



HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)

March 5, 2023: 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome. We are delighted you've joined us for worship and hope this bulletin is helpful in facilitating your participation. Everything you need for the spoken parts is found here. Music is found in the blue 1982 Hymnal (also in the pew rack) and in this bulletin. Service music designated by an "S" is found in the front of the hymnal. Children of all ages are welcome to worship with us at St. Andrew's. Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft. We invite you to fill out one of our welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or the priest. This will enable us to greet you more fully. May you know God's presence in this place as we worship together.

Welcome and Announcements

A PENITENTIAL ORDER: RITE TWO

Opening Hymn

The God of Abraham praise

Hymn #401

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue: Contemporary

BCP, p. 350

Please kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"

I John 1:8,9

The Confession

BCP, p. 352

Please remain kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

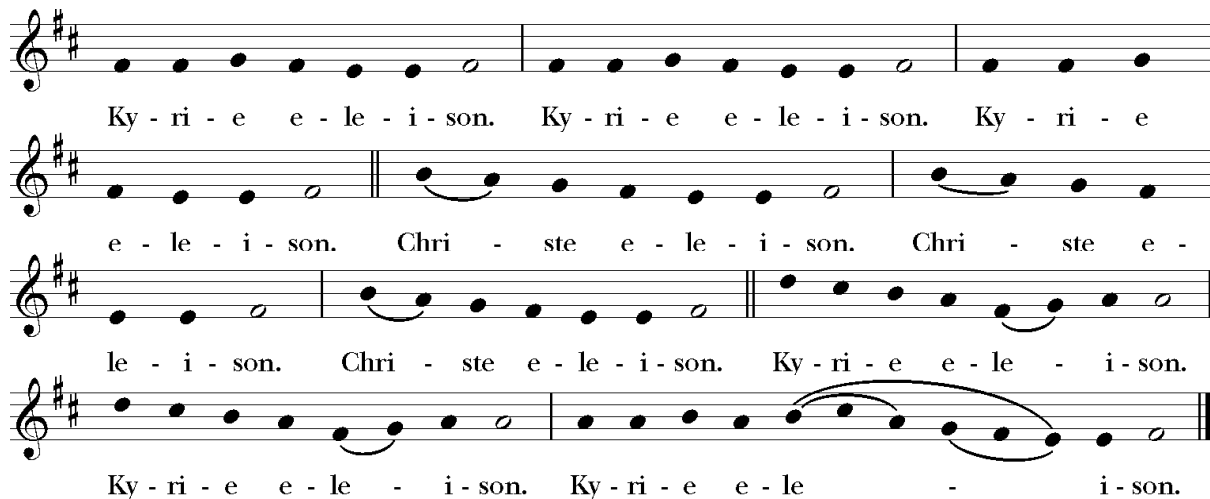
Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Kyrie Eleison

Hymnal #S-86

Please stand as you are able.



The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 218

Please remain standing as you are able as the Celebrant says the collect.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

NRSV

Please sit.

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Response*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.**I to the hills will lift mine eyes*

Hymn #668

The Epistle*Please sit.**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

NRSV

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn*Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.**Now let us all with one accord*

Hymn #147

The Gospel*Please remain standing as you are able.**John 3:1-17*

NRSV

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon*Please be seated.*

Denise Bennett

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Praying the Scriptures

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

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| <i>Leader</i> | Behold, children of God, it is the Lord who watches over you. As people sent forth into the world let us pray, saying, Lord bless us, |
| <i>People</i> | So that we may bless others. |
| <i>Leader</i> | Lord, preserve your Church from all evil. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the kingdom of God in all the world. We thank you for Lorne Field, Mason Marundé, Miranda Plunkett, Allen Finch, Sasha Getlein, Tracey Miles, Erica Blackwell, and all who celebrate birthdays this week. Lord bless us, |
| <i>People</i> | So that we may bless others. |
| <i>Leader</i> | O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance. Lord bless us, |
| <i>People</i> | So that we may bless others. |
| <i>Leader</i> | Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us. Lord bless us, |
| <i>People</i> | So that we may bless others. |
| <i>Leader</i> | Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. Be our help and our safety. Lord bless us, |
| <i>People</i> | So that we may bless others. |
| <i>Leader</i> | You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for their help. Lord bless us, |
| <i>People</i> | So that we may bless others. |
| <i>Leader</i> | O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead from this time forth and for evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust you. Lord bless us, |
| <i>People</i> | So that we may bless others. |
| <i>All</i> | Holy Spirit, guide us as we seek a new priest for our church. Assist us in living hopefully into the future and open our hearts to You so that our journey to this unknown place continues as a journey of trust. In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside and to recognize our potential for creative response. Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted |

