



Palm Sunday
March 28, 2021
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome! I'm so thrilled to be worshipping with you today! None of us could ever have anticipated that we would still be worshipping virtually for a second Holy Week, but I'm so grateful for all of you that are worshipping with us on Facebook or YouTube or just praying in your homes. This time of physical distancing has made it more clear than ever that the church is resilient and that the Body of Christ remains strong even when we can't be together in person.

As we continue to fast from in-person worship, we give thanks for the hope provided by the rollout of the vaccine. As numbers of cases continue to decline, we are closer than ever to being able to worship in person. Though this has certainly been a difficult time for all of us, I am encouraged by the ways that members of the St. Andrew's community care for one another and our community. And I remain incredibly grateful for the grace, love and flexibility which you have all demonstrated throughout this pandemic.

May you feel God's presence deeply during this Holy Week. May the brightness of God's light shining in our dark world fill your heart to overflowing. And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be with you and those you love, now and always.

Grace & Peace,

Andrew+

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 270

Officiant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People ***Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.***

Officiant Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

Common Worship

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

NRSV

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

The Response*Psalm 31:9-16*

Psalter for the Christian People

9. Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
10. For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.
11. I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.
12. I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.
13. For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
14. But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.
15. My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
16. Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."
Glory to the Father, and to the Son *
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

The Gospel*Mark 14:1-15:47*

NRSV

Deacon The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me." They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I!" He said to them, "It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them, "You will all become deserters; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him, "Even though all become deserters, I will not." Jesus said to him, "Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." But he said vehemently, "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you." And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him.

But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.'" But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?" But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" Jesus said, "I am; and 'you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,' and 'coming with the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?" All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, "Prophesy!" The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, "You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth." But he denied it, saying, "I do not know or understand what you are talking about." And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, "This man is one of them." But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

He answered him, "You say so." Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, 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 and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 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?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph 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 the 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.

The Sermon

Andrew Moore

The Apostles' Creed (said in unison)

BCP, p. 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Confession

BCP, p. 360

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

Officiant 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.

Officiant 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 PRAYERS

The Prayers of the People

from *Praying the Scriptures*

Intercessor Though willing in spirit, we are still weak in the flesh. So let us appeal to God's mercy, saying, help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor O Lord, let the same mind be in your Church that was in Christ Jesus. With bended knees and confessing tongues, make us able to live his way of humility and obedience. Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Almighty God, in your tender love you sent your Son our Savior Jesus to take upon him our human nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: give us hearts also to love every human being. We pray for all who live, work, and go to school on Oregon Hill; for all who are celebrating birthdays, including Susan Higgins, Nate Plunkett, Thomas Rowe, Jordan Booth, Brittany Plunkett, Michele Hinnant, Randy Marshall, Leslie Cocchiola. Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor O God, bless the trees: in celebration of your Son we waved their branches; in our sinful violence we took what you made good and crafted a wooden cross. O God, bless the trees. Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Merciful God, look upon our beautiful city. Forgive us our violent ways. Even in hard times, let us not become a reproach to our neighbors. Make your face to shine upon the city. Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor O Lord, we pray for those who are wasted by grief, whose years are filled with sighing. We pray for those whose strength has failed and whose bones are consumed. In your loving-kindness save them. Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor Lord Jesus, you took human form; you died on the cross. You shared with us life and death. We trust the dead to your care. We trust our lives to you. Help us, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Please add your own prayers either silently or aloud.

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

Concluding Collect

Officiant God of all humanity, you call us to bring about healing and wholeness for the whole world – for people of all races and cultures and creeds. Help us to respond to a world that is groaning under the weight of injustice and broken relationships. Remind us that differences are a gift, and interdependence a strength from the same creative God. Strengthen us to resist the forces that encourage polarization and competition rather than understanding and cooperation. We know that your reign is not built on injustice and oppression, but on the transformation of hearts – new life, not just reordered life. Teach us forgiveness, O God. Bring us reconciliation. Give us hope for the future. We pray in Jesus' love. **Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest**

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Worship Participants

Officiant & Preacher: The Rev. Andrew Moore

Deacon: The Rev. Deacon Barbara Ambrose

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The Prayers of the People:

