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to St. Andrew's By-the-Sea

The Episcopal Church in Destin, Florida

part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion

WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, ST. ANDREW'S WELCOMES YOU!

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II

Before service speak to the Lord to prepare to worship.

During service the Lord will speak to you.

After service speak to one another.

Please, quiet your phone.



10:00 o'clock in the morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY • FEB. 19TH

TODAY is the Last Sunday after Epiphany. Lent begins on Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. The Gospel readings during the season of Epiphany have recalled events in the life of Christ that reveal Jesus' divinity. Today's Gospel places an exclamation point on these events, telling the story of the Transfiguration, with God recognizing Jesus as his son, as divine. The reading today finds Jesus again explaining his impact on "the Law." Jo+'s *bob mot* speaks to "coming down the mountain," as we turn into Lent. Jim+'s sermon reflects on this instance of God's using "shock and awe" to get Jesus' disciples attention – and ours.

PALMS BURNED TODAY We will burn the blessed Palms from last Palm Sunday after service today. The ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday for the imposition of ashes on our foreheads. Thanks to all who brought blessed palms to the church. Palms will be burned in the circle behind the church. All are invited to participate in this traditional ritual.

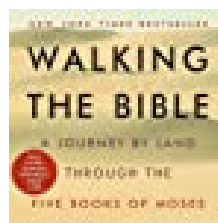
SEDER SET FOR WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Everyone is invited to our annual Christian Seder Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5. Sign-up is required for our Seder so that we can set a proper Seder table and prepare enough food for everyone. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. A free-will offering will help defray the cost of the meal. The Seder is the traditional Jewish Passover meal, which Jesus likely celebrated with his apostles at the Last Supper.

BY THE NUMBERS in our life as a parish:
Average Attendance January 2021 32
Average Attendance January 2022..... 35
Avg. Attendance 2023 to date..... 46
Predicted High Today in Destin.....65°
Predicted High Today in Toronto.....41°

LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY. We all will be invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p. 265). How will we respond?



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES We will gather for the Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 12 noon and 6 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 22. "Ashes to Go" will be offered in the Mountain Dr. parking lot after the noon service on Ash Wednesday. The ashes imposed on our foreheads are a sign of penitence and a reminder of our mortality. Ash Wednesday is the first of the 40 days of Lent.



LENT IS FOR LEARNING: SIGN UP NOW Our Lenten Bible study based on of the acclaimed PBS series

Walking the Bible will be offered on Wednesdays after our noon healing service, beginning on Wednesday, March 1. This is a chance to see where many Biblical events took place – without travelling or walking. See the flyer included in the bulletin for details on our plans for Lent.

WELCOME SNO-BIRDS Please, let us know how we can help you enjoy the community we love.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

RITE TWO

THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

To the Glory of God

Gerald Peterson

Procession Hymn 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

LAND OF REST

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria S 280

Powell

The Collect for Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament

Exodus 24:12-18

Moses has received the Ten Commandments and case laws verbally from God on Mount Sinai. The people of Israel have agreed to obey them in exchange for God being their god and protecting them.

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Epistle

2 Peter 1:16-21

This letter is written as Peter's last testament. An eyewitness to Jesus' life, he leaves the Christian community with a sound foundation for faith based on experience. As Jesus appeared at his transfiguration in glory, so he will again when he comes a second time.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Peter has confessed that Jesus is indeed the Messiah. Jesus has predicted that the Son of Man will come in God's glory before some present have died. Some see the Transfiguration as fulfilling this prediction.

The Holy Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.**Sermon**

The Reverend James J. Popham

Nicene Creed*Standing*

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.

The Prayers of the People

The Prayers of the People Form III are printed in their entirety in the bulletin and also on page 387 of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Father, we pray for the welfare of the people, leadership, and ministries of our fellow Christians at home and abroad. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (The Anglican Church of Rwanda), the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, in our diocese we pray for St. Thomas' in Citronelle, Alabama. Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Remembering especially Russell, our Bishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Jo and Jim our Rectors, and Coleen our Deacon.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Remembering especially Joe our President, Ron our Governor, Bobby our Mayor, and also for protection for our Armed Forces at home and abroad. We pray for all who speak where many listen and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Remembering those we love but see no more, for those we name aloud or silently... and for those known only to you Lord. Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially those who have asked for our healing prayers and those we name either silently or aloud....

