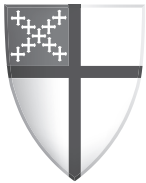


SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 2, 2023 · 8:30 AM
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 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!

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The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

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

– Adapted from *The Anglican Service Book*.

The service will begin with the people gathered at the font for the Liturgy of the Palms. Please note that we have added hymns to this service as we enter Holy Week together.

Liturgy of the Palms

Opening Anthem and Prayer

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

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Gospel of the Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Blessing of the Palms

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

As the following responsive words are said, the palms are distributed to those who have not yet received them. The words may be repeated until all have received.

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

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

The Procession

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

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

As Hymn 154 begins, the Server, carrying the Crucifix, leads the people in procession up the aisle to their respective pews where they continue to stand while holding their palms. The Celebrant follows the people. As the hymn continues, the Server and Celebrant proceed to the sanctuary where the service continues with the Collect.

Processional Hymn, No. 154, v. 1,3, & 5

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,
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
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.
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

The Word of God

The Collect for the Sunday of the Passion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

After the Collect, the people sit.

First Lesson

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 *(said responsively by whole verse)*

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

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.**

The Passion Gospel

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 parts denoted "Crowd." The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.

Narrator The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus You say so.

Narrator But when Jesus was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer.
Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Narrator But Jesus gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to the crowd,

Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator For Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests and the elders had handed Jesus over. While Pilate was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Narrator And the crowd said,

Crowd **Barabbas.**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Narrator All of them said,

Crowd **Let him be crucified!**

Narrator Then Pilate asked,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Narrator But the crowd shouted all the more,

Crowd **Let him be crucified!**

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowd **His blood be on us and on our children!**

Narrator So Pilate released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped Jesus and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldier Hail, King of the Jews!

Narrator They spat on Jesus, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, the soldiers came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry Jesus' cross.

All stand.

And when the soldiers came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered Jesus wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over Jesus' head they put the charge against him, which read,*Soldier* This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Narrator Then two bandits were crucified with Jesus, one on his right and one on his left.

Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Passerby 1 You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself!

Passerby 2 If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking Jesus, saying,

Chief Priest He saved others; he cannot save himself.

Scribe He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

Elder He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if God wants to; for this man said,
“I am God’s Son.”

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with Jesus also taunted him in the same way.
From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?

Narrator that is,

Jesus My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander 1 This man is calling for Elijah.

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystander 2 Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and 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.

At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion Truly this man was God’s Son!

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, Bob, David, Deirdre, Dick, Didi, Duane, Emily, Ginger, Jane, Jean, Jim, Jodi, Kathy, Ken, Leigh Ann, Lucy, Luke, Lydee, Margaret Lee, Marvin, Mary, Mike, Millie, Nancy, Patt, Robert, Sam, Sandy, Shawn, Stacy, Steve, Sylvia, 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 also with you.**

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

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

After the Announcements, the Celebrant invites those celebrating their birthdays or anniversaries to come forward. If anyone comes forward, the Celebrant invites the people to stand and join in the following prayer

All **Almighty and gracious God, we give you thanks for each of these your 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 your peace which passes all understanding abide in their hearts all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy Communion

The Offertory

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 as the altar is set and other offerings are collected from the people. After the altar is set, the people stand again as the other offerings are brought forward and remain standing for the opening of the eucharistic prayer.

The Great Thanksgiving Rite II, Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus/Benedictus

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he ☩ who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand, and the Celebrant continues

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:

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

Celebrant 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.

All **AMEN.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Invitation to Communion

The Celebrant then faces the people and says the following Invitation

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

After the priest and the server have received, all are welcome to come forward to the altar rail. 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 the usher so that Holy Communion can be administered at your pew.

Communion Hymn, No. 474

When I survey the wondrous cross

ROCKINGHAM

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **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.**

The Solemn Prayer over the People for Holy Week

Celebrant Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your 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 lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

After the Solemn Prayer, the people stand, and the Celebrant leads the following dismissal prior to the procession.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After the dismissal, the Server and Celebrant silently process out 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 remain for a time of silent prayer and reflection. When departing the church, please do so in silence.

Although the rector will not remain at the church doors, he will be available for conversation in the columbarium courtyard. Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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. The following prayer from the Palm Sunday liturgy offers an appropriate intention for the entire week: “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, 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 “Let him be crucified!” 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 2

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

Monday in Holy Week, April 3, 6:30 PM, Low Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week, April 4, 6:30 PM, Low Mass

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 5, 6:30 PM, Tenebrae

Maundy Thursday, April 6

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 7

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

Holy Saturday, April 8

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 9

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

Special Reminders For Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday | If you plan to participate in the Washing of the Feet, remember to wear shoes and socks that can be easily removed.

