

WELCOME

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 17, 2024

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

5TH SUNDAY IN LENT ANNOUNCEMENTS • MARCH 17TH

TODAY is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. There is only one Sunday left in Lent. Jim+’s sermon poses some questions suggested by today’s Gospel reading. Jo+’s *bon mot* reminds us how easily we can avoid being distracted from God’s presence in our lives.

WHAT LENT DEMANDS We are encouraged to observe a holy Lent, “by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.”

SPEAKING OF GOD’S HOLY WORD...

Our Lenten Bible Study continues this Wednesday after the noon service. During Lent we will practice a different spiritual discipline for 20-25 minutes each week and then study a reading from the coming Sunday.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT After reviewing the report and recommendations of the Stewardship Realty team, the diocese determined *not* to enter the next phase of their development proposal. The decision of the diocese is harmonious with an informal consensus of our vestry. However, this takes us back to square one in our efforts to develop our property and preserve St. Andrew’s and our ministries. Our vestry has begun discerning other options for developing our property. We also anticipate working with the diocese in our continuing discernment. But we should appreciate, too, that at no cost to us, Stewardship Realty invested meaningfully in their analyses, and we should be grateful for their findings and insights.

EASTER FLOWERS You can share in decorating the church for Easter by ordering Easter flowers, which may be dedicated to a dear one’s memory or given in thanksgiving for a special blessing. Forms for placing orders are available in the narthex (lobby).

HOLY WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY



Holy Week has been a time of special devotion for centuries. The Holy Week liturgies track the last days of Jesus’ life, leading up to his crucifixion and, ultimately, his resurrection. The full impact of Holy Week can be appreciated only by participation in each of the services. Our schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 24, 2024 10 a.m.

**PALM SUNDAY AND
SUNDAY OF THE PASSION**

WEAR RED!

**Blessing and Distribution of the
Palms (in the parlor)**

Outdoor procession

Coffee and donuts

Procession to the Nave

Passion of the Lord

Reading the Passion

Holy Eucharist

Leaving in silence

Monday-Friday 5:30 pm

WAY OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 6 p.m.

TENEBRAE

Thursday, March 28, 2024 6 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST

**with foot washing and
stripping of the altar**

Friday, March 29, 2024 12 noon

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Saturday, March 30, 2024 10 a.m.

HOLY SATURDAY MATINS

(MORNING PRAYER)

Sunday, March 31, 2024 10 a.m.

EASTER DAY HOLY EUCHARIST

HOLY EUCHARIST • RITE II

Prelude

I Surrender All

Lyndell Leatherman

Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Procession Hymn 448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* **DEUS TUORUM MILITUM**

Opening Acclamation

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

His mercy endures for ever.

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.**

Trisagion S 102 *Sing through 3 times.*

ARCHANGELSKY

Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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

Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

In a time of political and religious convulsions, Jeremiah comforts the people of both northern and southern Israel. Despite their past infidelity, God will act for his people, in a new way.

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.

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

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

**6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

**12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

New Testament

Hebrews 5:5-10

The author has outlined the role of the Jewish high priest. Now he compares, and contrasts, Christ with him.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

The festival of Passover, an occasion when both Jews and others who hold God in awe, approaches – as does Jesus' death on the cross.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Reverend James J. Popham

Nicene Creed*Standing as we are able*

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 Form II are found in their entirety in the bulletin and on page 385 of the *Book of Common Prayer*. *In the silence after each bidding, we may offer our own prayers.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for the welfare of the people, leadership, and ministries of our fellow Christians at home and abroad; for Russell our Bishop, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, for Jim and Jo our Rectors.

I ask your prayers for Christian Unity, in particular, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Church Wales. In our own Diocese I ask your prayers for the St. James in Fairhope, Alabama. I ask our prayers for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people; for Joe our President, for the leaders of all nations, for Ron our Governor, Bobby our Mayor, all in local authority, and for all who speak where many listen. Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, remembering those who have asked for our prayers, especially those we name aloud or silently, *Silence...* and for those known only to you, Lord, for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, especially in Graceville Correctional Facility in Graceville, Florida. Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence...*

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

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially for those we name aloud or silently. Pray for those who have died. *Silence...*

I bid your further petitions. *Silence...*

I bid your thanksgivings for all the blessings of this life. *Silence...*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially Blessed St. Andrew and those whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence...*

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Do You Believe in Me

Dallas Holm

Solo: Don Hutchison

Doxology

All things come of thee, O Lord.

And of thy own have we given thee.

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 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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus, S-129, Powell

Standing or kneeling as we are able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.**

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

Silence is observed.

Fraction Anthem S 157 Agnus Dei

Merbeck

Invitation to Communion (ending with *"The gifts of God, for the people of God"*)

*Christ is fully present in the bread and in the wine, so we may partake of either or both.
We may drink the wine from the chalice (the common cup), or we may intinct using the
small chalice offered by the acolyte.*

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

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 448 *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* **DEUS TUORUM MILITUM,**

The Dismissal

Postlude

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Daniel Towner

Service Schedule



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 24, 2024
Wear Red!



HOLY WEEK

Monday, March 25, 2024

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Thursday, March 28, 2024

Friday, March 29, 2024

Saturday, March 30, 2024

Sunday, March 31, 2024



EASTER

**Palm Sunday at 10:00am Beginning in the Parlor
Followed by coffee & donuts before
processing to the Nave of the church for the
Passion of the Lord**

Reading the Passion, Holy Eucharist

The Way of the Cross at 5:30pm in the Nave

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Tenebrae at 6:00pm in the Nave

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Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm in the Nave

Good Friday service at Noon in the Nave

The Way of the Cross at 5:30pm in the Nave

Holy Saturday Matins (Morning Prayer) at 10:00am

Easter Day Holy Eucharist at 10:00am



What or who is the ruler of our lives?

