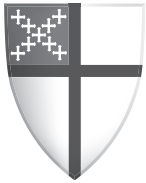


SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 10, 2022 · 10:30 AM
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist, Rite I, with Liturgy of the Palms

Called to **Worship**. Sent to **Witness**. Led to **Welcome**.

A special welcome to all visitors. We are delighted you have joined us for worship!



Saint Andrew's is a parish of the **Episcopal Church within the Diocese of Upper South Carolina**. Over time, our identity as a parish has come to be defined by our commitment to **worship** in the distinctive splendor of Anglo-Catholic tradition, to **witness** through word and deed to the life changing implications of Jesus Christ's reconciling love, and to **welcome** unreservedly all God's children into Christ's Body, the Church.

If you are not familiar with Episcopal Church worship, we have tried to make our worship bulletin easy to follow. All of the prayers and responses for the congregation are printed in the bulletin. Page numbers that are prefaced by "**BCP**" reference pages in the **red Book of Common Prayer** found in the rack on the back of the pew in front of you. Hymns are referenced by hymn number and can be found in the **blue Hymnal** also in the pew rack.

As you depart worship, we hope you will enter your name and contact information in our **visitor's book** located on a stand in the narthex (the little room that you pass through on your way in and out of the main doors of the church). We would also love to have you join us for **coffee hour** in the Parish Hall immediately after the 10:30 AM mass. Thank you for blessing us with your presence!

Restrooms

are located on the first floor of the Parish House.

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closest to the parking lot.

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Voluntary (in the church)

Prelude on *Valet will ich dir geben* (S. 736)

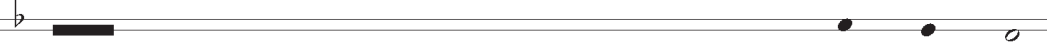
J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

All are invited to gather in the Parish Hall where today's service will begin with the Liturgy of the Palms with Procession to the Church. As the people gather in the Parish Hall, palm branches to be carried in the procession will be distributed. Those who choose to await the Procession in the church should stand as the Procession enters the church.

Liturgy of the Palms


Opening Anthem and Prayer

Cantor or Celebrant



Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

People



Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Prophetic Anthem (choir)

O Jerusalem, look toward the East, and behold: lift up thine eyes, O Jerusalem and behold the power of thy King!

The Gospel of the Triumphal Entry

Luke 19:28-40

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he 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."

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

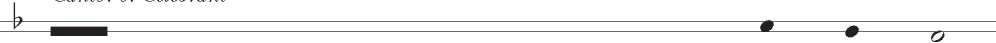
Celebrant It is right to praise thee, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which thou hast redeemed us through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along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

Those who have already received their palms now raise their palms in the direction of the Celebrant for the blessing.

Bless, O Lord, these branches. Let them 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 leadeth to eternal life; who liveth and reigneth in glory with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**


As the following responsive words are sung, the palms are distributed to those who have not yet received them.

Cantor or Celebrant



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People

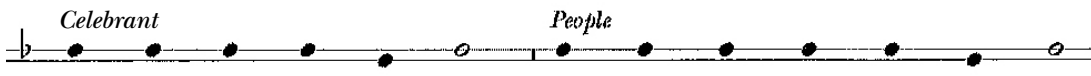


Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Procession

When all have received their palms, the following call to procession is sung.

Celebrant *People*



Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.


As Hymn 154 begins, the procession from the Parish Hall to the church is led by the altar party and choir followed by the congregation. During the procession, all hold branches in their hands. Following verse 3, the procession stops at the doors to the church for the Processional Collect. Please allow space for the procession to exit through the door to the church courtyard. The procession will follow the sidewalk past the columbarium to the front church doors.

