

A Service for Palm Sunday for All Ages

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*It all begins here, again. Today is Palm Sunday. It is as if during the season of Lent we have been wandering around, outside the gates of Jerusalem and today, we cross the threshold into Holy Week. Something significant changes, if we are paying attention. Today, we begin outside with a festive atmosphere. Palms waving, we parade down the street crying Hosanna! Suddenly, the mood changes as we discover “king” in the kingdom of God means something different than we are used to.*

### The Liturgy of the Palms

*We gather by the sidewalk.*

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

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

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 holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Having said this, Jesus went ahead with the ascent to Jerusalem. Approaching Bethphage and Bethany, near what is called the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of the disciples with these instructions: “Go into the village ahead of you. Upon entering it, you’ll find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and lead it back. If anyone should ask you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Rabbi needs it.’” They departed on their errand and found things just as Jesus had said. As they untied the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you doing that?” They explained that the Rabbi needed it. Then the disciples led the animal to Jesus and, laying their cloaks on it, helped him mount. People spread their cloaks on the roadway as Jesus rode along. As they reached the descent from the Mount of Olives, the entire crowd of disciples joined them and began to rejoice and praise God loudly for the display of power they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of our God!

Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" Jesus replied, "I tell you, if they were to keep silent, the very stones would cry out!"

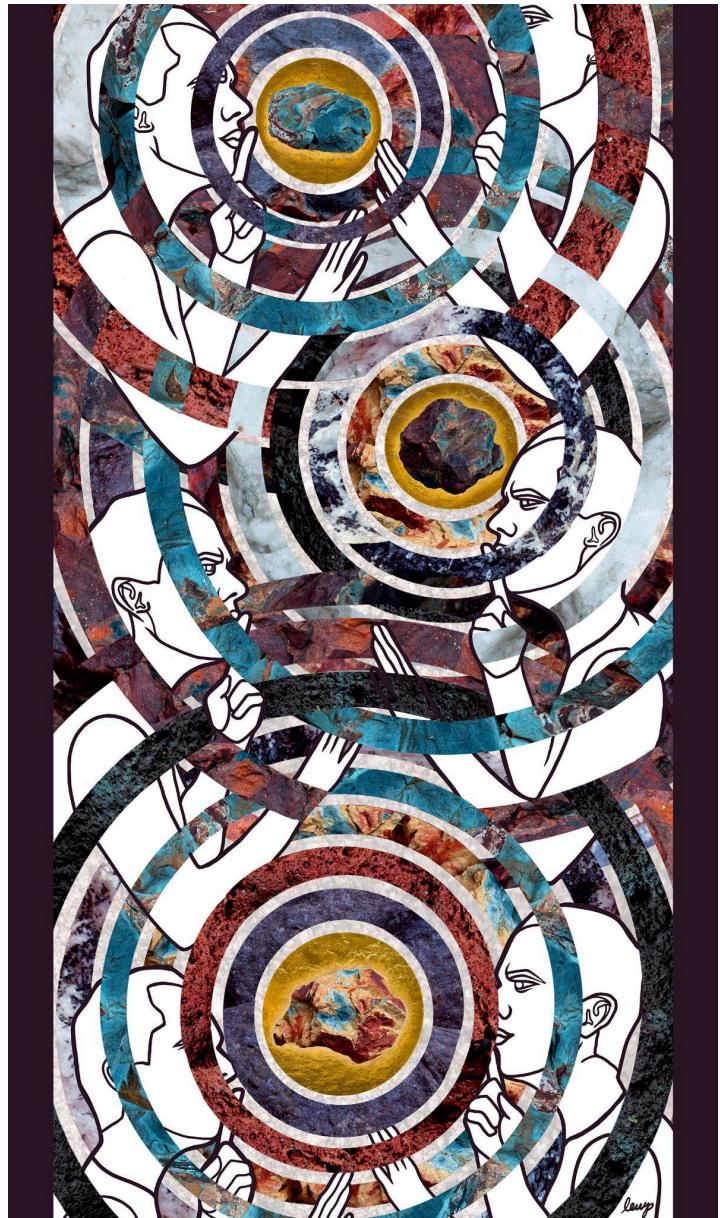
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Blessing of the Palms  
God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

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

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
Let us go forth in peace.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*Even the Stones Cry Out*  
by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman  
Inspired by Luke 19:28-40  
Digital painting with photo collage

## The Procession

*Join us for the procession around the block, or meet us back in the sanctuary.*



1. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -  
2. Glo - ry, — Glo - ry, — Glo - ry to the King of kings!

