

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Feeding the Hungry + Welcoming the Stranger

Being Transformed by God

An Invitation to a Holy Lent

The Season of Lent is set aside as a time of renewal, repentance, and remembrance. During Lent, we are invited to deepen our awareness of God's presence in our lives, and to draw closer to God. Traditionally, Christians have done this by choosing to make sacrifices or add disciplines of Bible reading and study, fasting, or prayer. Lent is also a time for reflection, a time to discover and remove the self-made barriers that keep us from experiencing God more fully. Throughout Lent, the worship services are still joyful, but more subdued. The church hangings are purple, the word "Alleluia" is not used in the liturgy or the hymns, and our altars are not adorned with flowers. These practices help the worshipping community mark this as a season for remembering God's gifts of mercy and grace.

Welcome to this morning's worship! Thank you for joining us. If you are new to our service, please take a moment to fill out our visitor's card so we can get to know you. Please use this bulletin, the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the blue Hymnal to follow along in worship. Nursery care is available down the stairs at the back of the church. Activity bags are available at the back of the church to keep little hearts and hands engaged.

Prelude

There Is No Shadow

Brenda Portman

Handbell Ensemble: Linda Cummer, Ann Herman, Marion Seaman, Carol Phillips

Opening Hymn *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 690

The Opening Acclamation

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Hymnal S-96

Hymns beginning with S are found in the Service music in the front pages of the Hymnal.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

The Children's Procession

Children in grades K–5 are invited to children's ministry time. They will process out of the church together and go to the classroom hall for Godly Play (K–2) and Kids of the Kingdom (3–5), returning for the announcements.

Jesus loves you (sung by all)

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you. Yes, Jesus loves you; the Bible tells us so.

The Word of God

The First Reading *(Please be seated.)*

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader *The Word of the Lord.*

People *Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm *(sung by choir)*

Psalm 32

*Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!*

*The Anglican Chant Psalter,
Chant #68, Samuel Wesley*

*Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!*

*While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.*

*For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.*

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.*

*I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.*

*Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.*

*You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.*

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; **

I will guide you with my eye.

*Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; **

who must be fitted with bit and bridle,

or else they will not stay near you."

*Great are the tribulations of the wicked; **

but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

*Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; **

shout for joy, all who are true of heart.


Gradual Hymn (standing)

Softly and Tenderly (vv. 1-2)

LEVAS 101



1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,




1. Call - ing for you and for me; _____ See, on the por - tals He's
2. Plead - ing for you and for me? _____ Why should we lin - ger and



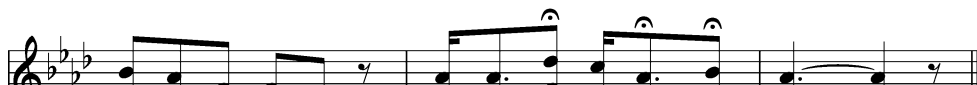
1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. _____
2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? _____



Come home, Come home, come home, come home,



Ye who are wea - ry, come home! _____ Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! _____

The Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Gradual Hymn

Softly and Tenderly (vv. 3–4)

LEVAS 101

3. *Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing for you and for me;
Shadows are gathering, death beds are coming,
Coming for you and for me. Refrain*
4. *Oh! For the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me;
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me. Refrain*

The Sermon (*seated*)

The Rev. Ginny Bain Inman

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP p. 358

The Prayers of the People (Form IV) (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP p. 388

O Lord, Hear My Prayer (sung by all, two times)

Jacques Berthier / Taizé Community

*O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.*

The Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

You Do Not Walk Alone

Elaine Hagenberg, Traditional Irish Blessing

May you see God's light on the path ahead

When the road you walk is dark.

May you always hear,

Even in your hour of sorrow,

The gentle singing of the lark.

When times are hard may hardness never turn your heart to stone,

May you always remember when the shadows fall

You do not walk alone.

