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St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Palm Sunday • March 29, 2015



JOURNEY TO THE RESURRECTION

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2

Noon

Holy Eucharist

7 p.m.

Holy Eucharist &
Stripping of the Altar, with
"The Voices of Easter"

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3

11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Noon & 7 p.m.

Good Friday Liturgy

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 4

11 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt (All Welcome!)

7 p.m.

Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5

8 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Traditional

11 a.m.

Contemporary

'Voices of Easter' set for Maundy Thursday

"The Twelves Voices of Easter" provides Holy Week worshipers a unique opportunity to experience the testimonies of "first-hand witnesses" to the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. This year's presentation, set for Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m., will feature first-person accounts of the events surrounding the crucifixion, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We'll hear from "Caiaphas: Voice of Condemnation," to be presented by **Paul Roach**; "Pilate: Voice of Evasion," by **Mike Schroeder**; and "The Mob: Voice of Hatred," by **Pat Carpenter, Larry Cooper** and **Randy Smith**, with congregational support. **Mother Nanci James** is the director.



Youth to present special Easter music Sunday, April 12

St. Andrew's Youth Testimony Troupe participants will present "He is Alive: Easter Hymn" for the congregation on Sunday, April 12. The piece is from "Celebrate Life," the musical the youth have been rehearsing since earlier this year, and presents the Easter Gospel in word and song. Above, two teens run their lines; and at right, one of the young men rehearses his trumpet part. Please join us on the second Sunday of Easter for this special offering by our youth!

Marriage Enrichment open house April 21

Parishioners **David and Mary Alvarado** will host an open house for couples who want to learn more about what the Marriage Enrichment ministry is all about at their home in Westerville on Tuesday, April 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This will be a very informal gathering, and include fellowship time, followed by a short program that will introduce couples to the Marriage Enrichment community and outline the benefits of being involved. Light refreshments will be served.

This gathering is also an opportunity to gauge interest in a weekday Marriage Enrichment group for folks whose schedules prohibit them from attending the current meetings, which are normally held on the third Friday of the month. For information or directions to the Alvarado home, please contact Mary at templeton.23@buckeyemail.osu.edu or 419-366-0716.

Friday study continues

The St. Andrew's Marriage Enrichment and Support Ministry continues its study of "I Love You More" by Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott on Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Gathering Area.

Both events are open to all married couples and guests.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4

Don't miss the annual St. Andrew's Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4, on the lawn of the church! Bring your friends and family, and join the fun!

We need a few volunteers to help on the day of the hunt, including a few folks to come out early (around 10 a.m.) to roll out the eggs. If you would like to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, please contact **Judy Baird** at jbaird@standrewspolaris.org or 740-548-5112, ext. 3.

If you brought items to stuff the eggs with, please place them in the bin in the Narthex marked "Easter Egg Donations" today.

The Daily Lectionary

Holy Week • March 29-April 4

Palm Sunday, March 29 — A.M.: Psalm 24, 29; P.M.: Psalm 103; Zechariah 9:9-12** or Zechariah 12:9-11, 13:1, 7-9***; 1 Timothy 6:12-16**; Matthew 21:12-17***

Monday, March 30 — A.M.: Psalm 51:1-18(19-20); P.M.: Psalm 69:1-23; Jeremiah 12:1-16; Philippians 3:1-14; John 12:9-19

Tuesday, March 31 — A.M.: Psalm 6, 12; P.M.: Psalm 94; Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 3:15-21; John 12:20-26

Wednesday, April 1 — A.M.: Psalm 55; P.M.: Psalm 74; Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17; Philippians 4:1-13; John 12:27-36

Maundy Thursday, April 2 — A.M.: Psalm 102; P.M.: Psalm 142, 143; Jeremiah 20:7-11; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32; John 17:1-11(12-26)

Good Friday, April 3 — A.M.: Psalm 95* & 22; P.M.: Psalm 40:1-14(15-19), 54; Wisdom 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Genesis 22:1-14; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38** or John 19:38-42***

