

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

DENTON, TEXAS

PALM SUNDAY April 13, 2025

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude St Theodulph arr. Simon Sechter

Introit and Proclamation Allegro Cynthia Dobrinski

Handbell Choir

*Processional Hymn 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Ellacombe

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days and was tested by the devil.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

For forty days we journey through Lent; learning to believe and confess.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Abram and Sarai heard God's promise and looked to the future with hope.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

We hear the call to come, eat, and seek the Lord.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

We run away from God and then discover God's grace finds us.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

Mary anoints Jesus' feet with oil and wipes them with her hair.

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

The people line the streets and shout "Hosanna! Hosanna!" before turning in betrayal with the words, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Lead us, O Lord, from death to life.

OPENING PRAYER

*Hymn 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION+

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. We confess that while our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but struggle to live faithfully. We hear of your salvation, yet cannot resist the sin that is close and real, daily leading us away from you. Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna! In Christ's name, we pray. Amen (Time of silent confession).

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

THE SINGING OF THE LAW (Tune: Toulon)

Your law enables us to learn each day in order that your will we may obey O Lord, confirm us in this knowledge true. Urged by your Spirit may we best serve you.

No other gods shall ever go before, nor idols shall we for ourselves secure.

We shall not wrongly use your name in vain, and holy shall we keep the sabbath day.

To father and to mother honor be. We shall not kill nor break fidelity.

We shall not steal. No lying witness bear, nor covet that which is our neighbors' share.

You shall we love, Lord, with all our heart, and too with all our soul, which you impart, And all our strength and mind to you we give. Love neighbors as ourselves that we may live.

*Sung Response (Hymn 576)

SINGAPURA

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination Jonathon Fite

Anthem Hosanna to the King Dan Forrest
Chancel Choir with Daeun Kim, Organ

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Time with Young Disciples.

Scripture Lessons Luke 19: 28-38 New Testament, page 78

Luke 23: 32-43 New Testament, page 83

SERMON Lenten Questions: Lisa Patterson and Richard B. Culp

Why do you untie the colt? Why do you not save yourself?

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn 199 Filled with Excitement LOVE UNKNOWN

Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.09

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, the following response is repeated. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Offertory Cantilène (1933) Fernande Decruck

Kim Luevano, Clarinet, with Daeun Kim, Organ

*Sung Response Hymn 701, Lord, Prepare Me

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

GOING INTO THE WORLD

LITANY OF PALM AND PASSIONS

We have gathered with the crowds to welcome Jesus to Jerusalem.

Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.

We have shouted words of hope for a world in need of change.

But then betrayed the one who came to change the world.

We have walked with the crowds and shouted "Hosanna!"

We have walked with the crowds that shouted words of scorn and condemnation.

We see the cross looming before us and look away, desperately trying to avoid it.

Christ sees the cross ahead and obediently moves toward it.

Crucify him. Crucify him.

Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Crucify him! Crucify him!

*Hymn 221 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

(While we sing, the Chancel will be stripped as we move from palms to passion)

*Benediction

Postlude Grand Plein jeu continue J. Boyvin

Bold Text indicates congregational participation.

The rosebud in the chancel announces the birth of Miles Townsend McRae, born April 4, 2025 to proud parents Meghan and Ben McRae. Proud grandparents are Kit and Dave McRae. Congratulations!

Confirmands helping to strip the chancel are: Elizabeth Gibson, Emily Smith, Cici Chavira.

Proclamation participants are: Ross Konkle, Josh Chavira, Emily Fair, Matthew Barnett, A. W. Oliver, Susan Ramsay, Alex Lindberg, and Walter Adams.

Cambelle Schnurr is serving as acolyte for today's service.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



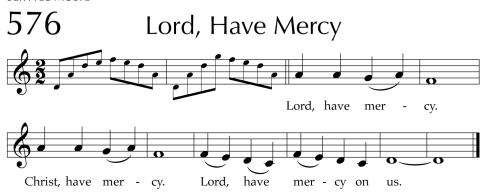
The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196



These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

SERVICE MUSIC



SINGAPURA

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text
MUSIC: Swee Hong Lim, 1990
Music © 1990 Swee Hong Lim (admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik)