At the Presentation

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v. 3

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A (*standing or kneeling*)

BCP p. 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

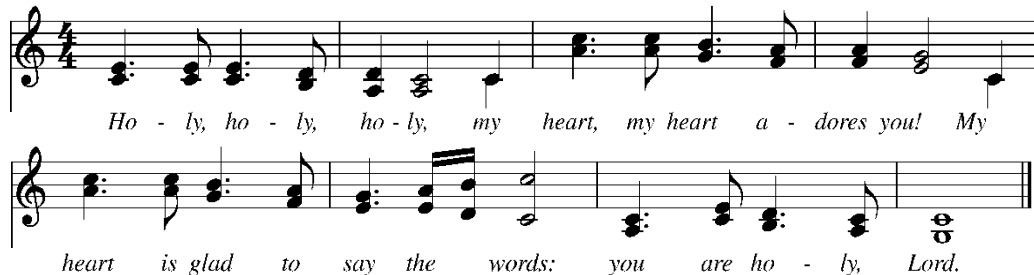
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy (sung by all, two times)

WLP 785



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dors you! My
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

We are offering Communion in both kinds. If you do not want to receive Communion but would like to come forward for a blessing, come to either side of the altar rail and place your arms across your chest in the form of an "X" or cross.

Communion Hymns (*sung by all*)

"Forgive our sins as we forgive"

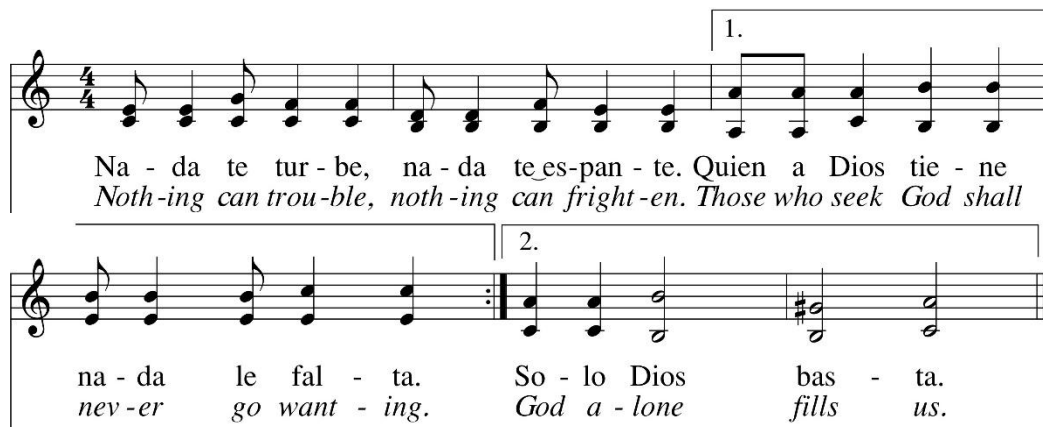
Hymnal 674

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal 455

Nada te turbe (Nothing can trouble)

Jacques Berthier / Taizé Community



1.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

2.
na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

Lenten Blessing

May the One who suffers with the sin of the world pour grace upon you that your life may reveal the power of God’s love, and the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and forever. *Amen.*

Benediction

With Prayer and Supplication

Amy Beach

With prayer and supplication, let your requests be known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Closing Hymn

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Hymnal 671

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Acolytes: Sam Inman. **Readers:** Jorge Chaires, Spencer Musick. **Chalicists:** Buster Lewis, Chelsea Lewis. **Verger:** George Hanna. **Ushers:** Jack Garvey, Rob Moore, Amelia Menston-Sambola, Jankoba Sambola, Tommy Webb. **Greeters & Newcomer Hosts:** Jon Anderson, Anne Jones. **Altar Guild Members:** Lisa Garrett, Virginia Haskett, Margaret Horne, Pat Marsh, Johnetta Shablack, Cindy Shane, Barb Watkins. **Livestream Team:** Phil Barrineau, Joe Stultz.