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. You are invited to name your thanksgivings at this time, either aloud or silently....

Collect at the Prayers

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence...

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.

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.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory	<i>Rise and Rejoice</i>	Franklin Ritter
Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3)	<i>From all that dwell below the skies</i>	OLD 100th

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S 129

Powell

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, and of Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

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

followed by silence

Fraction Anthem

Invitation to Communion

ending with “The gifts of God, for the people of God.”

Communion Hymn 325

LET US BREAK BREAD

Let us pray.

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.

FAMILY PRAYERS

said together by the whole church family

for those celebrating BIRTHDAYS: **O God, our times are in your hands: look with favor, we pray on your servant(s) as he/she/they begin(s) another year, grant that he/she/they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her/their trust in your goodness all the days of his/her/their life/lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

for those celebrating ANNIVERSARIES: **O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his church: may these your servants love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience all the days of their life/lives together, and may they share their joy with others; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

for TRAVELERS: **O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: preserve all those who travel, surround him/her/them with your loving care; protect him/her/them from every danger, bring him/her/them in safety to his/her/their journey’s end, and return him/her/them to us renewed and refreshed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Exit Procession Hymn 135

Songs of thankfulness and praise

SALZBURG

The Dismissal

Postlude

Face to Face

Steven Scott

Process outside to where a fire has been set.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We gather here to turn these palms from last year's celebration of Palm Sunday into ashes.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Living God, in their life these palms drew life from the earth and gave it back to our air and the animals they hosted and sheltered; in the worship of our community, they helped us offer festive joy: Grant now, O God, that these palms, reduced to ashes, may be for us a sign of your power to purify our hearts. May we recognize your love at work in us, replanting our lives in the sure and humble soil of your truth and grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Merciful God, you called us from the dust of the earth, and claimed us for Christ in the waters of Baptism. Look upon us as we prepare for the forty days of Lent by burning these palms to create the ashes that will mark us as penitents. Bless us through our Lenten journey to the waters of new birth at Easter. **Amen.**

After the palms are all reduced to ashes they will be put through a sieve to use this Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday Services:

**Noon Healing Holy Eucharistic with imposition of Ashes
followed by "Ashes to Go" in the back circle drive**

6:00 PM Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharistic with imposition of ashes



a bon mot from jo+

This Sunday we again hear of our Lord Jesus Christ being transformed up on the mountain with some of his closest friends standing in awe. Jesus was transformed; God-light shone through him. Peter (and James and John) did not want that moment to end; they wanted to be with Jesus in that dazzling moment forever. Peter wanted to build three dwellings for the great prophets, Moses and Elijah and Jesus. Peter would have made booths for them to live in on that mountain. Peter (and the Zebedee brothers) wanted to put Jesus in a box.

Do we want to put God in a box? Wouldn't it be easier to have God be here in a box at church for us to visit once a week each Sunday? Or do we want to be transformed so that we can take Jesus, take God, with us to help transform the world outside our doors?

This week we must come down from the mountain. In our liturgical calendar this Wednesday we will enter the desert. We will be transformed from being filled with the light of Epiphany season to wearing ashes as we begin our journey through Lent. But we can take the transfiguration with us on the path, walking together. As we travel, we have the opportunity to reveal God to others just as Jesus did. We repent of our sins and shortcomings, yes, but we can model repentance to one another and people outside our "box." In so doing we can help heal our little corner of the world as Jesus did. God can and will transform us all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE•

For immediate concerns: Our prayer partner, St. Andrew's in Boca Grande, FL for recovery from hurricane damage, Joan A., Amy, Dee Anderson, Brian & Elliot, Dennis Broomell, Ericca Cavender-Caldwell, Michael Collins, Charles Cook, Jim Cooper, Henry Davis, Kate Driggers, Steven Eldridge, Al Everett, Kiera Giovanini, Stan Hall, Jeffrey King, Peg Kuehn, Frances & Simon Lovich, Veronica Ludwig, Alys Martin, Dorothy Martin, Lee Michaud, Nancy Middlebrook, Jeanie Noel. Mike Patterson, Stacy Peloquin, the Perez family, Jo Popham, Sara Popham, Rachael, Tom & Sandy Reed, Rodney, Kevin Rosendorf, Ann Seaton, Bob & Rosalie Smith, Tricia Spencer, Aleeta Traendly, Braiden Walker, David Wallerstein, Natalie Nelson Ward, Rob Ward, Henry & Margie Wyatt

