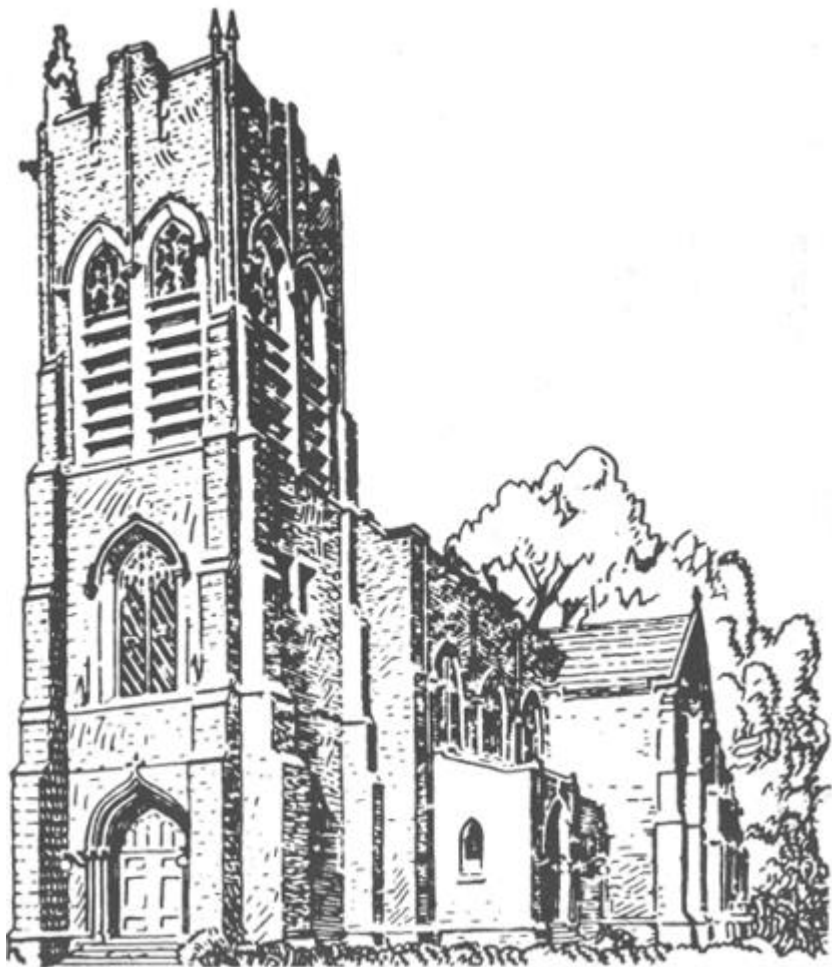


ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WELCOME~ O THOU, WHOSEVER THOU ART THAT ENTEREST THIS HOUSE, BE
THOUGHTFUL, BE SILENT, BE REVERENT, FOR THIS IS THE HOUSE OF GOD FOR ALL
PEOPLES; AND LEAVE IT NOT WITHOUT A PRAYER FOR THY FELLOWMEN, FOR
THYSELF, FOR THOSE WHO MINISTER AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HERE.



Saint Andrew's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - 10:00AM

We gather this morning to celebrate the deepest, most important truth we know – that in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has entered into our world to bring hope, healing, and new life. Making our celebration today to not simply be about an event long ago, but about how the miracle of resurrection can take place in us.

If the Episcopal liturgy is new to you, we hope that you will follow along with the suggested congregational actions (sitting, kneeling, standing), ask for help if you need it, and participate to the extent you feel comfortable. Very soon you will find that the rhythm of this worship will become your own. As today's liturgy deepens and expands our awareness of the sacred mystery of God, congregational responses are found in the *bolded words* of this bulletin.

THE ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able for the opening procession.

OPENING HYMN # 455 O Love of God, how strong and true

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.*
Amen.

Celebrant 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.*

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.*

Please be seated.

Lector A reading from the second book of Genesis

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 22:22-30

Sung by the choir.

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their
poverty;

neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those
who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to
the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before
him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in
worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet
unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Please stand as you are able for the procession and reading of the Gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN# 675 Take up your cross, the Savior said

THE GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-28

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the

elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

Rev. Regis Smolko

Please stand as you are able as we reaffirm our faith.

NICENE CREED

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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.