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We Pray For

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *Province de L’Église Anglicane du Congo*

The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo is a rare African province in that it did not owe its origins to Western missionaries. Instead, its origins lie with two events. First, Apolo Kivebulaya, a Ugandan Anglican evangelist, began work on the Congolese-Ugandan border in 1896, and the Church grew from there. Meanwhile, eastern Congolese working in the mines in Zambia and South Africa returned to their homes, bringing with them their newly-found Anglican traditions. As a result, Anglicanism in this massive country is primarily in the east, a region (especially around Goma) which descended into chaos early in 2025. Anglicans in the Congo formed a province in 1992. The Diocese of Brazzaville, capital of the “other Congo” (the former French colony) across the river from Kinshasa, is also part of this province.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Abundant Life, All Saints’, and Church of the Holy Spirit, all of Greensboro
Special concerns: Western North Carolina and all those impacted by natural disasters, including wildfires and hurricanes

Those on our parish prayer list: Norma Bullock; Traci and Erik; Charles Claunch; Jeff Cummer; David McGraw; Betty Atwell; Mack Baker; Lauren; Downs Brown, Jr.; Martha and Jim Kaley; Nancy O'Donnell; Tina Sink Gangi; Heather; Victoria; Johnetta Shaback; Pauline Tatum; Jim Tatum; Pia; Henry, Arwyn, and Christine Davis-Potter; Linda Heller; Katelyn Flowers; Jeannie Phillips; James; Madeline Colavito; Hilary Towle; Charlotte Lloyd; Sarah Sellers; Jack; Mary Rose; Sue Keith; Anne Franklin and family; Myra Stephens; Marilyn McManis; Rhonda Weaver; Amanda Avery; Maria Alicia Huarcaya Hermoza and Kathy Hinshaw; Daniel; Terry Meyer; Betsy Murray; Earnest Graham; Derek; Fred Johnson; E. MacKenzie; Alan Martin; Carolyn Ritchie; Pam Haynes; Paula Boothby

Those serving in our military: Tom Stauffer, Paul Zeigler, Stephen Johnson, Benjamin Phillips, Kenneth Gearhart, Alex Reyes, Michael McNeil, Jordan Payne, Catharyn Nosek

The departed: Jimmye Olivey

Birthdays: Pam Haynes, Anne King, Patrick Miller, Nate Taylor

Anniversaries: Ernie Dishner and Paula Boothby

Today

“Give Up Your Silence” for Lent—Coffee & Advocacy Hour, Right after Worship (Parish Hall)

This Lent we are called to join Episcopalians across the Diocese in a *Give Up Your Silence* postcard campaign. Join us after worship today during Coffee (and Advocacy) Hour as we write postcards to state legislators for our diocesan Advocacy Day 2025. Our **Advocacy Table in the Parish Hall** has been updated with the latest on legislation on current advocacy topics, and all postcard supplies and information will be provided. There will be information available on the current gun bills, as a follow-up to our March 2 Community Conversation. Your voice matters!

Support Our Pilgrimage to Costa Rica by Buying Shares

This June, several members of our EYC and their advisors will take a pilgrimage to our sister Diocese in Costa Rica. This is our first international trip for our youth in many years, and we are so excited to have the opportunity to meet new members of our Episcopal family, see a new corner of God's creation, share a little hard work with the youth in Limon, Costa Rica, and see what faith looks like in a community that is so different from ours. We have an incredible week planned, and we would love your support! On Sunday mornings, our EYC Costa Rica Pilgrimage participants will be outside before and after church to sell shares in our upcoming trip. Shares are \$20 each and come with a shiny new certificate of appreciation and an invitation to attend a Costa Rica recap dinner, prepared by our youth, to be held in the fall. There is no limit to the number of shares you can buy, and any support you can give is appreciated. You may make your gifts in cash, check, **or online** (select the EYC fund option). *Questions?* Contact Martha-Wade Chaires at martha@standrewsgso.org.

Last Call! Our Lenten Housewares Drive Concludes Today

Can you help make a house into a home for our neighbors who may be transitioning out of homelessness, fleeing violence, or overcoming poverty? St. Andrew's is sponsoring a housewares drive for Barnabas Furniture Bank. *Please leave new or gently used pots & pans, kitchen utensils, dishes, cutlery, glassware, towels, bathroom accessories, small appliances, lamps, art, and décor at the designated table in the Parish Hall*, or text Dawn Martin at 336-687-2072 for other pickup arrangements. You can also **purchase new items** (see link in *eNews*) for direct delivery to Barnabas. Have furniture to donate? Please call Barnabas directly at 336-370-4002. Thank you for supporting our neighbors in need.