Holy Saturday, April 4 — A.M.: Psalm 95** & 88; P.M.: Psalm 27; Job 19:21-27a; Heb. 4:1-16**; Romans 8:1-11***

Next Sunday, Easter Day, April 5 — A.M.: Psalm 148, 149, 150; P.M.: Psalm 113, 114, or 118; Exodus 12:1-14** or Isaiah 51:9-11***; John 1:1-18** or Luke 24:13-35***, or John 20:19-23***

* For the Invitatory ** For use in the morning *** For use in the evening

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Next Sunday's Lectionary • April 5; Easter Sunday (Year B)

Collect: BCP 222

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 **Gospel:** Mark 16:1-8

Prayers for the Church

Following the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Bishop Suheil Dawani** and for the priests, deacons, religious, and people of the **Diocese of Jerusalem**, one of the four dioceses in The Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. The Jerusalem Anglican bishopric was founded in 1841. The diocese covers five countries, with 29 parishes and 7,000 members scattered across Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria. Despite the small numbers, the diocese has very active and growing ministries in healthcare and education across the region, with hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, and schools.

Massive emigration in recent decades has led to a dwindling Christian presence in the Middle East. Each year on Palm Sunday, Anglicans worldwide are asked to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Diocesan Peace and Reconciliation Department continues to work at strengthening interfaith dialogue with Jews and Muslims. The Kids4Peace program strives to educate the next generation in the language of tolerance and acceptance.

As you consider all the recent horrific events in the Middle East, our Lord's Passion and sorrow over Jerusalem, and as you pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for all peacemakers and peacemaking efforts, please remember Bishop Dawani's words: "If peace is possible in Jerusalem, peace will be possible across the world" and pray, pray, pray.

Following the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Fr. Scott Souders, Fr. Steve Wewer, Mother Cynthia Olsen, Deacon Char Schmotzer**, and the people of **Church of the Holy Spirit**, Akron.

Following the Parish Cycle of Prayer, please pray for **Donna Gough, Marty and Kathie Graff, William Grim**; the **Sunday Morning Apostles Small Group**; and for the **Music Ministry**. Please also pray for those who work at night: may they look at You, Jesus, the Light of the world, in whom there is no darkness.

April Birthdays

Evan Brock
Mike Brust
Emma Moehring
Melissa Gutierrez
Wini Cloran
Tami Roach
Ian Sattler
Liddy Schmitz
Dave Barnes
Ronda Reeves
Joyce Waddell
Amy Romey
Ann Schnapp
Gary Sommerville
Matt Spanos
Jim Reeves
Bill Joseph
Jodi Moehring
Rocco Torio
Peggy Vanderhoff
Emily Brock
Francesca Yorke
Marty Graff
Liam Darke
Rosa Maria Seagrave

April Anniversaries

Jana & Chuck Lilly
Karolyn & Terry Yoakum
Bill & Jane Lucas
Emily & Bill Fieger
Marty & Kathie Graff
Rick & Kerri Brock
Bob & Polly Lindemann
Dan & Christine Brill

Encouragement for your prayer time with God

If you haven't asked Jesus to be your Savior yet, you can do it now.

"Dear God, You are God, and I admit that I'm not. I come to you to humble myself, and to let go of my pride. I know that I could never be good enough on my own. I know that I've sinned and I need a Savior. Thank you, God, that you loved the world so much that you gave your Son, Jesus, so that I could spend eternity with you. Jesus, I believe that you died for me. I want to change; I want to repent. Today I commit myself completely to you. I commit to following you, trusting you, serving you, knowing you, and loving you. I'm going to depend on your promise that whoever believes in you will not perish, but will have everlasting life. I trust you for my salvation. Thank you for dying for me, and thank you for loving me. I pray this in your name, Jesus. Amen."