Who is the ruler of this world? Who or what have we allowed to bedevil us – to be our *de facto* ruler? So often I have allowed the news, or my connection to people via the computer and my phone to rule my life. We left our computers at home on our recent train trip on The City of New Orleans, and our stay in Memphis at The Peabody Hotel, we did not even turn on the television. We did not allow communications devices to rule our lives. And we rested, really rested for the first time in a long time. Only a few other times in my life have I have been without access to the news

and to immediate communications with the world, or at least my world. And I survived, even thrived without my devices, without the television, without my computer, and my phone. Bishop Russell was with his fellow bishops in Texas, but a nearby clergy friend was on call for any pastoral emergency, so I knew you all were covered.

Once was when Jim and I were on a sailing cruise in the Caribbean. It was just after we had sent the first troops to Afghanistan. For a news hound, to be without news of what was happening to our soldiers abroad was unthinkable. So I took my tiny little battery operated television. If I went to the stern of the boat I could sometimes pick up a television signal when we were close to one of the islands. But the first night out to sea, I got caught. The crew took my television from me. And I learned to relax and give myself to the sea, to my prayers, to the opportunity to not be informed, to not be in charge. It was a blessed time.

Again on a trip home to Louisiana to bury my beloved sister-in-law we left our computers and phones off. We chose to be totally present to my brother and to my whole family for five days. Kaye's death was a blow to everyone; she was the first of our generation to die. But it was equally hard for the generation after us, because she was the first parent to die. But, being free of electronic distractions allowed us to listen and tell stories about Kaye and celebrate her life. My church wardens had a landline phone number where they could reach me, but thankfully there was no emergency in my parish. But there was a particularly newsworthy event that I missed. The then Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams announced he would be stepping down. And my not having that news did not "blow up" my world. There was a time when it might have been debilitating not to have had the news right away – a time when my desire to be informed ruled me?

And most recently when I was in the hospital 2 years ago for my big back surgery, I was so "out of it" for seven days that I didn't ask Jim for my phone or even ask where it was. Even after that first week all I had to do was to focus on my movements and physical therapy, by not allowing my phone or the in-room television (which I never turned on) to rule my life.

God is always speaking to us, but we do not always listen. We do not always need pain to act as God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world. All we need to do is make a conscious choice to listen. That might have been a good discipline this Lent, but that would have been really difficult in this year of war in Eastern Europe and in the Middle East. But let me suggest an alternative gift to ourselves during the great 50 days of Easter this year. Let us limit the distracting things that rule our time and our lives and stay in touch with God and the resurrected Christ Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE•

For immediate concerns: Joan A., Amy, Dee Anderson, Carolyn Bell, Brian & Elliot, Dennis Broomell, Kathy Brown, Father Ben Chase, Bob & Barbara Colwell, Michael Collins, Charles Cook, Jim Cooper, Judy Cranch, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Betty Jo Dahnke, Henry Davis, Kate Driggers, Byron Driver, Steven Eldridge, Mike G., Donna & Kiera Giovanni, Stan Hall, Marion Hargraves, Ordie Howell, Lynda Jacobs, Janet, Jeffrey King, Peg Kuehn, Kory Knacke, Chuck Lobello, Frances & Simon Lovich, Veronica Ludwig, Barbe Lund, Elizabeth Mahler, Nanette Malave, Ron Marro, Alys Martin, Dorothy Martin, Jim McCray, Kathy McGee, Lee Michaud, Nancy Middlebrook, Mike, Bob Monnier, Nikki & Brock, Jeanie Noel, Frances Norton, Goldie Parson, Mike Patterson, Stacy Peloquin, Kevin & Rodney Penny, Cheryl Perez, Dianne Pope, Jo Popham, Sara Popham, Rachael, Tom & Sandy Reed, Ed & Dee Richardson, Robert, Angelique Robson, Rodney, Roger, Kevin Rosendorf, Thomas Ross, Ivy Sanders, Ann Seaton, Bob & Rosalie Smith, Coleen Smith, Tricia Spencer, Laura & Ted Sulla, Aleeta Traendly, Tamara Tomczak, Betty Turnage, Patsy Voigjt, Braiden Walker, David Wallerstein, Natalie Nelson Ward, Rob Ward, Ed & Julie Warfield, Molly White

For the repose of the soul: Father Angelo, Zonnie Patterson Back, Jason Britt, Mike Brown, Georgene Chidsey, Dora Clark, Abbie Colson, Jennifer Gambles Dyess, Renee Eggers, Mick Glover, Larry Griffin, Fr. John Hicks, Ruth Hopkins, Ellison Ingram, Charles Steven Kern, John Johnson, Richard Johnson, Mildred Jolley, Carl Edward Kimberlin, Nirvanka Lovich, Larry Lowe, Diane McCray, Alan McGlynn, Deacon Mike, Miles & Lannie, Paul Naughton, Frank Novak, Lawrence Norton, Anne O'Ferrell, Tony Pedigo, Candice Penny, Tara Perez, John Ross, Shauna Sheets-Penny, Danny Turner, Burton L. Wade III, Charles Walker, Pittman Watson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church Wales

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. James in Fairhope, Alabama, and the Chaplains to Retired Clergy and their Spouses

Diocesan Prison Ministry Cycle: The inmates and their families, and the staff of Graceville Correctional Facility in Graceville, 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

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SHARE IN DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER WITH EASTER FLOWERS

Please place in the offering plate or give to Karen in the Parish Office
by noon on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 so that your intention can be noted in the Easter bulletin.

Given by _____
Name(s) Phone

Amount Enclosed _____
(\$20.00 minimum—your donation must accompany this slip)

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and:

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