

## St. Andrew Presbyterian Church Denton, Texas

# **WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK** March 31, 2021

#### Preparation for Worship

God calls the Church to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, and providing support in times of stress and need. Relying on Christ's grace and the Spirit's gifts, the church faithfully shepherds people through times of danger and death, illness and loss, crisis and celebration, struggle and sin. Worship is the foundation for ministry and the wellspring of grace from which disciples draw strength and comfort in times of struggle. This Holy Week service will provide reflection on the gift and calling of the Sacrament of Baptism, the grace and challenge of the Word, the power of God's Spirit in prayer, and the fellowship and comfort of the community of faith gathered virtually. *BCW* 

Prelude

Call to Worship

## A People Shaped in the Wilderness The Covenant of Baptism C.J. Prater

(During this time of reflection, as you hear the water poured, reflect on your identity as a beloved child of God claimed in the waters of baptism.)

Water poured...

Romans 6: 3-5 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Wilderness Wisdom The Word of God Lisa Patterson

(As the scripture is read, listen for God's word to you. Write it down, ask God what it means in your life today, commit it to memory.)

Scripture read three times with silence observed after each reading. . .

Psalm 42:1-3: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'

Light in the Wilderness Prayers of the People Richard Culp

(As petitions are said and candles are lit, you are invited to light a candle(s) representing your prayers before God.)

Psalm 141:1-2 I call upon you, O Lord; come quickly to me; give ear to my voice when I call to you. Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice.

Lord of the Small words by Johanna Anderson, music by Dan Forrest

#### Jeff Snider, baritone and Stephen Carey, piano

This piece was written in memory of Erin Buenger of Bryan, Texas, who suffered from neuroblastoma and was a tireless advocate for victims of this disease before it took her life when she was eleven years old.

#### Benediction

#### Holy Week Worship Services

Monday-Wednesday

Devotional Services Streaming Online

Maundy Thursday

April 1 6:00pm

Streaming Online

Reservation on St. Andrew Connect

Service of Tenebrae

April 2 7:30pm

Streaming Online

Reservation on St. Andrew Connect

**Easter Vigil** 

April 3

Streaming Online

#### **Easter Worship Services**

**Sunrise Service** 

7am Drive-in Worship Service No reservation required

**Worship Service** 

8:30am

Reservation on St. Andrew Connect

**Worship Service** 

10:45am

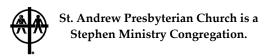
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