

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
St. Andrew's Church
March 15, 2026**



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.

Celebrant: The readings today bear no resemblance to those designated in the lectionary because this family service reviews Holy Week “in brief”.

Prelude

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Hymn #490

I want to walk

All stand.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The
 night and the day are both a - like. The
 Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Penitential Order

Please kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: **God's mercy endures forever.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Confession

Please kneel as you are able.

All: **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.

Celebrant: 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.**

Song of Praise *WLP #825* **Taize chant** *Bless the Lord, My Soul*

Let us sing through three times, once in unison and then those who want to break into parts, please do!

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

LEM: We hear the story of the origins of Passover, which is celebrated this year at the same time as Holy Week and Easter.

LEM

A Reading from the Book of Exodus

Exodus 12:14-17

“This day [when God passed over the houses of the Israelites who then followed Moses and Miriam to freedom across the Red Sea, shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day you shall hold a solemn assembly and on the seventh day a solemn assembly; no work shall be done on those days; only what everyone must eat, that alone may be prepared by you. You shall observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread, for on this very day I brought your companies out of the land of Egypt: you shall observe this day throughout your generations as a perpetual ordinance.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

LECTOR: This psalm was used to describe the reign of David and the hope of a future king in David’s lineage.

Psalm

Psalm 72:1-8, OSH

Led by Lector and read responsively, by half verse.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King’s Son,
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *

from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *

like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *

there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

8 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *

and the little hills bring righteousness.

LECTOR

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark, describing Palm Sunday Mark 11:7-10

[Jesus and the disciples were approaching Jerusalem. Two disciples went ahead to bring a colt.] They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children walk up the aisle with palms.

LEM: Maundy Thursday includes the institution of the Lord’s Supper in Matthew, Mark, and Luke: John instead describes Jesus’ washing the disciples’ feet.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

John 13:4-5, 12-15

Jesus got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children wash each other's feet, with adult help!

LEM: Jesus is abandoned by the disciples, betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, tried by the Romans and sentenced to death.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 15:22-24, 33-34, 37

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two rebels, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!" In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves. Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land[e] until three in the afternoon. 34 At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children explore some meanings of Good Friday, with puzzle pieces.

LECTOR: And now we wait.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 15:45-47

When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph[a] bought a linen cloth and, taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #204

Now the green blade riseth



1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain,
 thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
 quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:



Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

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LECTOR

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark

Mark 16:2-7

And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, [Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome] went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Children illustrate how in the Resurrection God shows that love wins; God's love is stronger than death and sin.

Celebrant: And finally, the good news which runs through all Holy Week worship.

The Gospel

John 15: 9-14, 16-17

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A Minute of Silence

Affirmation of Faith

Lisa Frenz, adapted

Please stand and face the cross.

We believe in God the Creator, who created and is creating everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of God.

We believe in God the Christ, who saved and is saving everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us: each of us; unique, individual and beloved of the Christ.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who guided and is guiding everything: the universe, the world, the plants and animals, and us; each of us, unique, individual and beloved of the Spirit.

We believe that this one God in three persons, is present among us, working directly in our lives and the lives of all who are born into this world.

We believe that through Jesus Christ this one God is striving to bring us back into harmony with all creation and with God: never rejecting any who willingly receive this freely offered gift of love and grace and eternal life.

We believe that through the Holy Spirit, this one God moves through the Church and through all of creation forgiving, healing, and touching everyone, now and in the age to come. Amen.

LEM

The Prayers of the People

BCP, Form III, p. 387

LEM: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

All: That we all may be one.

LEM: Mother, grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

All: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

LEM: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

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

LEM: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

All: That our works may find favor in your sight.

LEM: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially *Charles, Edna, Sheila, DuSean, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Vickie, Linda, Charlene, Christine, Jen, Betty, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, and all facing exclusion or harm,*

All: That they may be delivered from their distress.

LEM: Give to the departed eternal rest, especially those we now name. O God,

All: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

LEM: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

All: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

LEM: We pray for all who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries, *especially Tomás on his birthday* and those we now name (*pause*), God,

All: May they know the fullness of your joy.

LEM: For what else shall we pray?

Long pause to encourage everyone to add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

LEM: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Remain standing.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us, and gave himself, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn #645

The King of love



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23. Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody, harm. *Hymnal* 1982.