5  
san - na, Ho-san - na, Ho-san - na in the high - est!  
Glo - ry, — Glo - ry, — Glo - ry to the King of kings!

9  
Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;

13  
Be ex-alt - ed, oh Lord, my God! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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*We process into the sanctuary and take our places, standing as able.*

The Sermon

The Rev. Cyndi Jones



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Song

*We are Marching in the Light of God*



1. We are march-ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.
2. We are sway - ing in the light of God, we are sway - ing in the light of God.
3. We are danc - ing in the light of God, we are danc - ing in the light of God.



We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God.  
We are sway - ing in the light of God, we are sway - ing in the light of God.  
We are danc - ing in the light of God, we are danc - ing in the light of God.



We are march-ing, Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.  
We are sway - ing, Oo, we are sway - ing in the light of God.  
We are danc - ing, Oo, we are danc - ing in the light of God.



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We are sway - ing, Oo, we are sway - ing in the light of God.  
We are danc - ing, Oo, we are danc - ing in the light of God.

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The Collect

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

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

## The Lessons

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

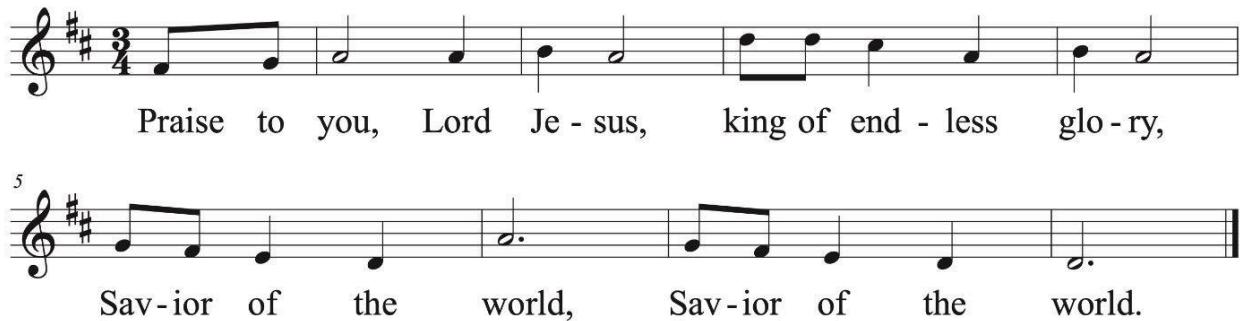
I want you to think the way Jesus thought. He was God and yet he wasn't so full of himself that he needed to take advantage of being God. He emptied God's self of the privileges God has, and was born as a servant. He humbled himself and became obedient, as we should be. Jesus let God lead him wherever God wanted him to go. God rewarded him and lifted him on God's shoulders. Now Jesus' name is the name that makes us all bow down to him. All of creation knows him and worships him. Everyone should know that Jesus is Lord, and brings glory to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Lenten Gospel Acclamation



Praise to you, Lord Je-sus, king of end-less glo-ry,  
Sav-ior of the world, Sav-ior of the world.

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## The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*The congregation remains seated as the gospel reading begins and shouts the words that are in bold.*

Then the whole assembly arose and led Jesus to Pilate. They began to accuse Jesus by saying, “We found this one subverting our nation, opposing the payment of taxes to Caesar and even claiming to be Messiah, a king.” Then Pilate questioned Jesus: “Are you the King of the Jews?” “You have said it.” Jesus answered. Then Pilate reported to the chief priests and the crowds: “I find no guilt in him!” But they insisted, “He stirs up the people wherever he teaches, through the whole of Judea, from Galilee to Jerusalem.”

On hearing this, Pilate asked whether Jesus was a Galilean, and learning that Jesus was from Herod's jurisdiction, sent Jesus off to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at this time. Now, at the sight of Jesus, Herod was very pleased. From the reports he had heard about Jesus, he had wanted for a long time to see him. Herod hoped to see Jesus perform some miracle. Herod questioned him at great length, but Jesus wouldn't answer. The chief priests and religious scholars stood there, accusing Jesus vehemently. So Herod and the soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and ridicule, put a magnificent robe upon him and sent him back to Pilate. Herod and Pilate, who had previously been set against each other, became friends that day.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the ruling class and the people, and said to them, "You have brought this person before me as someone who incites people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for any charge against him arising from your allegations. Neither has Herod, for Jesus has been sent back to us. Obviously, he has done nothing to deserve death. Therefore, I will punish Jesus, but then I will release him."

