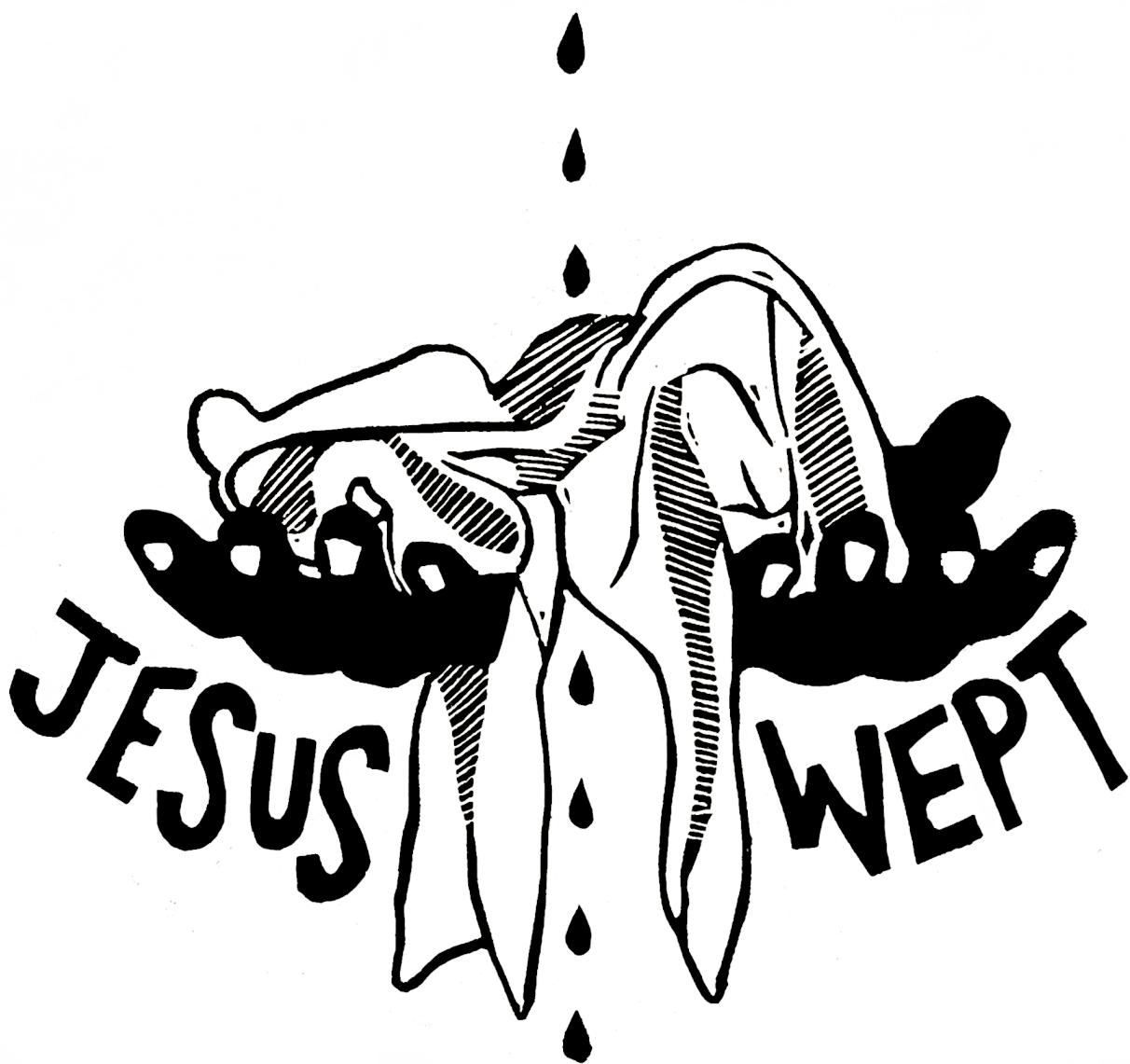


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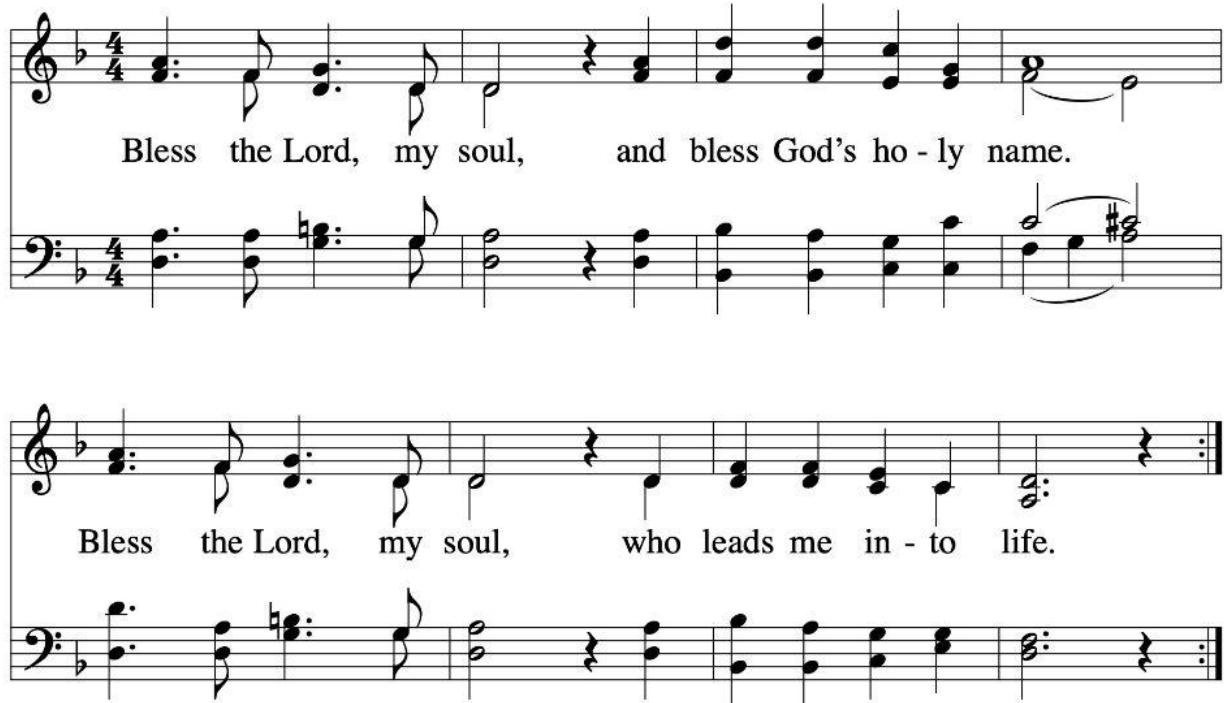


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Welcome

Gathering Song

Bless the Lord



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

Text: Psalm 103; Taizé Community

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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Gathering Prayer

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,” says the LORD.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130



With the Lord there is mer - cy, and full-ness of re-demp-tion.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.
2. If you, Lord, mark our iniquities, Lord, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness, and so you may be revered.
3. I trust in the Lord; my soul trusts in the Word.
My soul waits for the Lord more than sentinels wait for the dawn.
4. For with the Lord is kindness and with God is plenteous redemption;
And God will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

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The Gospel
Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."

Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Mary Lynn Coulson

After a moment of silence to reflect, please stand for the Creed.

The Creed



1. We be - lieve in God al - migh-ty, au - thor of all things that be.
2. We be - lieve that Je - sus_suf - fer'd, sourg'd and_scorn'd and cru - ci - fied;
3. We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in -



Mak - er of the earth and_ heavens, keep - er of the sky_and sea.
tak - en from the cross was bur - ied, True life _there had tru - ly died.
one church cath - 'lic one church ho - ly where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for _ us both Lord and Christ,
We be - lieve that on the _third day Christ was_raised up from the _grave,
in the _bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the _break - ing of death's chain



of the_ Spir - it and of _ Ma - ry, born to bring a - bund - ant life.