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

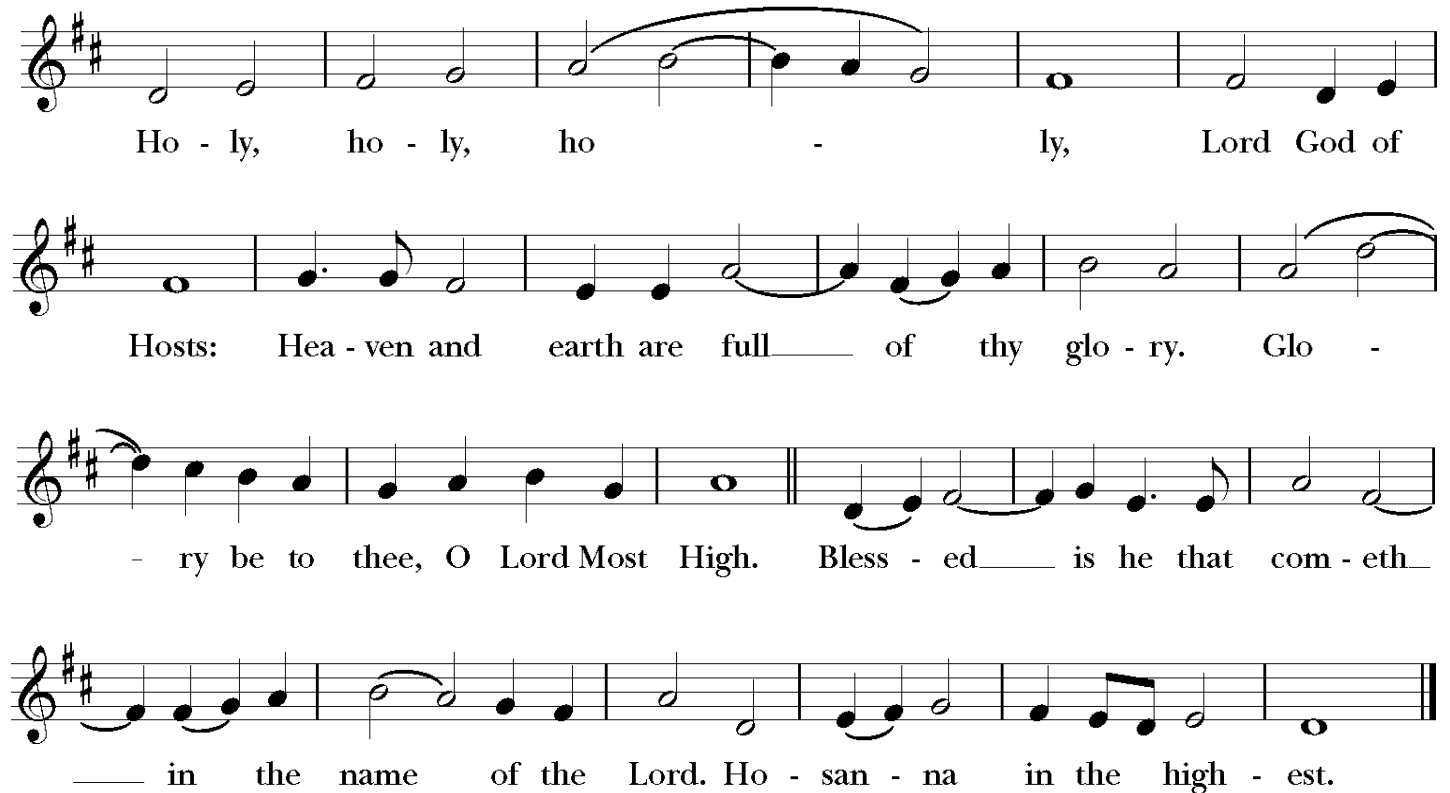
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people

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:

The Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, #114 Healey Willan



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

All: **In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.**

Celebrant: On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

All: **In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, God-bearer, blessed St. Andrew, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

Celebrant: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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;
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: O Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

Hymnal S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The Communion of the People

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Post Communion Prayer

Edward Hays

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Loving God, show us during these Lenten days
how to take the daily things of life and, by submerging them in the sacred,
infuse them with a great love for you and for others.
Guide us to perform simple acts of love and prayer,
the real works of reform and renewal
of this overture to the spring of the Spirit,
that come Easter we may rejoice in the power of your resurrection. Amen.**

The Blessing

Please stand to receive God's blessing.

Celebrant: The Blessing of God who creates life out of death, who suffers the brokenness of this world, and whose gifts are renewal and healing, be with you now and always.

All: **Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Hymn #690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and I will ev - er be thou still my strength and shield. give to thee. ev - er - more.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

- Celebrant: Rev. Allison Moore
- LEM : MaryAnn Lis-Simmons
- Acolyte: Abby Brown
- Lector: Charlene Wynkoop
- Usher: Jane Conger
- Altar Guild: Cathy Kelly
- Organist: Janet Frommer
- Coffee Hour: Simons Family
- Live Stream Tech: Charlie Burgner

Sources of Liturgy

Affirmation of Faith. <https://sites.google.com/site/lisasliturgies/home>