Pilate was obligated to release one prisoner to the people at festival time. The whole crowd cried out as one, "**Take him away! We want Barabbas!**" Barabbas had been imprisoned for starting a riot in the city, and for murder. Pilate wanted to release Jesus, so he addressed them again. But they shouted back, "**Crucify him, crucify him!**" Yet a third time, Pilate spoke to the crowd, "What wrong has this Jesus done? I've found nothing that calls for death! Therefore, I'll have him flogged, and then I'll release him." But they demanded that Jesus be crucified, and their shouts increased in volume. Pilate decided that their demands should be met. So he released Barabbas, the one who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and Jesus was handed over to the crowd.

As they led Jesus away, they seized Simon—a Cyrenean who was just coming in from the fields—and forced him to carry the cross behind Jesus. A large crowd was following, many of them women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. At one point, Jesus turned to these women and said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, don't weep for me! Weep rather for yourselves and for your children! The time is coming when it will be said, 'Blessed are the childless, the wombs that have never given birth and the breasts that have never nursed.' Then people will say to the mountains, 'Fall on us!' and to the hills, 'Cover us up!' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

When they had reached the place called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there—together with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [And Jesus said, “Abba forgive them. They don’t know what they are doing.”] Then they divided his garments, rolling dice for them. The people stood there watching. The rulers, however, jeered him and said, “He saved others, let him save himself—if he really is the Messiah of God, the Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him. They served Jesus sour wine and said, “If you are really the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was an inscription above Jesus that read, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who hung there beside him insulted Jesus, too, saying, “Are you really the Messiah? Then save yourself—and us!” But the other answered the first with a rebuke: “Don’t you even fear God? We are only paying the price for what we have done, but this one has done nothing wrong!” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your glory.” Jesus replied, “The truth is, today you’ll be with me in paradise!”

It was about noon, and darkness fell on the whole land until three in the afternoon, because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the curtain in the sanctuary was torn in two, and Jesus uttered a loud cry and said, “Abba, into your hands I commit my spirit.” Saying this, Jesus breathed for the last time. The centurion who saw this glorified God, saying, “Surely this one was innocent.” When the crowds that had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they returned home beating their breasts and weeping. All the acquaintances of Jesus and the women who had come with him from Galilee stood at a distance, looking on.

## The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## Community Announcements

### The Offertory

Let us walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Hymn

*Turning Over Tables*

*The Brilliance*

Fear runs deep  
Spreading like a virus  
Hate is cheap  
From afar it costs you nothin'  
You can take my hand  
Together we will stand  
Open up your heart and find

Love is turnin' over tables  
Breakin' off chains  
When I see you in the stranger  
I'm no longer a slave  
Turnin' over tables  
Tearin' down walls  
Buildin' up the bridges  
Between us all

Let courage be  
My willingness to listen  
So I can feel  
The wound inside my heart  
Let seeds of peace  
Grow in hearts around us  
That trees of hope  
Give shade to humankind

You can take my hand  
Together we will stand  
Open up your heart and find

Love is turnin' over tables  
Breakin' off chains  
When I see you in the stranger  
I'm no longer a slave  
Turnin' over tables  
Tearin' down walls  
Buildin' up the bridges  
Between us all

None can separate  
All that love has made  
We are everyone the same  
We refuse to be  
The other's enemy  
We will stand for humankind

