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Sunday of the Passion + March 24, 2024

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS who sends us the Holy Spirit that we might continue to live in faith and love. St. Andrew's is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We joyfully welcome all of God's people to worship with us regardless of age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, ability or socio-economic circumstance. Those with us for the first time are kindly asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and greeters and are welcome to sign our guest book in the narthex.

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

After meditating on the passion and death of Jesus in our readings, we conclude our worship this morning in silence.

GATHERING

PRELUDE (BELL CHOIR)

ACCLAMATION

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

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

¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

BLESSING OF PALMS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

We praise and thank You, O God, for the great 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 acclaimed son of David and King of Kings by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in His path. We ask that You bless these branches and those who bear them, and grant that we may ever hail Him as our Lord and King and follow Him with perfect confidence; through the same Jesus Christ, our lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

PROCESSION

Let us go forth in peace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

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HYMN #344 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

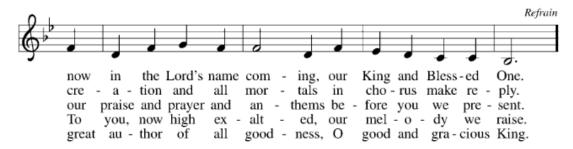
All Glory, Laud, and Honor







- 2 The com pa ny of an gels are prais-ing you on high;
 3 The mul ti tude of pil grims with palms be fore you went;
- 4 To you, be fore your pas sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais es you ac cept ed; ac cept the prayers we bring



Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

PRAYER OF THE DAY

As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A reading from Isaiah.

This text, the third of the four Servant Songs in Isaiah, speaks of the servant's obedience amid persecution. Though the servant has been variously understood as the prophet himself or a remnant of faithful Israel, Christians have often recognized the figure of Christ in these poems.

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.

Palt is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?



PSALM: Psalm 31:9-16

 $^{9}\text{Have}$ mercy on me, O LORD, for I 1 am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat I and my belly.

¹⁰For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

¹¹I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to ¹ my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street I they avoid me.

¹²Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind; I am as useless as a | broken pot.

¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is ¹ all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to ¹ take my life.

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- ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.
 I have said, "You | are my God.
- ¹⁵My times are ¹ in your hand;
 - rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who I persecute me.
- ¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love."

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11

A reading from Philippians.

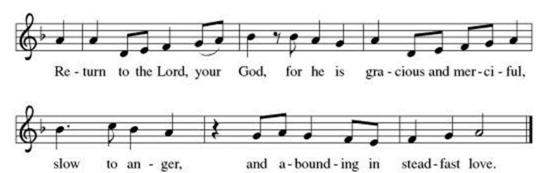
Paul quotes from an early Christian hymn that describes Jesus' humble obedience in his incarnation as a human being, even to death, and his exaltation and glory as Lord of all.

5Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, 7but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, 8he 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,
 to 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.

WORD

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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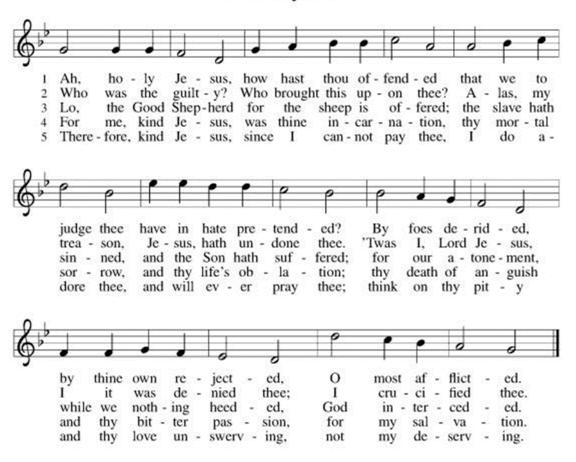
*HYMN # 345 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now



Reading: Mark 14: 1-11

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Ah, Holy Jesus



Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Music: HERZLIEBSTER JESU, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

Reading: Mark 14: 12-31

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Hymn #488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness (Verse 1)



Reading: Mark 14: 32-52

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Hymn #347 Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verse 1)