then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the_ life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the_ faith that we__have claimed.

The Prayers

Adapted from "Litany for Lent" by Katherine Hawker.

Because temptation is woven into the fabric of our lives,
and we know the weariness of forty days in the desert,
and the beckoning power of sweet fruit,
and the vain promises of the world,
we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because we see the broken before the whole,
and the half empty cup, and the unfinished task,
and the thirst in freedom's quest,
we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because we trust in what we can see,
and we are blinded by our prejudices,
and we do not know what we do not know,
we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because our need for correctness exceeds our need for truth,
and our excuses preempt the cry of the wounded,
and our celebration of blessing is mindless of those displaced,
we need you, God.

We need you, God.

Because you came among us,
and breathed into our sinewy souls,
and healed our pain and let us wound you,
and loved us to the end,
and triumphed over all our hatred,
we need you, God.

We need you, God.

God of love, we pray for those who are sick, grieving, or struggling in any way, especially for Christine, Naia, and those we now name (*pause*).

God, be with all who have made their journey back to you. We pray for all who have died, especially those we now name (*pause*).

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

Wait for the Lord

Ostinato Chorale

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6:33, 7:7; Taizé Community, 1984

Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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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. 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. A - men.

MUSIC: TON-Y BOTEL, Thomas John Williams A.T.S.C. (1869-1944) TEXT: G.W. Dub Shepherd © Katie Cavallo Rholl 2023

The Eucharist

Eucharist means “thanksgiving.” In this meal we give thanks for all that God has done for us, and we offer ourselves back to God.