— From St. Andrew's Prayer Ministries

Support sought for Kairos prison ministry weekend

The Kairos Prison Ministry is asking for support from St. Andrew's ... for prayers, for cookies, and for funding! Donna Gough of St. Andrew's will be part of the team that weekend.

As a Christian community, your help is needed to bring the changing love of Jesus Christ to those whose lives can most be changed by him! Here is how you can help:

 **Pray!** Prayer is the oil that makes everything work. There is a prayer vigil, and we ask each person who can to sign up for a specific time. Your first name and the date and time will be written on a rainbow paper chain that goes around the Conference Room.

 **Bake cookies!** Each team member is responsible for collecting 75 dozen cookies! If individuals even make just three dozen each, it takes only 25 bakers to achieve that goal!

Chocolate chip is the favorite. Cookies (no powdered sugar or frosting, please) should be packed (after fully cooled) one dozen to a quart sized zippered plastic bag (that's a new procedure). Please pray while the cookies are baking that whoever receives the cookies also receives the Lord Jesus Christ!

Cookies should be delivered to church by Easter Sunday.

 **Make a donation!** It costs more than \$150 for each prison resident to attend the weekend. All funds are donated by Christians who love the Lord. None of the costs for Kairos weekends are from state funds! Even \$5 helps! Please make checks payable to "Kairos of Ohio", and write "ORW #42" in the memo line.

 **Write letters to the participants!** Letters of encouragement are part of the process of sharing Jesus with the women. So many of them feel they have been "warehoused" and forgotten, that they are too discouraged to make a new life! *Your* note may make the difference. Please address to "Dear Sister in Christ," and *do not* seal or write names on the envelope!

 **Make banners or posters!** Banners and posters are pinned all over the walls to show the love and support of the Christian community outside the razor wire.

 **Attend the closing!** Kairos #42 Closing is open to all Christians. Attendees are asked to be at the ORW Entrance Building by 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, at the Ohio Reformatory for Women.

Applications for closing must be mailed in prior to Friday, April 3. All other items are needed by Easter Sunday!

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Donna at 614-948-3833 or goughdonna@aol.com.

Prayers for the Moehring family after another loss

We are sad to share with you news of the death on Wednesday, March 25, of Marjorie Geaslen, mother of Jodi Moehring, who just a month earlier lost her father, Harry. Please keep Jodi, her husband Steve, and daughters Sara and Emma; Jodi's brothers and sisters, Jeffrey, Jay, and Janna; and the rest of the Geaslen family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their beloved mother, mother-in-law and grandmother.

Please also pray for Marjorie as she enters her new life in the nearer presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May her soul and the souls of all the saints rest in God's peace, and may light perpetual shine upon her.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30 pm, Saturday, April 18, at Bay Presbyterian Church, 25415 Lake Road, Bay Village, Ohio. A coffee reception will immediately follow the service. Inurnment will be in the columbarium on the grounds of the future site of Christ Church (Anglican) Westshore.

Marjorie and Harry Geaslen married on August 7, 1950 after meeting on a blind date their freshman year in college, and were inseparable in life, as they now are in death. They were longtime members of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and Christ Church Westshore of Bay Village, where Marjorie sang in the choir, and was a vestry and altar guild member. She will be remembered for her engaging smile, caring ways and, most importantly, her love of her family and husband. Log on to the Member Connection to read Marjorie's complete obituary.

Easter Flower Memorials & Thanksgivings

The Altar Guild is now accepting contributions toward flowers to decorate the altar and sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to make a gift in any amount in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for a loved one, an event or a blessing, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate along with your check made payable to St. Andrew's Anglican Church. Please note Altar Guild in the memo section of your check. Cash gifts should be placed in an envelope, along with this form. You may also fill out this form on the Member Connection of the website.

Enclosed is a gift of \$ _____ toward altar decorations for Easter.

Please print all information exactly as you would like it to appear in the Easter bulletin.