Go to Dark Gethsemane



Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

Reading: Mark 14: 53-72

Hymn #347 Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verse 2)

Reading: Mark 15: 1-20

Hymn #347 Go to Dark Gethsemane (Verse 3)

Reading: Mark 15: 21-39

Silence for Meditation

ANTHEM - "Father Forgive Them"

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NICENE CREED
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures: he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Support ministries of care and compassion for all especially, Elizabeth, Judy, Jennifer, and Rachel; those serving in the military, all on the prayer list; all people affected by COVID-19, for the victims of the ongoing violence in Ukraine and the Middle East, and those we name before you now (pause). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

Your mercy is great.

(Pastor) Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

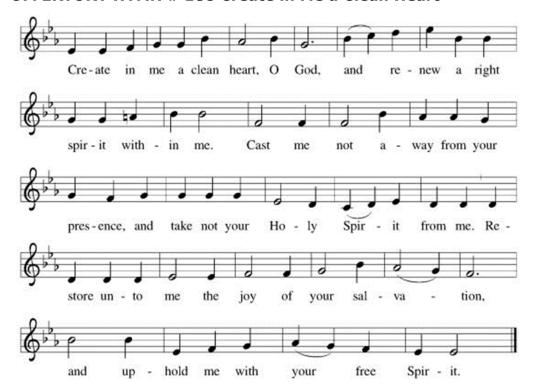
PEACE

OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to make your contributions in support of the ministries of Saint Andrew's, particularly during these challenging times, by mail or by visiting our website to set up online giving.

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OFFERTORY HYMN # 188 Create in Me a Clean Heart



OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

Amen.

MEAL

*GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

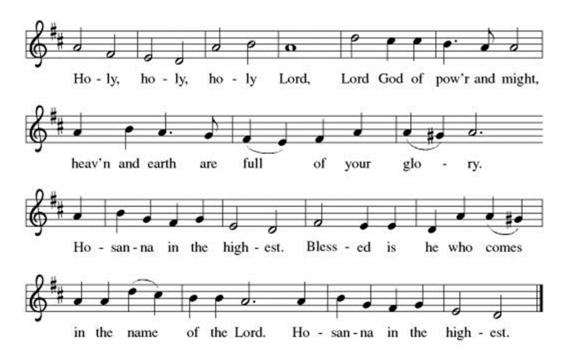
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

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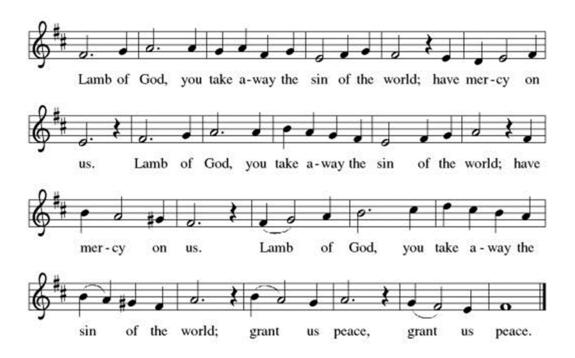
LORD'S PRAYER

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION HYMN LBW#94 My Song Is Love Unknown



- 5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.
- 6 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing no story so divine! Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend!

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*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, peace in this nation, peace in our town, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go in peace. Serve in love **Thanks be to God.**

This morning we welcome Pastor Bruce Kaifler.

Flowers for Easter - today is the last day to order your flowers. Order forms are available online and in the narthex.

Stewardship 2024 Please prayerfully consider what you can give and submit the card that was sent to you earlier this year. If you need a pledge card, they are located on the table in the narthex, or call Linda in the office and she will mail one to you.

The St. Andrew's Nursery School is looking for teachers or those with experience with children. If interested, please contact Malissa Nelson 631.704.9187

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The Mother's Day Flower fundraiser is underway! Please consider buying your spring and summertime plants this way. All proceeds will go toward property improvements. Order forms are available before or after the service, at the church office or at St. Andrew's Nursery School.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7:30P.M.

Good Friday, March 29 at 12:00 Noon **Good Friday Tenebrae,** March 29 at 7:30 P.M.