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 our 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 stewards 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:



O_ ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, O_ God of time and space,



5 All earth and sea and sky a - bove bear wit-ness to__ your grace.

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Ho - san - na in_ the high - est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise,

15

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

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, 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 Sarah and Abramham, Rebecca and Isaac, and Rachel, Leah and Jacob; 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, O God, 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 Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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 bread is broken.

The bread which we break **is a sharing in the Body of Christ.**
The wine which we bless **is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.**

Wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith you are welcome to receive the bread and wine made holy. Both stations will offer bread and wine - the minister will dip the bread into the wine and then place it in your hands. If you need gluten-free wafers, please say "gluten free" to the person distributing bread. If you prefer to receive the bread only (and not wine), please come forward and say "bread only." If you prefer not to receive communion, we invite you to come forward with your hands crossed at your shoulders, and the minister will offer a blessing for your presence with us today. Let an usher know if you would like a minister to bring communion to you in your seat.

Communion Music

I Am the Bread of Life

Worship & Rejoice 703

Verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Worship & Rejoice is the blue hymnal in the pew rack.

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.**

Sending Song

See next page.

Sacred the Body

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, welcome! We're so glad you're here. Please stop by our welcome table after the service to learn more about us, and let us learn about you. We are a church community rooted in Jesus, and committed to these core values: joyful authenticity, radical inclusion, grounded curiosity, and loving justice.

The Sending Song

Sacred the Body

1. Sa - cred the bod - y God has cre - at - ed,
 2. Bod - ies are var - ied, made in all siz - es,
 3. Love re - spect per - sons, bod - ies, and bound - ries.
 4. Ho - ly of ho - lies, God ev - er lov - ing,

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tem - ple of Spir - it that dwells deep in - side. _____
 pale, full of col - or, both frag - ile and strong. _____
 Love does not bat - ter, ne - glect, or a - buse. _____
 make us your tem - ples; in - dwell all we do. _____

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Cher - ish each per - son; nur - ture re - la - tion.
 Ho - ly the dif - frence, gift of the Mak - er,
 Love touch - es gen - tly, nev - er co - erc - ing.
 May we be care - ful, ten - der, and car - ing,

19

Treat flesh as ho - ly, that love may a - bide.
 so let us hon - or each sto - ry and song.
 Love leaves the oth - er with pow - er to choose.
 so may our bod - ies give hon - or to you.

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 Tune: BUNESSAN, 5 5 8 D; Gaelic melody

Community Announcements

Next Week: Palm Sunday

On Sunday, April 2 at 10:30am we will celebrate Palm Sunday with an all-ages service. The tension between suffering and glorious triumph is set immediately before us on this day, when joyful hosannas ring out even as the sense of foreboding grows. This service begins Holy Week, which will end with the Triduum, or the sacred three days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter vigil.

Holy Week Schedule

In Holy Week the church dramatizes the events leading up to and including Easter. From Palm Sunday through Easter, we have a series of special services to commemorate Jesus' final days and resurrection. We hope these ceremonies add meaning and depth to your Easter experience. Join us for any or all of them:

Maundy Thursday, April 6, 5:30pm, community meal and foot washing

Good Friday, April 7, service at 12pm, Stations of the Cross open 1 - 6

Easter Saturday (Vigil) and baptisms, April 8, 6pm at Fanuel Park

Easter Sunday, April 9, service at 10:30am, community egg hunt after church

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 in your pew, or donate online: onrealm.org/standrewspb/-/form/give/now. Under "Fund" select "Flowers." Thank you!

Upcoming Baptisms

If you're considering baptism for yourself or a loved one, please contact Mother Mary Lynn: marylynn@standrewspb.org. The next baptisms will take place on April 8 at the Easter Vigil or April 9 on Easter Sunday. Some preparation is required, so be sure to connect with Mother Mary Lynn soon.

Wednesday Nights in March: Telling Our Stories

It's not too late to join our Wednesday Night Lenten Soup Suppers, 5:30 - 7pm. We are sharing our spiritual journeys with one another, with different creative exercises to help us see our own life stories as sacred. Remaining dates include: March 29. To sign up, please visit standrewspb.org, click "events," and scroll down to "Lenten Soup Suppers." Hope to see you there!

Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith

This Lenten season, follow along in the devotional book *Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith*. Pick yours up on the welcome table at church, or send an email to info@standrewspb.org to have one mailed to you. There are scripture readings, poems, visual art, and music selections for each week of Lent. Dive deeper into this season of reflection and contemplation along with the whole St. Andrew's community.

Serve Your Neighbors

We serve a community meal every Tuesday, 5:30pm-7:30pm, that is free and open to all. Volunteers make it happen – from cooking, setting up, serving, cleaning up – they do it all. We have had a few volunteers step down recently and we need a few more to step up. This is a great way to serve your community and make a real difference in the lives of those in need. Sign up to help out: volunteer@standrewspb.org.