by “the new” and to guard against our own defensiveness. Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times, and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them, which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time. And we further pray, O Lord, that in this time of waiting we may all devote ourselves afresh to your service, so that nothing be lost of the faithful work of the past, but rather that it may be brought to a rich harvest in the years to come. All this we ask in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Please sit.

Presentation Hymn

How firm a foundation

Hymn #636

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Please remain standing as you are able.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord: who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal S-124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Please remain standing or kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious God: in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Said by all. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

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. Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation to the Table

Welcome to the Lord's Table. The ushers assist people in approaching the altar rail for Holy Communion. Please wait until just before taking communion to remove your mask and replace it immediately afterwards. We will be offering communion in both kinds. We will offer two chalices: one for those who wish to sip from the cup, and one for those who wish to dip their communion wafer in the wine. Those who do not receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chests. You may offer silent prayers in your pew both before and after communion. Some suggestions are found in the BCP, pp. 834 and 337. In order to share the Body of Christ with those who have dietary limitations, we also consecrate rice-flour wafers. When you approach the altar rail, simply tell the Celebrant that you are wheat- or gluten-free.

Communion Hymn

O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymn #455

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Please remain standing or kneeling as you are able.

Closing Hymn

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

Blessed assurance

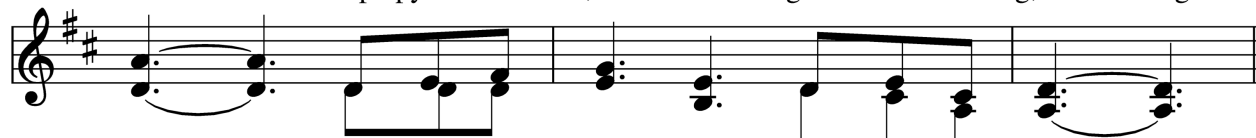
Lift Every Voice and Sing II #184



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!____ O what a
2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,____ Vi - sions of
3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest,____ I in my



1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine!____ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
2. rap - ture now burst on my sight;____ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest;____ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



1. God,____ Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood.____
2. bove____ Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.____
3. bove,____ Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.____