Saturday Easter Vigil, March 30

5:00 P.M. **St. Mary's Episcopal Church** (invitation from St Thomas) 315 Lake Shore Road, Lake Ronkonkoma or 7:30 P.M. **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church** 309 Patchogue Rd, Port Jefferson Station or 7:30 P.M. **Abiding Presence Lutheran Church** 4 Trescott Path, Northport

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 8:45 & 11:15 A.M.

Food Pantry April is St. Andrews month to provide volunteers at the food pantry!

Please see the signup sheet in the back of the Narthex. Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9:30am - 12:30pm. COVID vaccinations are required in order to volunteer. Please contact Julie Francis at 303-898-2511 with any questions. Donations of the following are still welcome and needed: Any non-pershiable foods, including canned ravioli/chili with protein, cereal, canned tuna and chicken, canned fruits and veggies, and soup. Toiletry items, laundry detergent and toilet paper are also needed. These donations can be placed in the marked basket in the Narthex of the church. Thank you so much for all of your continued support of the food pantry!

Community Outreach and Ministry St. Andrew's is collecting the following items to support Trinity Lutheran Church, Wyandanch: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, small hard candy (ex. Jolly Ranchers), travel size lotion, sanitizer, maxi pads individually wrapped tampons, travel size shaving cream, razors wrapped, men and women deodorant, bandaids, lip balm, packs of tissues.

Please bring these items to the office or to the collection box located in the Narthex. Thank you for your donations!

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING:

The family of Robert Grisafi [requested by Colleen Donohue]

Rose Mary [requested by Cole]

Elizabeth Flaherty [requested by Amanda Flaherty]

Cathy English, Laurie Saraco, Jeanne McCurdy, Stephanie Byrne, Margo Naranjo, John Hochuli [requested by Barbara English]

Family and friends of Viola "Vi" M. Giovinco, who has been called home to Christ [requested by Liz DeLuca and family]

Melissa Zimmerman and her family [requested by Janice Raineri]

J. Aquiare, Mary Ellen, Tiffany, John Grube, Richard Klouda [requested by the Klouda Family] Eddie Hope [requested by Jane and Paul DeRosa]

Noam Gilbert Lieberman [requested by Eve Overton]

Jeff Taylor [requested by Fred Swanson]

Mary Fjellstad, Karen McDonough, Don Spagna, Rose Marie Peragine, Amy Jane McGlynn,

Richard Lewis, Richard Angelo, Rocky Cinque [requested by Marianne Spagna]

Sam Scheer [requested by the Francis family]

Jennifer Meisenkothen, Rachel Boccio, John Sullivan [requested by Dorothy & Jim Clavell]

Carolyn Bennett [requested Jill Spage]

Arthur Schaeffler [requested by the Poulos Family]

Mary Ellen Sconzo [requested by Grabrielle Sconzo]

Pam Provetto [requested by Joe & Margie Costello]

Judy Zimmerman, Brett D, Bill Michalski, father in law of Jessica Davis Michalski [requested by Cindy Davis]

Robert & Pat Richards [requested by Mary Fjellstad]

Bob Blagriff, Bill Davey [requested by Tom & Pat Pernice]

Barbara McCanlis, Patty DeGoveia [requested by Jill Breimann]

Gavin Lahann [requested by Grandmother Violet Lahann]

Emilie Diehl [requested by daughters Cyndie & Kathy]

Laura Hicks, Andrew Madarasz, Gerard Tuohy [requested by Leslee & Steve Mathieson]

Alex Hegarty, Bob Widmer, Carmine Colasanto, Richard & George Mengert [requested by Carolyn Gabelman]

Marilyn Havighorst [requested by Martha Hahn]

Kerri Swanson [requested by Linda & Jud Taylor]

Andy Hazin & the Hazin family, Ilse Gunther [requested by the Hoffman family]

David Travis [requested by Richard Travis]

The family of Elaine Robinson [requested by Deborah Cella]

THOSE IN MILITARY SERVICE:

Sgt Eric Hodosky Major Lenore Livingston [daughter of Helen & Art Fortin] Corporal August Detting Major William Fortin

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