- Phyllis Bailey, Richard Bowen, Pat Bridgewater, Sarah Bridgewater, Dwayne Briggs, Rob Burger, Davison Chapman, Wayne Clark, James Conway, Cathy Creamer, Tom Davis, Shirley Dolan, Sarah Dowles, Jim Evans, Renee Ferrucci, Cyrus Field, Ellen Field, Susan Goff, Carlton Green, Jack Greener, Melissa Groome, Van Haywood, Herbert Hubbel, Georgia Jonkman, Jeeha Kamran, Diane Klisavage, Elaine Kriskus, Eileen LoSasso, Tommy MacDonald, Shawna Methaney, Lillian Miller, Crystal Munnings, Ann Olliff, Henry Randolph, Jerrie Richardson, Greg Robinson, Audrey Rowe, Greg Rowe, Karen Salter, Lizzy Schrass, Donnie Thomas, Ramon Torres, Joe Velliers.
- Pray for those who live and work and go to school on Oregon Hill and for the Laundry Ministry.
- We pray for health care in Metropolitan Richmond: For clinics, medical personnel, and all institutions that serve persons who are uninsured or underinsured. For a national health care system that promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well being for all people.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays: Susan Higgins (3/28), Nate Plunkett (3/29), Thomas Rowe (3/29), Jordan Booth (3/30), Brittany Plunkett (3/30), Michele Hinnant (3/31), Randy Marshall (3/31), Leslie Cocchiola (4/1).



Holy Week Services:

- **Maundy Thursday:** Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/standrewsrva.
- **Good Friday:** Join us at 12:00 noon or 7:00 p.m. on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/standrewsrva.
- **Easter Sunday:** Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/standrewsrva, and join us afterwards at 10:45 a.m. for Digital Coffee Hour on [Zoom](#).
- **Looking for more resources for worship at home?** Take a look at our [Holy Week From Home](#) webpage.

News and Upcoming Events:

- **Noonday Prayer:** Each weekday, join us in praying Noonday Prayer at 12:00 noon on Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/standrewsrva. You can follow along in the Book of Common Prayer on page 103 or online at www.bcponline.org. Click on The Daily Office and then an Order of Service for Noonday.
- **Digital Coffee Hour:** Join us on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. on Zoom, for Coffee Hour! You can join by going to <https://zoom.us/j/97623461393> and entering the password 067460. You can also call (929) 205-6099 and entering the meeting ID: 976 2346 1393 and the password 067460. This has been a fantastic time to visit virtually and catch up with one another.
- **Sunday Paper Junior Bulletins:** We encourage you to share these Sunday Paper Junior bulletins with your children. Linked here are the Sunday Paper Junior bulletins for [Sunday, March 21](#) and [today, Palm Sunday](#). Email Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org if you'd like her to mail paper copies to you.

- **Are You Interested in Lay Reading for Our Online services?** It's an easy way to be active in our online services! You'll simply use your phone to record yourself, and then upload the file. Please contact Britton at office@standrewsoregonhill.org or 804-322-9183 to volunteer and find out more.
- **UGK Community First Update & Volunteer Opportunities:** UGK Community First has established a partnership with the City of Richmond and moved its kitchen operations to The Annie Giles Center at 1400 Oliver Hill Way. This partnership with the City will place Community First in closer proximity to areas of food insecurity in the City and creates opportunity to develop educational programs on topics such as nutrition, food preparation and health benefits of healthy eating to vulnerable populations. The new year is a great time to consider volunteer opportunities at UGK Community First. For more information and to sign up to volunteer, visit [Volunteer UGK Community First](#).
- **Connect at Digital Coffee Hour:** Like most of you, I dearly miss Sunday morning worship services at St Andrew's. But mostly I miss our community which is a big part of our service. I appreciate the effort that Andrew and others have done to put together great online worship experiences, either Noonday Prayer or our Sunday service. And while I'm so happy to continue with this type of worship it doesn't fulfill my longing for connection. What fills me up is our [Digital Coffee Hour](#). It's so great to see familiar faces, to laugh or exchanges stories of our trials and tribulations in dealing with the pandemic. Only then do I feel like it's Sunday! It's really quite simple to log in. If you need help please call me at 804-548-5956 or ask a child or grandchild for help, LOL. 😊 – Sue Barrett
- **Options for Giving:** While we are unable to gather in person and offer our collective offering to God, it is critically important that we all continue to give as we are able. Even though we are not meeting in person, the expenses of the church remain. If you are already accustomed to giving online, thank you! If it is your practice to place your offering in the plate on Sundays, we invite you to consider either mailing your offering to the church or giving through our secure site. Simply visit the [Giving page of our website](#). Choose from a drop-down menu whether this is a pledge payment or if it is just a gift, select Give Now. You can choose to make this a recurring gift online as well. If you do choose to give online, please consider adding an additional 2-3% to your pledge to cover the service fees the church is charged for each gift. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Andrew or a member of the Vestry.
- **Help St. Andrew's with Kroger Community Rewards:** Help St. Andrew's by increasing donations every time you shop at Kroger! Thanks to their Community Rewards program, it's easy. Create or log into your digital account at kroger.com. In the Community Rewards section of your account, link your Kroger Plus Card to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Oregon Hill (organization ID AF019). Scan your Kroger Plus Card every time you check out at Kroger. St. Andrew's receives a periodic donation check from Kroger based on a percentage of designated transactions, all at no cost to you. Questions? Contact Chris Catanzaro at 804-922-1288 or Kroger Customer Service at 800-KROGERS (800-576-4377).
- **Children's Worship Videos:** Each week we will have a worship video designed specifically for families with children. They will include a reading from the Jesus Storybook Bible, a time for prayers, and a new segment called "Ask Andrew." This will be a chance for our young people to ask their questions about God and the world and Andrew will (attempt) to answer them! [Email Andrew](#) to submit questions for inclusion. The videos will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#) and links will be included in our weekly worship emails.
- **Free Digital Publications for Lent, Holy Week, Easter, & More:** Church Publishing Incorporated has updated their selection of free digital publications, [which you can browse by clicking here](#). These include The Book of Common Prayer in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and books, activity packs, a new collection of EfM lessons, and more for children, teens, and adults.
- **UPDATED Cell Phone Number for Andrew:** Andrew has a new cell phone number, which was previously advertised incorrectly! If you need to reach him, please call him at 804-251-0363. You can also email him at amoore@standrewsoregonhill.org