There's No EYC This Week, So Let's Get Ice Cream Instead! —Today at 3 p.m. at Ben & Jerry's
This is a long weekend for Guilford County Schools, so while we won't have an EYC meeting this week, let's meet up for ice cream at Ben & Jerry's Friendly Center instead. We'll hang from 3-4 p.m. by the fountain, weather permitting, or inside the ice cream shop if it's rainy. See you—and your ice cream order—soon!

Announcements

Love One Another—Won't You Be My Helper?

We need your help to love one another well. Here at St. Andrew's, we *Share the Love*, we *Welcome the Stranger*, we *Feed the Hungry*—and we *Help our Fellow Parishioners*. One of the ways that we help our parishioners is through our CareNet ministry. You may know that a CareNet team of cooks will, with happy hearts, bring meals to you and your family when needed. But did you know that we will also offer rides to medical appointments and to church for those who need them? We can't save the world, but we can help right here at St. Andrew's with meals and transportation. We currently have a wonderful team doing all of this, and we are looking for additional helpers to join us. To paraphrase Mr. Rogers, *Won't you be our helper?* If you would like to help with meals or transportation, **contact Fran Swan at 336-709-5147 or francinemaq53@gmail.com**.

Dust Off Your Work Gloves for a Parish Work Day—April 5, 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Followed by Lunch

It is time to spruce up our parish inside and outside as we prepare for Holy Week. Join us at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 5. We will spread pine needles in bedding areas and need some help with heavy lifting of pine straw bales and the like. Lighter work is also abundant as it is time to clean small porches, clear spaces, pick up sticks, etc. There is a job for everyone! After work, a light lunch will be provided in the Parish Hall. Sign up on the Parish Hall bulletin board or **online (see eNews)** to help us plan our work and meal. **Questions?** Contact your Junior Warden, Jonathan Stephens, at **stephens.jonathan.r@gmail.com**.

You're Invited to a St. Andrew's Welcome Breakfast, April 6—Please Sign Up by March 30

Want to learn more about St. Andrew's and how you can connect with our mission? You are invited to a Welcome Breakfast on Sunday, **April 6, 9:00–9:45 a.m., in the Parish Hall**. This is an opportunity both for new members and for those who are newcomers who have not yet joined St. Andrew's, to

meet fellow parishioners and ministry leaders and learn more about St. Andrew's mission and outreach. We will answer questions and provide information about the groups and ministries that make St. Andrew's a vibrant community of faith. *Breakfast will be served. RSVP by March 30 to Jon Anderson and Jennifer Jones at jenjones07282@gmail.com.*

Worship with Liturgy of Belonging for New Members, April 6—Please RSVP by March 30

New members at St. Andrew's are invited to participate in a *Liturgy of Belonging* during our 10 a.m. worship on April 6. If you have become a member in the past year—or consider yourself still to be a new member—you are warmly invited to participate in the *Liturgy of Belonging*. (You are also invited to attend the Welcome Breakfast at 9 a.m.) *If you would like to participate in the Liturgy of Belonging, please email your RSVP to Jon Anderson and Jennifer Jones at jenjones07282@gmail.com by March 30.*

We Welcome Church World Services for a Community Conversation—April 6, Right after Worship

St. Andrew's has long supported the work of Church World Services (CWS), who helped bring the Safi family and others from Afghanistan to Greensboro. On April 6, we invite you to join us in welcoming CWS's Mary Ellen Poe as our special guest for a Community Conversation. Come hear the latest updates about what is happening with this important community. We will gather in the Parish Hall, right after worship, and coffee and refreshments will be provided.

It's That Time of Year Again—Youth & Seniors* Dinner Time! —Join Us Sunday, April 6, at 6 p.m.

Mark your calendars and make your plans to come out for our annual Youth & Seniors Dinner, April 6 at 6 p.m. Our youth, with the help of Chef Charles Kappauf, will be preparing a delicious feast for any and all who would like to come. On the menu: pulled pork, coleslaw, tacos, dirty rice, and more. This is always such a fun—and delicious—Sunday night event. Please sign up at the link in our eNews OR using the signup sheet in the Parish Hall. We can't wait to see you.