Processional Hymn, No. 154, v. 1-3 (v. 4-5 after Collect)

All glory, laud, and honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain

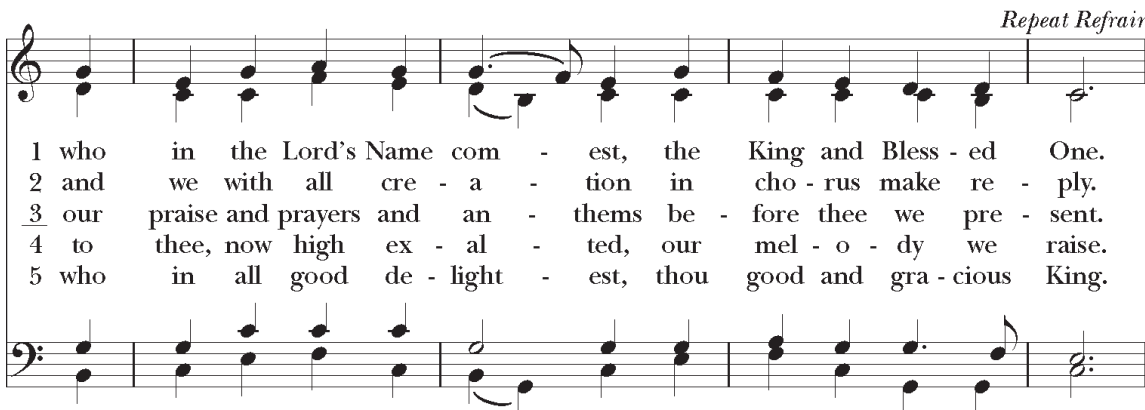


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain



1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

Processional Collect

Celebrant 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.**

At the conclusion of the Processional Collect, the doors to the church are opened, and the procession enters the church singing the final two verses of Hymn 154 (above). Once you are in your pew, please remain standing for the Collect of the Day.

The Word of God

The Collect for the Sunday of the Passion

Celebrant *People* *Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:9-16 (sung by the choir)

Tone II.1

⁹ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;*
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

¹⁰ For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing;*
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.

¹¹ I have become a reproach to all my enemies
and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance;*
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

¹² I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind;*
I am as useless as a broken pot.

¹³ For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around;*
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord.*
I have said, "You are my God.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand;*
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant,*
and in your loving-kindness save me."

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, No. 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

ROCKINGHAM

The Passion Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

The congregation remains seated for the first part of the Passion Gospel, which is read in parts led by a narrator with the congregation speaking the part denoted "Crowd." The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Narrator The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus saying,

Elder 1 We found this man perverting our nation,
Elder 2 forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor,
Elder 3 and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Narrator Then Pilate asked Jesus,

Pilate Are you the king of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus 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,

Elder 1 He stirs up the people

Elder 2 by teaching throughout all Judea,

Elder 3 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 Jesus was under Herod's jurisdiction, Pilate sent Jesus 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 Jesus and was hoping to see him perform some sign.

Herod 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 Jesus with contempt and mocked him; then Herod put an elegant robe on Jesus, 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, this man has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Narrator Then the elders all shouted out together,

Elder 2 Away with this fellow!

Elder 3 Release Barabbas for us!

Narrator (Barabbas 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 Pilate 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 the Elders kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that Jesus should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. Pilate 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 Jesus 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?

Narrator Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Jesus.

All stand.

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,

Elder 1 He saved others;

Elder 2 let him save himself

Elder 3 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,

Soldier 1 If you are the King of the Jews,

Soldier 2 save yourself!

Narrator There was also an inscription over Jesus that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding Jesus 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 Jesus 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.

A period of silence is kept, during which all are invited to kneel or bow. Those who are kneeling or bowing stand when the narrator continues.

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 Jesus' acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Fr. Gary Eichelberger

On Palm Sunday, the Creed is omitted, and the Prayers of the People follow.

Prayers of the People, Form II

Upon the invitation to prayer, the people kneel. In the indicated silence after each bidding, the people may offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Intercessor I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Gary, our Rector; Tommy, our Seminarian; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially for Bella, Bill, Charles, Concetta, Dan, Dick, Doug, Duane, Emma, Ephraim, Ginger, Jahnyah, James, Jane, Jim, Jodi, Joyce, Kelly, Ken, Kentrell, Leigh Ann, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Meredith, Parker, Patt, PK, Ray, Russell, Sandy, Steve, Weesie, and Winnie, as well as those whom you are invited to name now, either silently or aloud [*pause for people to add names*]. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Intercessor I ask your prayers for the departed ☩. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Additional prayers of intercession and thanksgiving may then be offered by the Intercessor.

Intercessor Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant then says a concluding collect to the prayers. Then, since the confession is omitted on Palm Sunday, the people are invited to stand for the Peace.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the ministers and people may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the exchange of the Peace, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to join in the following prayer.

All **Almighty and gracious God, we give thee thanks for each of these thy servants as they celebrate their special day. Watch over them as they begin another year, and give them grace to keep the vows and promises they have made. Bless and guide them wherever they may be; strengthen them when they stand; raise them up if they fall; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; and may thy peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

After the opportunity for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, the Celebrant says an Offertory Sentence and returns to the altar. Then, after the people's offering of bread and wine are brought forward, the people sit during the Offertory Anthem as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. (An offering can also be made by placing it in the offering plate located on the table in the aisle by the font or online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/giving.)

Offertory Anthem

Nolo mortem peccatoris

Thomas Morley
(c. 1557-1602)

Latin antiphon: *Nolo mortem peccatoris; Haec sunt verba Salvatoris* (Wishing not the death of sin; These are the words of Salvation.)

Father, I am thine only Son, Sent down from heaven mankind to save. Father, all things fulfilled and done According to thy will, I have. Father, my will now all is this: *Nolo mortem peccatoris*.

Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on every side; Ev'n from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied, but suffered all, and all for this. *Nolo mortem peccatoris*.

After the Offertory Anthem, the choir is censed. Then the people stand, are censed, and remain standing as the other offerings are brought forward and received with the following words.

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving Rite I, Prayer II

The people remain standing for the opening of the Eucharistic Prayer, which can be found on page 340 in the Book of Common Prayer. The responsive portions are provided below.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And with thy spi - rit. *Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up un - to the Lord. *Celebrant* Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant chants the Preface and Proper Preface followed by

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus/Benedictus

Hymnal S115

Missa Marialis

All

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he ☩ that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand as the Celebrant continues, speaking the Eucharistic prayer on behalf of the people (full text found on page 340 of the prayer book). As the prayer is concluding, the Celebrant chants the following, and the people respond with the Great Amen.

Celebrant By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

All

A - men.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal S119

Plainsong

All

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S159

Missa Marialis

All

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access

All **We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The Gifts of God ✠ for the People of God.

After the Blessed Sacrament has been distributed to the altar party and the choir, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. At the altar rail, all baptized Christians are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are not yet baptized are invited to indicate a desire to receive a blessing by crossing their arms upon arrival at the altar rail. (Our rector is always eager to speak with anyone who is not yet baptized about preparing for and receiving the sacrament of Baptism.)

For those receiving the Blessed Sacrament, a wafer will be placed in the palm of your hand or upon your tongue after which the chalice is offered. If you need a gluten-free wafer, you may request one from the priest at the altar rail. Should you wish to receive wine by intinction (dipping), allow the chalice bearer to take the wafer from your open palm and intinct for you. Should you be unable to manage the steps, please notify one of the ushers so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 158

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Postcommunion Prayer

Upon the Celebrant's invitation to prayer, the people kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

The Solemn Prayer over the People for Holy Week

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray thee graciously to behold this thy family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After the Solemn Prayer, the people stand.

Retiring Processional Hymn, No. 168

O sacred head, sore wounded

HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN
(PASSION CHORALE)

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After the dismissal, the altar party silently processes out as the Voluntary begins to play in somber recognition of our entry into the profound events that we will mark together through the services of Holy Week. You are invited to offer silent prayer and reflection as the Voluntary continues. Please depart the church in silence.

Voluntary

Choral Prelude on *Herzlich tut mich verlangen*

Dietrich Buxtehude
(c. 1637-17071)

Although the rector will not remain at the church doors, he will be available for conversation in the columbarium courtyard, and all are invited to join us in the Parish Hall for coffee hour. Thank you for worshipping with us.

The presence candle is given by Fr. Gary to the glory of God and in gratitude for all of the members of the St. Andrew's choir, altar guild, liturgical ministers, grounds volunteers, and staff as we begin the journey of Holy Week together.

Walking in the Way of the Cross The Journey of Holy Week

by Father Gary Eichelberger

Through the enduring liturgies of Holy Week, we have the opportunity each year to recognize and appreciate the ways in which our lives are bound up with and defined by the journey to the cross that Jesus of Nazareth took almost two thousand years ago.

As we enter Holy Week through the **Procession of the Palms** on **Palm Sunday**, we are invited to pray the following: “Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace.” It would be my hope for you that, as you prepare for Holy Week, you would consider this prayer and that, through the liturgies of Holy Week – as you walk in the way of the cross, you would recognize it to be just that – the way of life and peace.