Who in the world would ever have guessed we'd have a year like the one we've just been through? Who in the world would have guessed that St. Andrew's would have come through it so beautifully and with such creativity? We hope you'll join us in giving thanks to God for the flexibility and creativity that already existed within our community. You so quickly adapted to digital worship and fellowship. Your Vestry completed the first digital Mutual Ministry Review with the diocese and called Andrew to serve as our Rector, all within the first weeks of the pandemic. You've joined in virtual book groups and film conversations, EFM is meeting again this year, all via Zoom, a technology most of us had never even heard of before March. And when we saw the increasing need for feeding ministries, you gave selflessly of your time and your dollars to support FeedMore and the new Underground Kitchen Community First initiative.

And as every organization you're a part of has already said to you, your financial support means more now than ever to keep this flexibility, creativity, and faithfulness alive and thriving in the year to come. Thanks to your continued generosity, we've been able to weather the financial challenges of 2020. As we look toward 2021, none of us knows what the coming year will bring. But we can say with great confidence that we still find joy together, in whatever ways we are able to come together. So as we enter this season of gratitude and turn our attention to stewardship, we take our inspiration from Psalm 98 and the confidence that we are indeed together for joy.

We hope that you will join us in giving thanks for the sources of joy in our lives, particularly the joy that comes from our life together at St. Andrew's. A huge thank you to those of you who have discerned and submitted your pledges already. So far, we have received over 41 pledges totaling nearly \$135,000. We're so very grateful for your support.

Between now and then, we hope you will prayerfully discern your pledge for 2021. As you discern, consider praying this prayer:

*Great One, for you the floods clap, for you the hills sing.
You know my situation better than anyone.
Take my credits and debits, ins and outs, my pluses and minuses,
surpluses and lacks, and show me
how to use them to join the great chorus of Creation.
Amen.*

[We invite you to submit your pledge safely and securely online on the St. Andrew's website, or return the pledge card on the back of this page.](#)

For all that we've already accomplished together during this challenging season, for all that we will accomplish together in the future, thank God, and thank YOU. See you soon and until then, let us be together for joy.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Andrew Y. Moore
Rector

Chris Catanzaro
Stewardship Chair



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

"Together for Joy" Pledge Card

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

I/We plan to give \$ _____ each week month
for an annual total of \$ _____.

I/We understand that this pledge will 1) help our church sing "together with joy," and 2) can be changed at any time.

Signature _____ Date _____



TOGETHER
FOR JOY

"Sing to God a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy."
+ Psalm 98

GIVING CHART

WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS...

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
\$16,000	\$1,333	\$308	\$6	\$12	\$18	\$25	\$31	\$46
20,000	1,667	385	8	15	23	31	39	58
25,000	2,083	481	10	19	29	38	48	72
30,000	2,500	577	12	23	35	46	58	87
35,000	2,917	673	13	27	40	54	67	101
40,000	3,333	769	15	31	46	62	77	115
45,000	3,750	865	17	35	52	69	87	130
50,000	4,167	962	19	38	58	77	96	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23	46	69	92	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29	58	87	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38	77	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48	96	144	192	240	361