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

Intercessor Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Emmanuel Episcopal Church, North Side, and the Rev. Don Youse, Jr., M.D. Lord, in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We pray without ceasing for justice, reconciliation, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision-makers in our countries and around the world. For we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others – hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death. Lord, in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Among our St. Andrew's Mission Outreach concerns, we pray for the East End Cooperative Ministry in its mission of creating a community of opportunity in Pittsburgh's East End, and for its staff, volunteers, and those served. We also pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Gail Bevan and Matthew Keller. Lord in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Andrew's. Be with us and lead us as we seek the next rector for our church community. We ask your direction and guidance for those who will choose our new spiritual leader, that we may receive a faithful and visionary pastor who will care for us, equip us for our ministries, and call us into the future. Bless us with mutual trust, respect, and foresight, so that, together, we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Bless us also with the desire and the ability to hear those who have entrusted us with this responsibility. Grant us the courage to respond and to act as you would have us. Lord, in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor We commend to your mercy all who have died; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. ***Amen.***

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

All ***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.*

Please stand as you are able as we greet one another with a sign of peace.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. Monetary donations can be made in the alms basins in the back of the nave. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit standrewspgh.org/ways-to-give Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Cross of Jesus

Please stand as ushers bring the elements and offering to the altar.

OFFERTORY HYMN #380 Doxology Old 100th (v 3)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP P. 367

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 him thanks and praise.*

The Celebrant continues with the preface and then all sing the following:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-124

Please kneel or sit as you are able. The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant Therefore according to his command, O Father:

People *We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;*

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant ... By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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 BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Everyone is welcome to come forward to the altar rail at this time. All baptized Christians are invited to receive Communion. Others may receive a blessing; please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN : STEAL AWAY

Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je - sus!

The first system of the hymn features a treble and bass clef staff in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Steal a-way, steal a-way, steal a-way to Je - sus!".

Steal a-way, steal a-way home, I ain't got long to stay here!

Fine

The second system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Steal a-way, steal a-way home, I ain't got long to stay here!". The system ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine".

1. My Lord — calls me, He calls me by the thun - der;
2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling;
4. My Lord — calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,

The third system contains four verses of lyrics. The melody and bass line are shown above and below the text. The lyrics are: "1. My Lord — calls me, He calls me by the thun - der; 2. Green trees are bend - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling; 3. Tomb stones are burst - ing, Poor sin - ner stands a - trem - bling; 4. My Lord — calls me, He calls me by the light - ning,".

The trum - pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.

D.C.

The fourth system continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "The trum - pet sounds with - in - a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.". The system ends with a double bar line and the word "D.C.".

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN# 401 The God of Abraham praise

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

We are glad you joined us for worship. Please join us for coffee and in Brooks Hall immediately following today's service.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant: Rev. Regis Smolko
Server: Jane Parkhurst
Lector: Wes Rohrer
Organist: Fabio Gentili
Vestry Member: Jane Parkhurst
Ushers: Anthony Crisafio and Eloise Tacik

ST. ANDREWS PRAYER LIST

Healing for Graham, for David and Barbara Garratt, friends of Mary Roehrich, Andrew Dartt, godson of Nita and John Kellum; Bruce Phillips; Lynn Phillips, daughter-in-law of Paul Phillips; Frank Plavan, brother of Karen Plavan; Nancy Gillies, cousin of Molly Montgomery; Paula, friend of Frank and Michelle Domeisen; Linda Hagopian; Marlie Filipek; Peg Ghrist; George and Helen Hagopian; K and Boonie, friends of Janet Jai; John Adkins; Mollie Vann, sister of Elizabeth Hobbs; Sharyn, sister of Jane Parkhurst; Robert Kerwin, friend of Pat Kennedy; Chris, daughter of Dana Phillips; Susan Powell; Matt Logue a friend of Laurel Roberts; The Rev. Richard Russell, friend of Dean and Dawna Byrom; Dawna Byrom's brother Ed Troutman; Lorette Fuller; Emma Mosley, Elaine Montgomery Deneu; Walt, friend of Michelle Domeisen; and Ann Morris, mother of Bill Bevan's son-in-law and Janet, mother of Michelle Domeisen, and George and Helen Hagopian.

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appointment

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 8:30 AM Services:

- Holy Eucharist Rite I (1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays)
- Morning Prayer Rite I (3rd and 5th Sundays)

Sunday 10:00 AM Services

- Holy Eucharist Rite II (1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays)
- Morning Prayer Rite II (3rd and 5th Sunday)

Our 10:00 am Sunday services can be viewed online at:
<https://www.youtube.com/@st.andrewsepiscopalchurchh2869>

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Tuesday Night 2024 Lenten Preaching Series

“Hope – Rooted in Christ”

6 P.M. Dinner • 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon

February 20

Calvary Preacher: The Rev. Moni McIntyre
315 Shady Ave. at Walnut, E. Liberty

February 27

St. Thomas Preacher: The Rev. Charles Fischer
378 Delaware Ave, Oakmont

March 5

St. Stephen's Preacher: The Rev. Liddy Barlow
600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg

March 12

St. Andrew's Preacher: The Rev. Leslie Reimer
5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park

March 19

Redeemer Preacher: The Rev. Carter Hawley
5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill