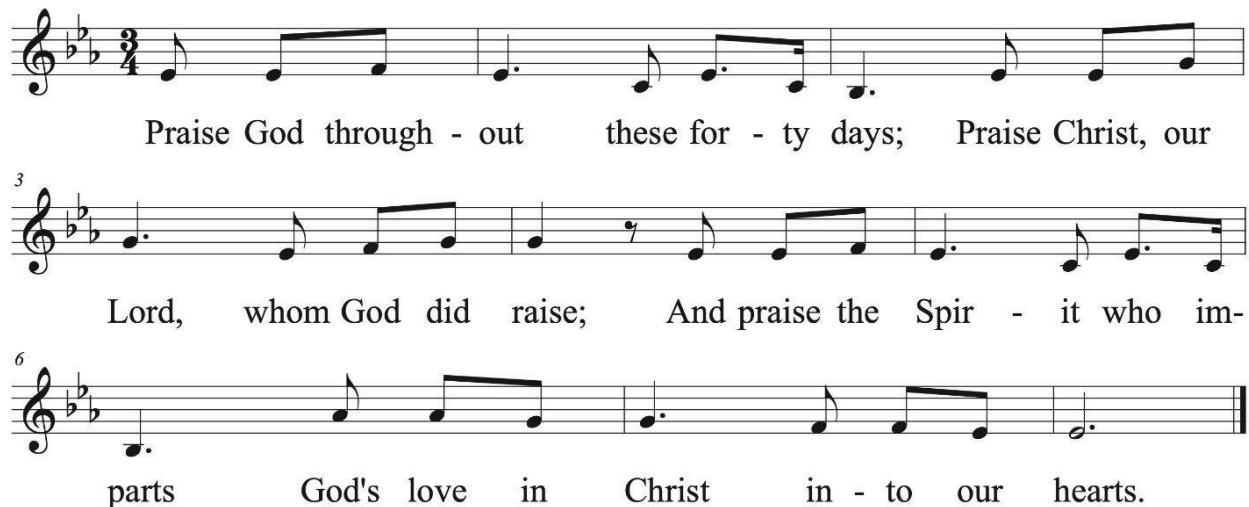
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Turnin' over tables  
Tearin' down walls  
Buildin' up the bridges  
Between us all  
(Repeat)

*When the offering basket comes to you, please take it and pass it on. If you would like to make a gift to St. Andrew's, please place your offering in the basket provided. You can also give online at [standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews](http://standrewspb.org/give-to-st-andrews). Thank you!*



*When the offering is brought to the front, we stand and sing together:*



Praise God through - out these for - ty days; Praise Christ, our  
Lord, whom God did raise; And praise the Spir - it who im-  
parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts.

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## The Eucharist

God is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*[Question Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

*Answer Listen, and we will hear.]*

Lord of all life, you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You gave us Jesus, who was lifted high on the cross,  
that he might draw the whole world to himself;  
and, by his life, suffering, and death,  
he became the source of eternal salvation  
for all who put their trust in him.

You made us all,  
each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels  
and sing your praise:

O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space,  
All earth and sea and sky a - bove bear wit-ness to your grace.  
Ho - san - na in - the high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise,  
And bless - ed is the one who comes and bears your name al - ways.

MUSIC: KINGSFOLD, CMD. Trad. English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

We thank you, loving God,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*[Question Why do we share this bread and wine?  
Answer Listen, and we will hear.]*

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

**'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'**

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
**'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'**

So God, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate Christ's love, death, and risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Savior.

*[Question How do we follow Jesus Christ?  
Answer Listen, and we will hear.]*

Help us, God, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.  
**AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer  
As our Savior Christ has taught us we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

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

## Fraction Anthem

*"Miserere nobis"* is a Latin phrase that translates to "Have mercy on us"

*"Dona nobis pacem"* is a Latin phrase that translates to "Grant us peace"



Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: Mi-se-re-re no-bis. Do-na no-bis pa-cem.

All: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: mi-se-re-re no-bis. Do-na no-bis pa-cem.

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## Invitation to Communion

This is the banquet table, not of the church, but of Jesus Christ.

It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

**So come**, you who have much faith and you who have little;  
you who have been here often and you who have not been here for a long time  
or never before; you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

**Come**, not because the Church invites you, but because it is Christ who invites you to meet Him here.



## Communion Music

*The Wonderful Cross*

Chris Tomlin

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and  
 3. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

6 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but  
 love flow - min - gled down; Did e'er such love and sor - row  
 of - fring far too small. Love so a - maz - ing, so di -

12 loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown.  
 vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

17 Refrain

O the won-der-ful cross, — O the won-der-ful cross — bids me come  
 22 — and die — and find — that I may tru - ly live. — O the  
 26 won - der - ful cross, — O the won - der - ful cross; — All who gath -  
 30 - er here by grace — draw near and bless — Your name. —