** Who counts as a senior? Anyone who wants to! Please sign up ahead of time to give us an idea of how many mouths we'll be feeding, and we'll see you on Sunday the 6th at 6.*

Serving Others by Cooking for Abundant Life's Community Dinner—Tuesday, April 8

Lent is a meaningful time to help with Abundant Life's weekly community dinners. St. Andrew's provides entrees and veggie sides on the second Tuesday of each month, and our next day to serve is Tuesday, April 8th. To help, sign up using the link in this week's eNews, and prepare an entrée for 8 or a veggie side for 6. Please use disposable pans labeled with your name and the dish. You can cook in advance and put your dish in the church's freezer no later than Sunday morning, April 6. Please use freezer in the pantry near the door labeled "Butler's Closet" or drop it off Tuesday afternoon at the address on the signup sheet. In providing this meal, you are serving God by serving others. Barbara Cooke is always happy to answer questions and can be reached at 336-521-0040 or by email at bjcookenc@me.com.

Support the Altar Guild with Easter Flower Dedications—Submit by Thursday, April 10

St. Andrew's Altar Guild lovingly decorates our worship space for special services. On Easter Sunday, we would like the church altar to be full of beautiful flowers, especially lilies. We invite you to support the Altar Guild with an honorary or memorial Easter Flower Offering. The bulletin for Easter Sunday will list all donors and tributes. *Gifts can be submitted using the flower envelopes in the pews, via our online Flower Form, or by mail (see eNews for details), and must be received by April 10.*

Remembering Our Saints in Light—Funeral Dates in May

The funeral for Jimmye Olivey will be on Monday, May 12, at 11 a.m. (*Chapel*) with a reception to follow. The funeral for Moira Ermentrout will be on Friday, May 30, at 2 p.m. (*Sanctuary*) with a reception to follow.

It's Time to Sign Up for St. Andrew's VBS Campers AND Buddies! Join Us July 28–August 1

Compassion Camp is back this summer with a fun new "Buddy Camper" option for our friends aged 10 and up. Compassion Camp is our annual, fully inclusive Vacation Bible School for friends ages 4–9. It's a week chock full of Bible stories, art, learning, gardening, cooking, fun, water play, yoga, and—best of all—animal visitors. If your camper is *turning 10* this summer and would just like to attend and have a great time, hooray! Sign them up as a *camper*. If they would rather help out with new friends who need an extra hand, they are welcome to sign up as a *helper camper*, or *buddy*! Our camp runs 9 a.m.–12 p.m., Monday–Friday, and a snack is served each day—al fresco when we can manage it! *See our eNews for registration links for Campers and Buddies (a.k.a. Helpers).*

Love Solar?

As we renew our commitment to creation care, we are looking for one or two people to serve as "solar panel shepherds" by learning about the installation and maintenance process and monitoring their effectiveness. St. Andrew's solar panels have been an outward and visible sign that we are seeking ways to reduce our carbon footprint. Please contact Susan at parish@standrewsgso.org if you are interested.

Thank You for Your Generous Support

We are grateful for your gifts that sustain St. Andrew's mission and ministry. If you have questions about your giving, please email Ray Marsh (bookkeeper@standrewsgso.org), or call him at 336-265-1651, ext. 3. Ray is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. To make a new or pledged gift, visit abundant.co/standrewsepiscopalch/give, scan the QR code, or mail a check to *St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Bookkeeper, 2105 W. Market St., Greensboro, NC 27403.*



LIVING HOPE



**You are Invited to a Holy and Life-Giving
Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.**

**Sunday Worship, 10 a.m.
Contemplative Eucharist, Third Sundays, 8:30 a.m. (*Chapel*)**

LENT

- Mar. 19—Apr. 16 Midweek Eucharists, 12 p.m. (*Chapel*)
Mar. 30 Coffee & Advocacy: Give Up Your Silence for Lent
Apr. 6 Welcome Breakfast
Worship with Liturgy of Belonging for New Members
All-Parish Community Conversation: Church World Services