On **Palm Sunday**, we start our journey by commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, where he was welcomed and lauded with “Hosannas!” as “the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” However, within a matter of minutes, we find ourselves, in the reading of the Passion Gospel, joining in the demands of the gathered crowd that has now turned against him. As we shout together “Crucify, crucify him!” we acknowledge that, through our sins, we are counted amongst those responsible for his suffering.

On **Monday and Tuesday evenings** of Holy Week, through our **special services of Holy Eucharist**, we first hear the account of Mary anointing Jesus’s feet with costly oil – which foreshadows both Jesus’s washing of the disciples’ feet on Maundy Thursday and his entombment on Good Friday – followed on Tuesday by the account of Jesus’s proclamation that “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.”

On **Wednesday evening**, following a Holy Week tradition in the church dating back to the eighth century, we gather for the **Tenebrae** service, where we will have the opportunity to meditate on a succession of scripture readings as a series of candles are extinguished until we find ourselves in near darkness—symbolizing the dwindling devotion of the disciples over the course of the trials of Holy Week.

On **Thursday**, we enter the **Paschal Triduum**, consisting of **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and the **Easter Vigil** – the three holiest days of the church year. As we approach the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil, it is helpful to recognize that, though they span three days, the services actually constitute **one continuous liturgy** taking us from the Last Supper to the Empty Tomb. Thus, there is no dismissal at the conclusion of either the Maundy Thursday or the Good Friday service.

On the evening of **Maundy Thursday**, we are called upon to remember the **Last Supper** that Christ shared with his disciples

on his way to the Cross and to recall how, through that meal, Christ **washed the feet of his disciples** and instructed them in preparation for the Eucharistic banquet that would become the center of the Church’s worship life after his resurrection.

As we then celebrate the Eucharist together on Maundy Thursday, we also prepare for an important distinction accorded to the two days that will follow. That is, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the only two days of the church year when the Eucharist may not be celebrated. In anticipation of this absence, we sanctify additional bread and wine such that the Body and Blood of Christ may be reserved for distribution at the Good Friday service and available to be taken to the sick, if needed, over the course of the following two days. These reserved gifts of bread and wine are then veiled and processed to an altar of repose in the Lady Chapel, where parishioners will be invited to **keep vigil in prayer** in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the hours between the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service and the beginning of the Good Friday service.

Before the Maundy Thursday service ends, however, the sanctuary must be prepared for the somber nature of the day that follows. Thus, as the congregation remains kneeling, the **stripping of the altar** takes place, whereby all ornaments are removed from the sanctuary. With the linens, altar hangings, sacred vessels, candles, and other adornments removed, the sanctuary is left dark and bare in anticipation of the continuation of the Triduum liturgy on Good Friday.

On **Good Friday**, a day of heightened self-examination, prayer, and fasting, we return to the church at noon and again in the early evening in solemn commemoration of the momentous events of this day. At noon, we gather at the church for the **Stations of the Cross** and symbolically walk the way of the cross, recalling, through prayers, images, and devotions, Christ’s journey from condemnation to cross. Then, in the early evening, we return for the **Good Friday Liturgy**, where we pray the **Solemn Collects**, we kneel in adoration for the **Procession of the Cross**, and we receive the Body and Blood of Christ from the **Reserved Sacrament**. We then depart in somber silence.

On the morning of **Holy Saturday**, we gather in the garden outside the church to engage in a simple, **brief liturgy of prayer and readings** marking this time in which our Savior was laid in the tomb. We then disburse and await the setting of the sun – so that we can come together again for the **Great Vigil of Easter** and complete the paschal liturgy with great joy and fanfare.

Having walked in the way of the cross together, we will then know it as the way of life and peace as we experience the present power and reality of the Risen Christ and together acclaim:

“The Lord is risen indeed!”