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 Sgt. Luke Paramore 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.

Proper Liturgy for Good Friday with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament | As is the tradition for many Episcopal churches, we will collect a Good Friday Offering this year that will go to support Christians in the Middle East – specifically, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

Great Vigil With the First Eucharist of Easter | Please bring bells or keys with you to the Great Vigil to ring at the Easter Acclamation!

Easter Sunday: The Sunday of the Resurrection | If you have children – or just a childlike spirit, please plan to arrive by 10 AM to participate in the Flowering of the Cross and the Digging Up the Alleluias! For the Flowering of the Cross, please bring cut flowers from your home to decorate the cross that will be on the lawn in front of the church.

Announcements & Upcoming Events

Guest Organist at our 8:30 AM Mass Today and Easter Sunday | In celebration of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, we welcome Saint Andrew's parishioner, Lee Gray, as our guest organist for the 8:30 AM service. We are grateful for Lee's offering of his gifts in service to our worship as we celebrate mass this day.

Saint Andrew's Book Club | Today | 12:45 PM At the home of Anne Marie Currier (22 Arcadia Circle, 29605)
We will be discussing *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton. Please text your RSVP to 864-517-2116.

The Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession) in Lent | While it is appropriate to make confession at any point during the year, it is especially so in Lent. To that end, this announcement serves as a reminder that Fr. Gary is available by appointment to hear confessions. If you would like to know more about the Rite of Reconciliation (BCP 447-452), we have copies of Fr. Martin L. Smith's *Reconciliation: Preparing for Confession* in the Episcopal Church in the parish library, or you are welcome to contact Fr. Gary with any questions that you may have.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) | "Walking the Labyrinth" | Tuesday, April 11 | 5:30 PM | Saint Andrew's Parish Hall | Our program will be "Walking the Labyrinth" Our guest speaker, Chris Weddington, is a Veriditas Certified Labyrinth Facilitator from St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Please bring a small plate of a sweet or savory hors d'oeuvres and your preferred beverage.

Requiem Mass for Bill Barutio | Saturday, April 15 11 AM | Saint Andrew's | A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. A Committal at Mepkin Abbey (near Charleston, SC) will take place at a later date.

Rebuild Upstate: Next Workday | Saturday, April 22 PLEASE SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! | Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church will once again team up with Rebuild Upstate to help address critical home repair needs for our disabled, low-income and elderly sisters and brothers in neighborhoods around the church. Any skill level and all ages are welcome. You may work for as long as your schedule permits on the work day. The workday is estimated to run from 8AM to 5PM, but if you are only available part of the day, please sign up anyway! Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/rebuild

Youth Group | Sunday, April 23 | 4-6 PM
Continuing this month, 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 on the fourth Sunday evening of the month. Please RSVP to formation@standrewsgreenville.org.

Quarterly Planning Lunch Meeting | Wednesday, April 26 | Noon | Our next quarterly planning meeting with the leaders of all parish ministries will meet in the parish hall at noon.

Volunteers needed for Saint Andrew's Team! | Hands on Greenville (HOG) Day | Saturday, May 6 | 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM | Phyllis Wheatley Community Center | Join the Saint Andrew's Team as we get things clean and neat at the Phyllis Wheatley Community Center! We will be spreading mulch, picking up trash around facility, count/inventory all tables and chairs, clean/disinfect tables and chairs, organize storage room and small cleaning closets, and organize kitchen cabinets. You can bring your own tools (shovels, etc). County will provide some. Water will also be available or bring a reusable bottle for the water fountains. Following our work task, there will be an "after party" from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM at Fluor Field with food, beverages and live music. Ages 10 and up are encouraged to volunteer. Sign up at www.standrewsgreenville.org/hogday

Newcomer's Gathering at the Rector's House Sunday, May 7 | 5 to 7 PM | All newcomers, both recent visitors and new members, are invited to a casual get together with the vestry, Father Gary, and leaders of various church ministries, on the evening of Sunday, May 7, at the Eichelbergers' house. RSVP to office@standrewsgreenville.org. If you are a newcomer, please make sure that you take a printed invitation with you today (located in narthex).

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

Every Third Wednesday of the Month

5:00 PM Rosary in Church

Every Fourth Wednesday of the Month

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
follows Healing Mass



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