This is my sto - ry, this is my song,____ Prais - ing my



sav - ior all the day long;____ This is my sto - ry, this is my



song,____ Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long.____

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

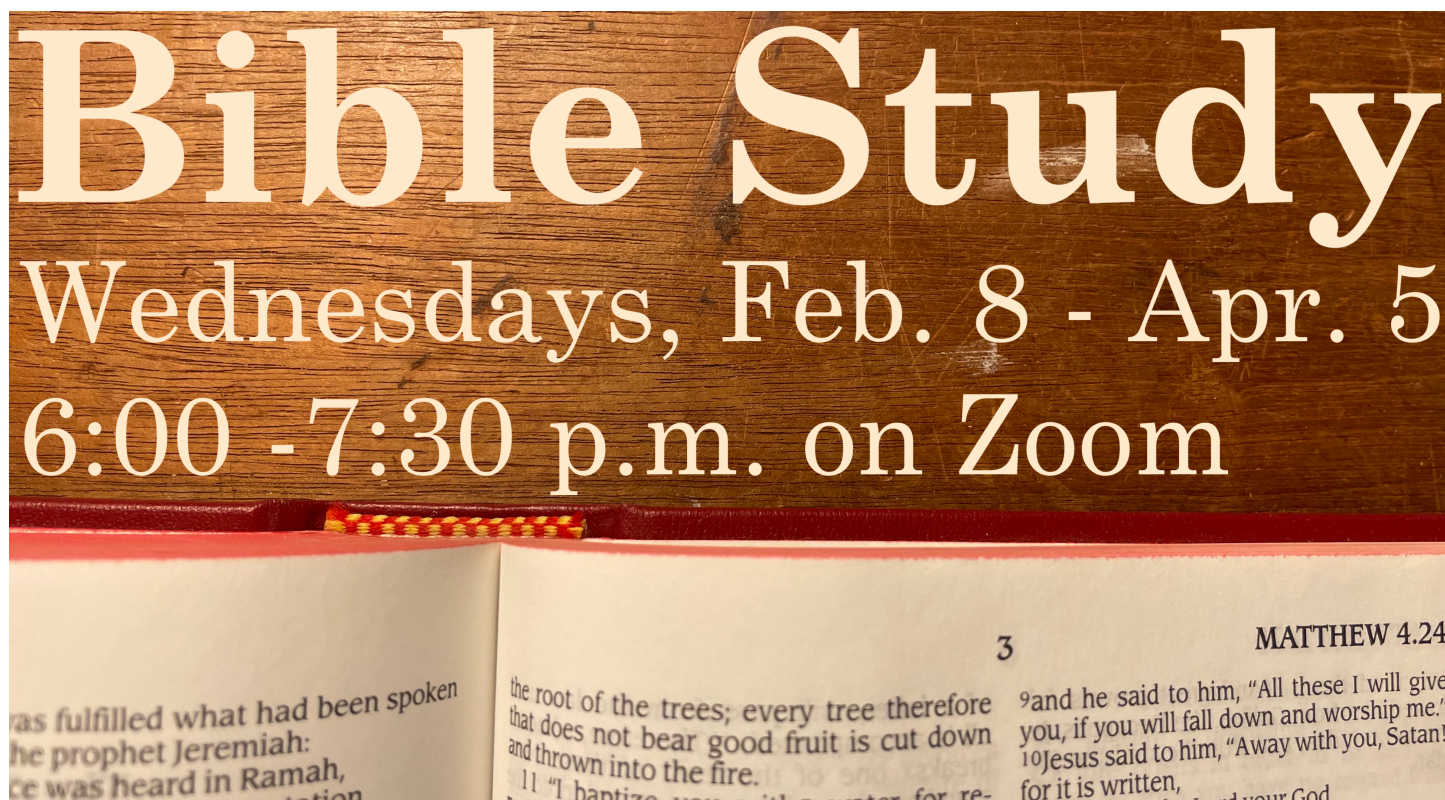
Worship Participants

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Denise Bennett *Deacon:* The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose
Organist & Choirmaster: Demas Boudreaux *Crucifer:* Paula Harper *Reader:* Pat Bridgewater
Intercessor: Sue Barrett *Lead Usher:* Wayne Clark *Altar Guild:* Belinda Brugh

Blessed Assurance, Kyrie Eleison, and Holy, holy, holy Lord from RiteSong.
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The Prayers of the People

- Margaret Agens, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Annie Campbell, Sue Clark, Wayne Clark, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Finley Farber, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Carlton Green, Holly Harris, David Lounsbury, Linda McCauley-Mayes, Otis McKay, Crystal Munnings, Carol Oppel, Brenda Quinn, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Lizzy Schrass, Cookie Seibel, Joe Yates.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the ministry of St. Andrew's School.
- Pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For persons living with terminal illnesses and for their families, friends, and communities; for persons working to find cures for diseases.
- Pray for those who celebrate birthdays this week: Lorne Field (3/5), Mason Marundé (3/5), Miranda Plunkett (3/6), Allen Finch (3/7), Sasha Getlein (3/7), Tracey Miles (3/9), Erica Blackwell (3/11).





