

The Net

St. Andrew's Anglican Church

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

He is Risen!

The long journey through the wilderness of Lent is finally over. We have journeyed with our Lord to Jerusalem and on to Calvary. We have felt the anguish of the death of Love in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We have waited in the tomb as the silence of the death we deserve consumed him.

But death has not had the final word! The gates of death and Hell have been broken loose and flung wide open! As the hymn says, "Death is conquered, we are free; Christ has won the victory!"

But the best news is that the Resurrection is not just an event that

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The Hosannas of Palm Sunday have given way to the Alleluias of Easter, with the news that "He is Risen!" Above, a child shows off the palm cross she made last Sunday with instruction from "Mr. Mike" Brust, and at left, a trio of girls wave their palm branches from the front row at the 11:15 a.m. service. See more photos from Palm Sunday on the back page.

The Daily Lectionary

The Week of Easter • April 10-16

Easter Sunday, April 17 — A.M.: Psalm 118; Exodus 15; Acts 2:22-32
P.M.: Psalms 111, 113, 114; Romans 6; Luke 24:13-43

Monday, April 18 — A.M.: Psalm 41; Daniel 9; John 13:1-20 P.M.: Psalms 142, 143; 1 Corinthians 10:1-22; John 13:21-38

Tuesday, April 19 — A.M.: Psalm 40; Lamentations 3:1-36; John 18
P.M.: Psalm 102; 1 Peter 2:11-25; Luke 23:18-49

Wednesday, April 20 — A.M.: Psalm 88; Lamentations 3:37-58; Hebrews 4
P.M.: Psalm 91; 1 Peter 4:1-8; Luke 23:50-56

Thursday, April 21 — A.M.: Psalm 118; Exodus 15; Acts 2:22-32
P.M.: Psalms 111, 113, 114; Romans 6; Luke 24:13-43

Friday, April 22 — A.M.: Psalm 119:129-152; Numbers 18:1-24; Mark 14:1-25
P.M.: Psalm 119:153-176; Job 20; Hebrews 10:19-39

Saturday, April 23 — A.M.: Psalm 118; Numbers 20; Mark 14:26-52
P.M.: Psalms 120, 121; Job 21; Hebrews 11

Next Sunday, April 24 — A.M.: Psalms 122, 123; Numbers 21:4-9, 21-35;
Mark 14:53-71 P.M.: Psalms 124, 125, 126; Job 22; Hebrews 12:1-17

Sunday Lectionary • April 24

First Reading: Acts 5:12a, 17-22, 25-29 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.); Revelation 1:1-19 (11:15 a.m.); **Second Reading:** Revelation 1:1-19 (5 p.m. & 9 a.m.)

Gospel: John 20:19-31 (All)

Encouragement for our time with God

Christ is risen! He is alive! He gives life to us!

“Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.

The cross stands empty to the sky.

Let streets and homes with praises ring.

Love, drowned in death, shall never die.”

(<https://musiklus.com/product/christ-is-alive/>)

— From the St. Andrew's Prayer Ministry Team

Prayers for the Church

Anglican Church in North America: Bishop Mark Lawrence, his wife Allison, and the clergy and people of the Diocese South Carolina. Almighty Father, we pray that they may be faithful witnesses for Jesus Christ and empowered by your Holy Spirit to serve you in the world.

Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes: Fr. David Frincke, the Very Rev. Canon Ron Allen, the Rev. Deacon Carolyn Allen, and the people of Heartland Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Bonnie Freeman; Sheila Freeman; and our Coffee Hour Ministry.

A Prayer for the Selection of a Rector: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this Parish that we may receive a faithful pastor who will preach the Gospel, care for your people, equip us for ministry, and lead us forth in fulfillment of the Great Commission; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Newcomer breakfast next Sunday, April 24

New to St. Andrew's, or a member of our parish who hasn't yet had an opportunity to attend one of our newcomer breakfasts? We know it's sometimes hard on Sunday mornings to get to know us. We'd like to get to know you better, too, and invite you to Breakfast with the Priest on Sunday, April 24, between services from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. We'll meet at the Parish House, which is the white house just to the north of the church parking lot.

This is an opportunity to sit down with us informally over a light breakfast to talk a little bit about the mission and ministry of St. Andrew's. Regardless of whether you've been attending for awhile, or have only joined us for worship a time or two and may still be looking for a church home, we invite you to come meet Fr. Ron Baird and some of our staff, and ask any questions you may have about our church. Please let us know you plan to attend by signing up at app.onechurchsoftware.com/standrews/forms/72.

Children of families attending the breakfast may join our Godly Play class in Room 102 off the Gathering Area in the church building. Parent of infants are welcome to bring them to the breakfast.

