destination, that's just a waypoint. If you read ahead, you'll know nothing can stop you, if you are here today, reading this sentence – it's not over, yet. No matter what you're going through, there will always be a way out. That's what Palm Sunday is about, it's knowing that even if something is ominous, it's only because there hasn't been a solution, yet. The truth is that the refiner's fire is still working, and it just needs more time. Eventually, you'll come out purer, stronger, more resilient, more loving, and ultimately more victorious. Christ was the example. There are dark days ahead during Holy Week. But we know how it "ends," that the world is without end, so to speak. So go on, look ahead, it's not cheating to read the final chapter, *before* it gets here. It will at least help you stay at ease when you're going through the rough places. *Soli deo Gloria!*

-Ryan Hebert

Homeless Ministry

St. Andrew's ministry to the homeless is in need of men's clothing. We need gently used men's shorts, pants, t-shirts, polos, underwear and socks. Most in demand are men's shorts size 32 - 34 waist. Clothes can be brought to church any Sunday. If you would like to help us source clothes in the future, please contact Paul Henley. (pjhenley@gmail.com)

Flower Chart

The 2025 Flower Sign-Up Chart is in the parish hall. Don't delay choosing important commemorative dates. Please help with this wonderful ministry to 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. If you'd like to sponsor both altars, the cost is \$250. If you have questions, please contact Charlotte Churchill 813-352-0162

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Sarah Hudson, Jenette Kerr, Kay Rankin, Joe Daurril, Stephen Rosser, Rose Williams, Al Stein, Precious Montgomery, Nancy Honeycutt, Jerry Divers, Wayne Putney, Jean Turner, Matthew Borsch, Bennie Kay O'Brien, Jack Plimmer, Gerald Anthony Brozyna, Andrew Orestano, Marcia Biondolillo, Charlene Maxwell, James Arthur "Bubba" Turner, Beth Sellas, Charles Cernuda, Callista Tolbert, Rebecca Blake, Analee Mayes, Eric Mann, Doug Rubottom, Michael Kaney, Deloris Lewis, Pamela Ann Lane Ketchy

THOSE FOR WHOM PRAYERS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY REQUESTED:

Mark Caro, Sgt. Billy Gudzak, Joan Hoppe, Carlton Hart, Stephen Tedrowe, Virginia Sink, Charlie Richardson, Christine Hudson, Janet Norona, Michael Norona, Christopher Hunt, Charles Mullen, Corinne Gaile, Jack Boyet, Holly Clemmons, Katie Pastorius, Ralph & Nancy Swank, Delphine & Bob Ballard, Janis Riasanovsky, Linda Barry, Brian Polley, Edwin Bourdeau, Ron Trybus, Matt Harper, Jean McAlister, Gale Vineyard, Luzette Lightfoot, Elizabeth Mangun, Mike McGhee, Ramond Chiaramonte, Lee Barks, Nancy Martin, Debbie Bonsole, Leigh Kaney, Arizona Kennington, Charlotte Churchill, Delphine Ballard, Ingrid Peterson, Brad & Hylda Starling, Jeannie Borsch, Rome Schad, Laurie Pharr, Evelyn Latner, Craig Polley, Sofie, Milca Burgos, Paul Wentz, Joan Schofield, Valerie (*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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Sunday Service Schedule: Holy Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 a.m.