THE SUNDAY SALTIRE

The Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)
March 5, 2023: 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

This Week at St. Andrew's

Sunday, March 5: The Second Sunday in Lent

- **Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m., Church & [Facebook](#)
- **Coffee Hour:** 11:15 a.m., Chapel
- **Adult Formation:** 11:15 a.m., Chapel

Tuesday, March 7

- **Compline:** 8:00 p.m., [Facebook](#)

Wednesday, March 8

- **Bible Study:** 6:00 p.m., [Zoom](#)

Thursday, March 9

- **Compline:** 8:00 p.m., [Facebook](#)

Sunday, March 12: The Third Sunday in Lent

- **Holy Eucharist:** 10:00 a.m., Church & [Facebook](#)
- **Coffee Hour:** 11:15 a.m., Chapel
- **Adult Formation:** 11:15 a.m., Chapel

News and Upcoming Events

- **Adult Formation:** Join us in the chapel right after the 10:00 a.m. service as we Meet Jesus in the Gospel of John!
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Study:** Our mid-week Bible study resumes this week, and will be held on Wednesday nights through April 5. We will meet from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m. [on Zoom](#), and our time will include a short time of meditation/centering before we launch into the text for the evening. Our last session, April 5, is during Holy Week and will be *The Passion of Christ as seen through Contemporary Art*. ***Please RSVP to Britton*** if you plan to attend so that we can send you materials ahead of time. And feel free to invite a friend! Here are the Zoom meeting details: meeting ID: 883 9425 8810, passcode: 23220236, voice: 646-931-3860, meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88394258810?pwd=SDRHVGF1emVyR3BkaVdHUHZha3lzdz09>
- **Online Compline:** Join us for Compline on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8:00 p.m. We stream the services live on our [Facebook page](#).
- **Discernment Committee Update:** We continue to meet weekly and are now receiving names of potential rectors. This means that we are not able to answer any questions about applicants, including: how many applicants there are, who they are, where they live, or any other identifying details. Thank you for respecting their confidentiality and ours. We are grateful for your continued prayer support, encouragement, and for the good God who loves us all.

- **New Outreach Ministry Opportunity:** One of the singers who joined our choir for the Epiphany Lessons and Carols service is a member of and the outreach ministry co-chair at Manakin Episcopal Church. She has invited St. Andrew's to join a group of churches who rotate providing lunch to four Richmond-area shelters for the unhoused. If St. Andrew's joined in this ministry, we would provide, pack, and deliver 110 bagged lunches to four shelters (two on Hull Street, two downtown) on one or more Saturdays in 2023. Each bagged lunch must contain a sandwich, salty snack, sweet treat, and a piece of fruit, but we can choose exactly what goes in the lunches. The total food cost is approximately \$200-\$225 (not including the brown bags, baggies, and napkins).

At Manakin Church, volunteers meet at church on the delivery day where the sandwiches are made and lunches are packed within 30 minutes, then one or two volunteers deliver the lunches to the four shelters. We could use this model, or we could pack lunches in our homes, drop them off at St. Andrew's on delivery day, and a couple of volunteers could distribute the lunches to the four shelters.

One of the things that emerged early in the discernment process is that St. Andrew's feels most "itself" when doing service and outreach. It is also attractive to prospective priests-in-charge and younger folks looking for a church. Most important, though, is that this kind of ministry is a way to practice Jesus' Way of Love. If you are interested in leading or participating in this ministry, please let Britton Trimble know.

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ...And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' -Matthew 25: 37, 40

- **COVID & Mask Update:** Based on the current COVID levels in the community, wearing masks is strongly suggested, especially for those who feel that they are at-risk. Masks are available in the narthex.
- **Contact Information Needed:** We need your help! Christine Baur-Millward is updating our directory, and needs your updated address, email, and phone number(s). Please email Christine at baurmillward@gmail.com.

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John: Lent 2023

Join us after church in the chapel on Sundays from February 26 through March 26, when we will be *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. Each adult formation session will be led by different members of the parish.

February 26: *God is Love*

March 5: *The Word Became Flesh*

March 12: *Close to the Father's Heart*

March 19: *I Have Called You Friends*

March 26: *Abide in Me*

