



This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

4 Lent

March 27, 2022

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman

Organist: Sean Fleming

Choir Director: Linda Blanchard

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I (inside with masks)

Altar Guild: Marianne Pinkham

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Martha Elliott

Lector: Marianne Pinkham

Usher: Marianne Pinkham

Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

9:15am Morning Prayer on Zoom

Led by seminarian and postulant for Holy Orders, Ben Cooke.

He will be using the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer.

10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II (inside with masks)

Altar Guild: Judy Weislogel

Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister: Lili Pugh

Livestream Operators: Fred Kraeuter & Kirk Holbrook

Lectors: Judy Weislogel & Steve Ward

Ushers: Kay Liss & Ed Ross

Vestry Announcer: Lili Pugh

Readings for 4 Lent

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: 32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

If you would like to read the lessons on the Lectionary Page website, please [click here](#)

Once you are at lectionarypage.net, you may choose **NEW Resource:** [RCL Daily Readings](#). If you scroll to the bottom you can sign up to receive daily readings via your email.

Vestry Minutes

If you would like to read the vestry minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting, please click [here](#)



Easter Flowers

This year Easter Day is April 17th. If you would like to make an **Easter flower** donation in thanksgiving for or memory of a loved one, you may:

- Use a flower envelope found on the backs of the pews. Please fill out the outside, include your donation (cash or check) and place in the offertory plate. You may also bring them to the office.
- You may also mail your request and donation, listing the names of those to be remembered.

Please contact the church office (563-3533) with any questions.

Comments by Linda Blanchard and Sean Fleming about the music for this Sunday, March 27:

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) adapted the text for his motet *Verily, Verily, I Say unto You* from John 6:53-56:

Verily, verily I say unto you,
except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink His blood, ye have not life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.
He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood
dwelleth in me, and I in him.



Join the Bell Choir for Easter!

The St. Andrew's Bell Choir will begin rehearsals soon in preparation for Easter, and we'd love to have you join us! Rehearsals will be either Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. or Sundays following the 10:00 Sunday service, depending on everyone's schedules. If you'd like to participate, please email Linda Blanchard at lindamaine@mac.com.

Holy Men and Holy Women: Gregory the Illuminator

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one or more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar, are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Gregory the Illuminator. Please click [here](#) to learn more about him.

4 Lent Sunday Worship - March 27, 2022

8:00AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite I

The worship booklet for the 8AM Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#)

9:15AM Sunday service of Morning Prayer (on Zoom):

Led by seminarian and postulant for Holy Orders, Ben Cooke. He will be using the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer.

Meeting ID:

Or you may click [here](#) for the zoom link. To see the bulletin for this service, please click [here](#)

10:00AM Indoor Sunday service of Holy Eucharist Rite II

Livestreamed on St. Andrew's Facebook page. Recorded to St. Andrew's Facebook and YouTube pages. The recording on the YouTube page will be available by the next day.

The worship booklet for the 10AM livestreamed indoor service of Holy Eucharist Rite II is available by clicking [here](#)

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)

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Weekday Worship

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM

Zoom Meeting ID:

Morning Prayer: Monday–Friday 7:00 am

Zoom Meeting:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

Meetings

Poetry Reading: 4PM Monday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Bible Study: 12:15 PM Tuesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday

Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays AND 2-4pm Sundays on Zoom

All welcome: not necessary to be a knitter!

Zoom Meeting ID:

St. Andrew's COVID update

Masking Will Continue for Now

Our vestry met on Tuesday, March 15. As is our norm for the past 2 years, we discussed our current COVID protocols in light of CDC guidelines, the COVID levels in Lincoln County, and our particular congregational makeup and space. As you might expect, there are a wide variety of viewpoints in our vestry, just as there are a wide variety of viewpoints in our world. The vestry takes very seriously its responsibilities for the community of St. Andrew's and the wider community surrounding us.

After much discussion, the vestry decided that as our worship space is small and poorly ventilated, and the majority of our congregation falls into the high-risk category in relation to COVID because of age, we will continue to require masks (Lincoln County continues to have a high positivity and transmission rate and is in the yellow zone). It was also noted that our Sunday attendance levels are still extremely low, and many in the congregation are still expressing discomfort with attending in-person worship.

Singing In Worship

The vestry also decided that as long as we remain masked it is safe to return to singing. So, on Palm Sunday, April 10, we will sing as a congregation for the first time in 2 years!!! The choir will also return when they feel ready to do so. At the 10 am service, the atrium will be a singing free area for those who are not comfortable worshipping in a space where singing is happening. I will bring communion to those who are worshipping from the atrium.

Every Friday I will check the CDC website for the COVID risk level for Lincoln County. If the risk level moves back to red, we won't sing on that Sunday. The vestry announcer will announce this at the beginning of the service.

Holy Week and Easter Service

We will have a 7 PM service on Maundy Thursday and a Noon Service on Good Friday. Easter Sunday we will have a service at 8 am and a service at 10 am. There will be no Zoom Morning Prayer on Easter Sunday.

I have been asked if there will be an Easter Vigil this year. I have decided there will not be one. Our attendance numbers are still very low. We have not had an in-person Easter Service in two years. The Easter Vigil is a complicated service that takes a large number of volunteers and is not worth the time and

effort if only a handful of people attend. We are having great difficulty at this point finding enough volunteers for our liturgical ministries for regular Sunday worship. It is my opinion that we are not ready yet to hold the Easter Vigil.

Outside Groups Using St. Andrew's Space

Currently it has been the practice for only St. Andrew's groups and 12-step groups to use our space. The vestry is now comfortable with other outside groups using our space as appropriate and as it is available.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me or any member of the vestry.

Peace,
Suzannah +

MAINE HEARTS AND HANDS FOR HAITI

Please look at the Go Fund Me site below to see what our friends in Haiti have been able to do to help the poor of Gros Morne with funds raised at our annual dinners. Since COVID 19 has curtailed our dinners, we have turned to Go Fund Me as a way to help. If you are impressed with their work, we hope you will consider donating through Go Fund Me or a check to the Haiti Fund with St. Andrew's Church on the memo line. <https://gofund.me/d8ea93cf>

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Intercessory Prayer List

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Robert Hodge, Amanda Smith, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Virginia White, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, John, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Alex Place, Mark Place, Donna & David Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Maureen McNiff, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Sam Young, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Victoria, Nicholas Collins, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Judy McMahan, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Louise Bessire, Donna Fitch, Michelle Yoder, Paul Roman, Linda Stuhlman

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Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Director of Choirs: Linda Blanchard
Parish Administrator: Ann Kash
Ministers: All Members of the Parish

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