This gift is given by (please print):

Please contact me at the follow e-mail address or phone number with questions:

In memory of (please print):

In thanksgiving for (please print):

For more information, please contact Ellie Schramm, 614-846-0711 or ellieschramm@live.com **Deadline: Sunday, March 29.**

Maundy Thursday

Will we wait with him?

Most of us remember that Maundy Thursday is the feast of the institution of the Lord's Supper — the Holy Eucharist. The word "maundy" derives from the Latin *mandatum*, or command, from the words spoken by Jesus to his disciples after washing their feet at the Last Supper, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (*John 13:34, NRSV*)



Maundy Thursday is also the commemoration of the Passover for Christians. The Passover established the covenant with Moses (the Old Covenant or Testament). For us, this night begins the new Passover (the New Covenant; the New Testament) when our sins are passed over and the Lamb of God is given over to be sacrificed for the sins of the whole world, once and for all. We celebrate the Holy Eucharist in remembrance of the importance of this night to our salvation, and we strip the church and the altar bare as it becomes the tomb into which our Lord's sacred corpse was laid. We then take on a fast from the Holy Eucharist; a fast that can only be broken by the power of the Resurrection we experience on Easter morning.

We, like Peter, John and James, are asked that fateful question: Will none of you wait with me?

Will we wait with our Lord? Will we follow him to Calvary?

Holy Saturday:

A new flame; a new hope

On Holy Saturday, we will gather at 7 p.m. for the Easter Vigil. This will include the lighting of the new flame: The hope that life will conquer death; that light will vanquish darkness. We will hear the re-telling of the mighty works of God from the stories in Scripture. We will hear the chanting of the *Exsultet*, the ancient prayer at the lighting of the Pascal Candle, after the candle has been censed. We will also renew our baptismal vows, reminding ourselves of our immersion in the waters of baptism, seeking life from death, light from darkness, resurrection of the faithful with Christ. And then we will go home to keep the Vigil in our hearts, anxiously awaiting the rising of the sun, and the news that He is Risen!

We will not receive Holy Eucharists on this night, as we keep our fast from our Lord's most precious Body and Blood; as we await the gift of his grace in the triumphal note of resurrection on Easter morning. We will go home and wait — that is the meaning of vigil.

If anyone desires the sacrament of Baptism for themselves or their child, they should see Fr. Ron today so that instruction can be arranged. It is particularly appropriate to baptize those who come to Christ in faith on this most holy night. It especially emphasizes St. Paul's words that if we die with him in a death like his, we shall surely be raised from the dead in a resurrection like his.

Join us on Holy Saturday, as we wait for the triumphant resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; resurrection both now in our lives, and at the end of time.



Good Friday:

Sharing in the suffering of our Lord

For many, Good Friday is the second most holy day of the year, coming only behind Easter. It is a fast day of the Church, when Christians are asked to fast from solid food from dawn until dusk. We experience our own suffering as a symbol of our sharing in the suffering of Christ.

Our Lord stands betrayed by us all, hung on a cross to die as a common criminal. The Lamb is sacrificed for the sins of the world.

We continue our fast from the Holy Eucharist and we spend the day in prayer. We begin the day with the 14 Stations of the Cross at 11 a.m., when we will travel the steps of our Lord to his death and entombment. The Good Friday Liturgy follows at noon. The Stations of the Cross will be repeated at 6 p.m., followed by the Good Friday Liturgy at 7 p.m.

On Good Friday we are left with ambiguous feelings. It is "good" because in the death of this God-Man Jesus, we find our hope for salvation. It is also a sad time when we look upon the plight of our species and realize how truly blind we are. We saw God in human form and mistook him for a common criminal. It is little wonder that many eyes well up with tears at the Good Friday Liturgy.

Won't you come walk the journey of the Cross on this Good Friday? Won't you come and experience the incredible gift of love that is given to us in the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; who takes away your sins, and mine?

Won't you come and be there when we crucify our Lord?