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

- Apr. 13 Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.
Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.
Apr. 18 Good Friday Service, 12 p.m. (*Chapel*)
Stations of the Cross, 12–3 p.m. (*Sanctuary*)
Apr. 20 Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.
*Arrive early for brass prelude and flowering the cross.
Stay for festive reception and easter egg hunt after service.*

Holy Week and Easter Offerings

Palm Sunday Service — April 13, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)

The Palm Sunday liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week. In this service, we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then rejected and crucified at Golgotha (or “Place of a Skull”) outside the gates of the city. The reading of Christ’s passion sets forth the central act of God’s love for humankind, and through it we come to know the reality of God’s saving action in our lives. After the service, we will gather in the Parish Hall for fellowship, coffee, and snacks. We also will be making palm crosses from our palm fronds. Instructions will be provided.

Maundy Thursday Service — April 17, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Join us for our Maundy Thursday Service, in which we commemorate Jesus’ servanthood in the washing of feet and the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The word Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum novum* or the new commandment. “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 3:34) This liturgy is filled with conflicting images. There is the joy of Communion, celebrated with all its splendor, but there is also deep sadness expressed in the stripping of the altar as we prepare the church for Good Friday, for the agony in the garden, and the arrest and betrayal of Jesus.

Good Friday Service — April 18, 12 p.m. (Chapel)

On Good Friday, the most solemn fast day of the church year, we gather to remember Christ’s suffering and death on the cross. In preparation for Good Friday services, all decorations have been removed. The inexorable truth of Good Friday is that death precedes resurrection. Join us in the Chapel at noon.

The Way of the Cross — April 18, 12–3 p.m. (Sanctuary)

In addition to our service at noon in the Chapel, you are invited to Prayer, Meditation, and the Way of the Cross in our Sanctuary on Good Friday, 12–3 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service — April 20, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Arrive early for the flowering of the cross and brass and organ prelude music.

Stay for an Easter Egg Hunt for Children and a Festive Reception for All!

On Easter Sunday we will welcome all to celebrate the risen Christ with joy. A brass and organ prelude will be offered in the 10 minutes before worship. You are invited to bring flowers to add to the cross outside and bells to ring. Nursery care will be provided for children 5 and under. Our school-age children in kindergarten and up will stay in church for this special day of worship. We will have bags for them to decorate, butterflies for them to color, bells to ring each time we hear the word “Alleluia,” and other fun ways for children to participate in the service. Join us afterward for an Easter Egg Hunt, snacks and crafts on the lawn, and a Festive Coffee Hour.

Lenten Resources for Reflection and Prayer

Living Well Through Lent 2025: Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind, from Living Compass

Available as a booklet in our Parish Hall and church entrances and at <https://www.livingcompass.org/lent>

The Living Compass Model for Well-Being offers us guidance in four dimensions of our being: heart, soul, strength, and mind. Just like a mobile or kinesthetic art, these dimensions are interconnected—movement in one area affects all the others. The invitation is to live an undivided life, where heart, soul, strength, and mind are integrated into both our *being* and our *doing*.

The Hardest Part, from Kate Bowler

Available at https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/the-hardest-part/

This is the season that asks us to stop pretending we're holding it all together. It's a time to pause, sit with what's fragile and unfinished, and let God meet us in the hardest parts of our lives. These Lenten guides are designed to be a companion through the season as you pause, reflect, and find the courage to stay with the hard part, trusting that the good part is still coming.

Lenten Meditations, from Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD)

Available at <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

Join writer Jerusalem Jackson Greer this Lent as she encourages us to partake in “A Commonplace Lent.” “Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Living Hope—Lenten Reflections from the Church of England

Available (1) as a booklet in our Parish Hall and church entrances, (2) as Reflection Emails ([see eNews for signup link](#)), and (3) via the Church of England's daily devotional app, *Everyday Faith* ([see eNews for download link](#)).

This Lent we are encouraged to put down deep roots of hope by connecting with God who is with us at all times. In the disappointment of daily setbacks and the pain of deeper hurts, we discover that God is present with us. And God promises a future where all things are healed and made new. *Living Hope* offers us the opportunity to deepen our hope in God and be part of what God is doing to bring hope in the world.

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