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## Communion Music

*What Wondrous Love*

1. What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?— What  
 2. As you have shown the way, let us love, let us love,— As  
 3. As in - stru - ments of peace, may we grow, may we grow, As  
 4. O let us hear your call to be love, to be love,— O

5

won - drous love is this, O my soul?— What won - drous love is  
 you have shown the way, let us love;— As you have shown the  
 in - stru - ments of peace, may we grow;— As in - stru - ments of  
 let us hear your call to be love;— O let us hear your

10

this that caused the Lord of bliss To face a fate like this for my  
 way, so teach us ev' - ry day To sim - ply be the way of your  
 peace to bring the bound re - lease, And make op-pres - sion cease, help us  
 call, great ser - vant of us all, To be the least of all, as your

15

soul, for my soul,— To face a fate like this for my soul?—  
 love, of your love,— To sim - ply be the way of your love. —  
 grow, help us grow, To make op - pres - sion cease, help us grow. —  
 love, as your love,— To be the least of all, as your love. —

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## Blessings and Celebrations

*If you're celebrating a birthday, an anniversary of a wedding or sobriety, or another event, you are invited to come forward for prayer. We hold space to pray for joyous occasions as well as difficult milestones.*

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand. Comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful. Raise them up if they fall. And in their hearts may your peace

which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed be God who calls us together.

**Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

**Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

**Accept our thanks for all you have done.**

**Our hands were empty, and you filled them. Amen.**

### The Blessing

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God. Walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High. Walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. And the blessing of the One, Holy, and Living God be with you today and always. **Amen.**

### The Sending Song

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

*See next page.*

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Sending Song: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

1. O Love that will not let me go, I  
2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I  
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I  
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I

3  
rest my wear - y soul in Thee; I  
yield my flick - 'ring torch to Thee; My  
can - not close my heart to Thee; I  
dare not ask to fly from Thee; I

5  
give heart Thee back the life I owe, That  
heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
trace the rain - bow through the rain, And  
lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And

7  
in Thine o - cean depths its flow May  
in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May  
feel the prom - ise is not vain, That  
from the ground there blos - soms red Life

9  
ri - cher, full - er be.  
bright - er, fair - er be.  
morn shall tear - less be.  
that shall end - less be.

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## Holy Week & Easter at St. Andrew's

Holy Week is a time to participate in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, accompanying him in his timeless journey through death, to the source of life itself, back into the world confident that "nothing can separate us from the love of God." These are the holiest days of the Church calendar. Through ancient prayers and rituals, we will walk the path of Jesus together. Experience the depth of an Easter celebration that goes to the very heart of what it means to be human.

### *Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:00pm*

Jesus shared his last meal with his friends. We will eat dinner together in the courtyard, blessing bread and wine as Jesus did on that night, the first Eucharist. Then we will go into the church to reenact Jesus's act of service as we wash each other's feet, then strip the altar of all decoration as we prepare for the betrayal and sadness of Good Friday.

### *Good Friday, April 18, 6pm service; Church open 10am-2pm and 4-6pm*

Engage in the story of Jesus's passion in a new way. The 6pm service will feature a reading of the story of Jesus's crucifixion and death. Or, come to the church during the hours listed above to walk the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary, guided by an audio made by St. Andrew's parishioners.

### *Great Vigil, April 19, 6:00pm*

This is the night, the culmination of the story of Easter. This interactive all-ages service tells the history of salvation with exciting storytelling and fun props. There's fire, darkness, and sparklers - you don't want to miss it!

### *Easter Sunday Service, April 20th*

Celebrate Easter at our 10:30am service on Easter Sunday. The church will be decked out with flowers, and we'll sing with full voices as the organ fills the space. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this all-ages service of Holy Eucharist.

### *Community Egg Hunt, April 20 at 12pm*

We are hosting an Easter egg hunt for our neighborhood on Easter Sunday at 12pm. It will take place in the library lawn across the street, and all are welcome.

### **Easter Flower Donations**

As we prepare to celebrate Easter back in our beautiful sanctuary, all are invited to make a special donation for the spectacular flowers that will decorate the church. You can make a donation on behalf of a loved one, or for another special intention. Use the envelopes provided today and place them in the offertory basket, or give online: [onrealm.org/standrewspb/-/form/give/now](http://onrealm.org/standrewspb/-/form/give/now). Under "Fund" select "Flowers." *Donations must be made by Monday, April 14th to be included in the bulletin.*