SAINT ANDREW'S HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10

8:30 AM, Low Mass with Liturgy of the Palms
10:30 AM, Solemn High Mass with Palm Procession

Monday in Holy Week, April 11, 6:30 PM, Low Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 12, 6:30 PM, Low Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 13 , 6:30 PM, Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 14

6:30 PM, Mass with Foot-Washing & Stripping of the Altar
followed by Vigil at the Altar of Repose in Lady Chapel

Good Friday, April 15

12:00 noon, Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM, Proper Liturgy for Good Friday

Holy Saturday, April 16

10:00 AM, Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday
7:30 PM, Great Vigil with First Eucharist of Easter

Sunday of the Resurrection, Easter Sunday, April 17

8:30 AM, Low Mass
10:00 AM, Flowering of the Cross and Digging Up the Alleluias
10:30 AM, Solemn High Mass

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Sign Up for Vigil at the Altar of Repose | The Vigil with the Reserved Sacrament at the Altar of Repose is an opportunity for each of us, during Holy Week, to respond to and reflect upon Christ's words to his disciples, "Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?" Following the Maundy Thursday service, the Reserved Sacrament will be kept on the Altar in the Lady Chapel until the Good Friday evening service. We have arranged for Officer Eric Center to be in the parking lot from 9 PM to 8 AM to ensure the safety of those coming during the night. Please consider signing up for an hour (via the Worship bulletin board, online sign-up, or e-mail to the office). If you would like to participate but have difficulty making it up the stairs, please let us know (either by speaking to Father Gary or contacting the office) so that arrangements can be made for an hour when the Reserved Sacrament can be downstairs.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Meeting | **Tuesday, April 19 | 6:30 PM | Parish Hall** All women of the parish are invited to attend! (Note: Due to Holy Week, this meeting has been moved to one week later than usual.) Our guest speaker will be Adelaide Gantt: "Biblical Herbs and their Significance." We will tour the garden in the columbarium and you may take home an herb for your garden or kitchen window! Dinner will be herbed frittata on greens, fruit, and rosemary cookies with ice cream. Please RSVP to Patty Slay or office@standrewsgreenville.org.

NEW OFFERING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN EASTER SEASON: Washed & Fed with Love: How Baptism & Eucharist Teach Us Who We Are & What We Are Called to Be | Wednesdays at 6:30 PM starting April 20 (Healing Mass will move to 5:30 PM)

As we seek to return to a fuller experience of our life in Christ together, we will return to the example of the early church – devoting ourselves to "the apostles' teaching and fellowship" (Acts 2:42) – through this opportunity to deepen our understanding of the "two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church" (Catechism, BCP 858). Thus, on Wednesday nights in Easter season, the Healing Mass will shift to 5:30 PM so that, following the Mass, we can gather in the Parish Hall for an hour of fellowship and learning (with light supper provided) starting at 6:30 PM. (Choir practice will follow at 7:30 PM.) Please join us – email office@standrewsgreenville.org if you plan to attend so we can get a head count for food purposes.

Parish Clean Up Day | **Saturday, April 23 | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM** | Volunteers needed to help with various projects around the church grounds. Weeders especially needed – bring your own hand tools. Lunch provided. Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Youth Group | **Sunday, April 24 | 5-7 PM** | Saint Andrew's youth and their friends in elementary through high school will have the opportunity to gather for a time of fun and fellowship. This month, the Shields will lead the gathering. Please RSVP to formation@standrewsgreenville.org.

Volunteers Needed | Feed Thy Neighbor Resumes Serving Indoors | Founded in 2010, Feed Thy Neighbor is a cooperative effort of the Episcopal community in Greenville. Parish volunteers from Saint Andrew's, St. Peter's, St. James, and Christ Church feed the hungry each Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 AM. At the onset of the pandemic, Feed Thy Neighbor suspended indoor seating and distributed brown bag meals, but, as of this weekend, they have resumed indoor gathering. As a result, we are seeking more volunteers to help serve and clean up. Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer.

Save the Dates! (More details forthcoming.)

- **Newcomer's Gathering at the Rector's House Sunday, May 1 | 5 to 7 PM**
- **Next Rebuild Upstate Work Day | Saturday, May 14**

Coffee Hour Has Resumed | We have resumed our regular coffee hour fellowship following the 10:30 AM mass. A sign up sheet can be found on the "Welcome" bulletin board in the Parish Hall or via online at www.standrewsgreenville.org/signup

Weekly Schedule

(see Holy Week Schedule on page 11)

Sundays

8:30 AM, Low Mass, Rite II
10:30 AM, Sung High Mass, Rite I (also via livestream)

Wednesdays in Easter Season

5:30 PM, Healing Mass, Rite II
(new time for Easter Season)

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church
(in Easter Season)

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
follows Healing Mass