For the repose of the soul: Father Angelo, Mark Bonner, Jason Britt, Mike Brown, B.J. Cannon, Georgene Chidsey, Dora Clark, Abbie Colson, Donna Gullstrand Davidson, Mick Glover, Larry Griffin, Jessica Harris, Fr. John Hicks, Ruth Hopkins, Tammy Hughes, Ellison Ingram, John Johnson, Richard Johnson, Carl Edward Kimberlin, William Lee, Nirvanka Lovich, The Rev. Anthony MacWhinnie, Alan McGlynn, Isabel Messina, Kay Moody, Paul Naughton, Frank Novak, Anne O'Ferrell, Tony Pedigo, Tara Perez, David Puckett, Brig. Gen. Ben Skardon, Heather Thomson, Danny Turner, Burton L. Wade III, Charles Walker, John Weinard

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (The Anglican Church of Rwanda)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Thomas' in Citronelle, Alabama

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: The inmates and their families, and the staff of Bay Correctional Facility and Juvenile Facility in Panama City, Florida, for the victims of crime everywhere, and for captives, refugees, and evacuees, and all who remember and care for them.

• Please, call or email the church to add or change the status of someone on the prayer list.

Jesus Christ is Head of the Church

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick

4th Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

The Revs. James J. & Jo P. Popham

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Karen P. Lowe

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Organist and Music Director

Barbara J. Nelson

Treasurer (non-stipendiary)

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Class of 2023

Kathy McGee

Palma Jorgensen

Barbara Nelson

Class of 2024

Ron Marro

Class of 2025

Judy King

Karen P. Lowe, Clerk of Vestry

Our Sunday service is live streamed on Facebook. You do NOT need to be on Facebook or have your own Facebook page to attend the virtual services. And you can view full services at a later time or later date. Simply click on the following link or paste it into your browser when you are on the Internet:

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsdestin/?rf=120478911623728>

Stay safe, be well, and we will see you on the Internet.

Wednesday Lenten Series 2023

Jo and two of the children were in the cast of the stage musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. As was habit her habit, Jo took the children out of school the day the show opened to take flowers and gifts to other actors. She always gave the children something they could wear throughout the run of the show. Troy's gift was a Star of David that he continued to wear long after the show. At church camp that next summer a fellow camper asked him why he, a Christian, was wearing a Jewish medallion. His indignant response was classic: "Jesus was a Jew!" We Christians who worship the King of the Jews are related to Jesus the Jew. This year during Lent we will embrace our Jewish roots as we travel through the Old Testament.

For our Lenten Study Series we will follow "A Journey by Land Through the Five Books of Moses" a series called *WALKING THE BIBLE*. Each week we will watch a segment of the DVD series and then have a discussion. We will visit Mount Ararat where Noah's ark landed, we will trek to the desert outpost where Abraham first heard the words of God, and scale the summit where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

We highly recommend *Walking the Bible* – the book and this DVD series – that will take us by rowboat and jeep and camel across three continents through the stories shared by Christians and Jews.

We will offer this Bible study after the healing service on Wednesdays – BYOL – *bring your own lunch*. We will hold evening sessions if a sufficient number of people sign up.

The Lenten Wednesday Schedule:

March 1st
March 8th
March 15th
March 22nd
March 29th

Midday schedule:

Noon – Healing service
12:30 p.m. – Bag Lunch
1:00 p.m. – DVD Bible Study

Evening Schedule (if it makes):

5:30 p.m. – "Stations of the Cross"
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Souper
(a simple soup supper)
6:30 p.m. – DVD Bible Study

Holy Week Schedule:

5:30 p.m. – "Stations of the Cross"
Holy Week, Monday – Friday

Wednesday, April 5th:

5:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross"
6:00 p.m. – A Christian Seder

Sign up is required for our Seder so that we can set a proper Seder table and prepare enough food for everyone. A free-will offering will help defray the cost of the meal.

A Christian Seder • Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m.

The order of service for our Seder – a *Christian Haggadah* – is all inclusive and incorporates everything needed for our Passover Seder with the symbolic Passover meal.

A full traditional Passover dinner will be after this Seder. A sign-up sheet for the Seder is on the table in the Narthex, or you can call the office to add your name to the list.

This year the Jewish Passover begins at sunset on April 5th so it is a very appropriate time to do our Christian Seder.