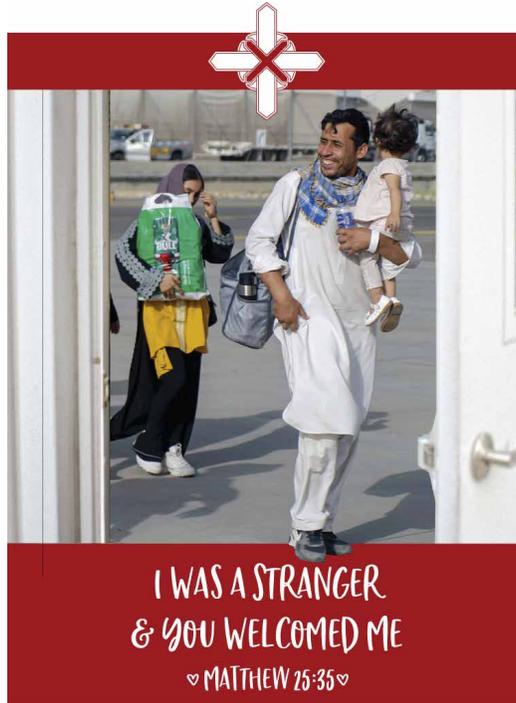
Common Cup now being offered

St. Andrew's returned to offering the Common Cup at Communion on Palm Sunday. Those who wish to receive the wine from the chalice should kneel or stand at the altar rail to the right facing the altar. If you wish to continue receiving the wine by intinction please kneel or stand at the altar rail to the left facing the altar at the 5 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. Sunday services, and stand in the center aisle before the altar at the 11:15 a.m. service. If you wish to receive the bread only, which is a full and valid communion, simply indicate this by shaking your head no when the priest comes to you.

Culture considerations when interacting with Afghan family

Last week our Afghan Mission Team provided an update after our refugee family moved in to their new home earlier this month, and provided some insights they've gleaned from the time they've been able to spend with the family so far. Today they share some cultural considerations and "dos and don'ts" for those who may be interacting with the family in the future.

- DO NOT be alone with the family unless it is necessary.
- DO NOT be alone with a child or member of the opposite sex.
- DO NOT take family members on unscheduled excursions.
- DO coordinate all visits and trips with the head of household and the family's case worker.
- DO use the contact information for Welcome Team leaders if you have questions.
- DO refer the family to the Welcome Team leaders or the case worker if they have questions that you cannot answer.
- DO take off your shoes! It is customary in Afghan culture to take your shoes off when entering the home.
- DO dress modestly at ALL times. Even in the summer, everyone should dress modestly with arms and legs covered at all times.
- DO remember the family has dietary restrictions based on religion, tradition, etc. Talk with the family before sharing a meal or groceries.
- DO make sure the family ALWAYS understands where they are going if you are driving them somewhere.
- DO take cues about physical touch. The head of household is glad to shake hands. Others may be more reserved, especially with members of the opposite sex.
- DO be prepared for delays. Afghans have a different concept of time. Do not be surprised or offended if family members are late sometimes or insist on having tea before leaving home.
- DO remember an invitation often is considered as an obligation (consider if you entered a new country and didn't know anyone except agency staff and your Welcome Team).
- DO be careful family members understand our help and friendship is not conditional upon their attendance at religious or other events.
- DO ask CRIS (Community Refugee & Immigration Services) for help if there is not a shared language.



- DO avoid using idioms and sarcasm (e.g. "feeling under the weather," "at the drop of a hat," etc.)
- DO simplify grammar, unless you are speaking with someone whose English skills are strong.
- DO speak directly to the individual, even when using an interpreter ("Are you hungry?" versus "Can you ask them if they are hungry?")
- DO use resources to help communicate (pictures, Google Translate app, etc.)
- DO track your time and expenses, even if you don't want reimbursement.
- DO prepare for the unexpected. This truly is an exercise in faith!

A note about the Afghan Mission artwork: We want to clarify that the family pictured in the artwork we are using to illustrate articles about our Afghan Mission is not the family St. Andrew's is sponsoring. The photograph is from the August 2021 evacuation of refugees by U.S. Marine escorts at Hamid Karzai International Airport, Afghanistan, and is in the public domain. We chose to use it in our composite illustration as representative of evacuees from Afghanistan settling in communities across America, including here in Central Ohio. Due to privacy and safety considerations we will not be publishing photographs of members of the family we are assisting as they settle into their new life here in the United States.

He is Risen

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happened to Jesus some two thousand years ago. It is a victory that empowers us to taste real life. Life in a whole, loving relationship with God our Father and Creator. Life abundant has been bestowed upon us in this life, and we have the promise of more to come in the next.

The great Feast of Easter is not only for this one Sunday. It is for 50 days! A feast for the community of the Resurrection.

We are that community. And it is a feast that will last until the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

Alleluia! We are Risen!

The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

✠ Easter reflection by Fr. Ron Baird



Children resurrecting their Alleluias today!

Children will resurrect their Alleluias—which they “buried” in potting soil on the Sunday before Lent as a visible reminder of our fast from the joyous exclamation of praise during that penitential season—today!

Children who attend the 9 a.m. service will be turning their Alleluias into festive banners during Children’s Chapel, and those who attend the 11:15 a.m. service will be preparing them during meaningful work time in Godly Play, which is held between services, from about 10:15 to 11 a.m. If your child or grandchild did not get to make a banner earlier they’ll have an opportunity to do so today, so everyone will be included!

Children will process in to the church with their Alleluia banners at “The Peace” at both services.



Top, Mike Brust teaches children how to make palm crosses after the 9 a.m. service last Sunday; above, Data Agiobu and daughters display the palm cross they made; and at left, an acolyte passes a palm branch to Mary Alice Busick while husband Dick looks on. See next week’s edition of “The Net” for more photos from Holy Week and Easter.