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Filled with Excitement

Mantos y palmas



- 1 Filled with ex-cite-ment, all the hap py throng spread cloaks and
- 2 As in that en-trance to Je ru sa lem,
- ho san nas
- 1 Man tos y pal mas es par cien do va
- el pue blo a -
- 2 Co moen la en-tra da de Je ru sa lén,
- to dos can -



branch-es on the cit - y streets. we will sing to Je - sus Christ, There in the dis-tance they beto our Re-deem-er who still

le - gre de Je - ru - sa - lén. ta - mos a Je - sús el rey, A - llá a lo le - jos se vis al Cris - to vi - vo que nos



gin to see, there on a don-key comes the Sav - ior Christ. calls to - day, asks us to fol - low with our love and faith.

lla - ma hoy pa - ra se - guir - le

po - lli - no al Sal - va - dor Je - sús. se - guir - le con a - mor y fe.



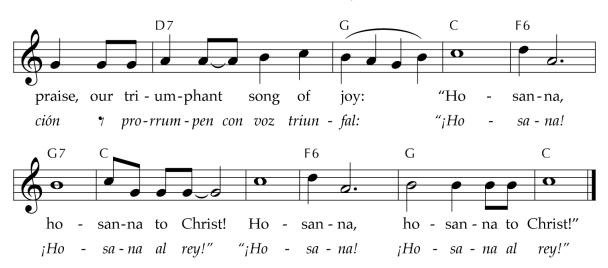
From ev-ery cor-ner a thou-sand voic-es sing praise to the One who comes Mien-tras mil vo - ces re - sue - nan por do-quier; ho - sa - na al que vie-ne en el



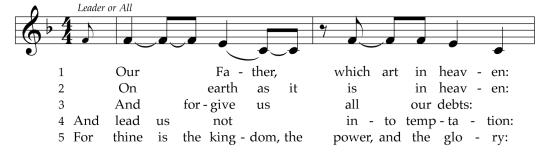
in the name of God. Our ac-cla-ma-tion breaks forth in shouts of nom - bre de Dios. Con un a-lien - to de gran ex - cla - ma -

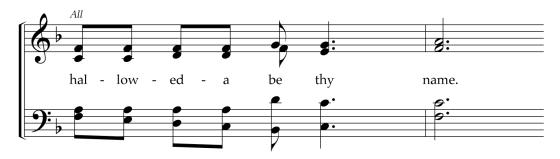
Though they have different perspectives, all four gospels give an account of Christ's entry to Jerusalem (Matthew 21:7–9/Mark 11:7–10/Luke 19:35–38/John 12:12–15). This Mexican hymn, appropriate for the beginning of worship on Passion/Palm Sunday, captures the crowd's enthusiasm.

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

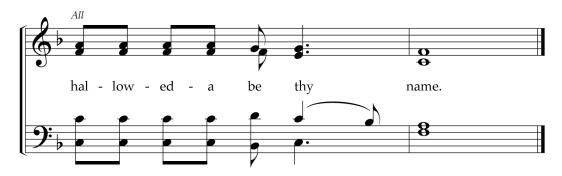


Our Father, Which Art in Heaven 464









This lively call-and-response setting of the Lord's Prayer, based on the King James Version, uses the opening blessing as the congregation's refrain. This repetition is more than a convenience; it is a reminder of our abiding hope that all people will come to honor God's name.

Lord, Prepare Me

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The lines given here convey the central message of the longer song for which they form the refrain. The principal Scripture reference is 1 Corinthians 3:16–17, Paul's reminder to the Christians at Corinth that "[they] are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in [them]."

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982 MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore Text and Music © 1982 Full Armor Music Publishing Co.

SANCTUARY Irregular

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O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221



This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

Luke 19: 28-38

²⁸After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.²⁹When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" ³²So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"³⁴They said, "The Lord needs it." ³⁵Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Luke 23:32-43

³²Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 17, 5:30pm
Meal and Worship in Fellowship Hall
Foot washing and handwashing stations. Communion.
Register for a meal or for the nursery on Realm

Good Friday Friday, April 18 Prelude, 7:00pm Service of Tenebrae, 7:30pm

Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, April 19 5:00pm, Front Lawn

Hear the great stories of the faith and have a s'more as we keep watch for Easter.

Easter Sunday Sunday, April 20 8:30am and 10:45am Worship Services 9:30am Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering To be received Easter Sunday, April 20

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 20. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Super Wednesday *April 16, 2024*

Dinner at 5:30pm

Menu: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Fruit, Cake, Ice Cream Meals by Mike and Bekah Barnett \$7 for individuals, \$15 for families.

Activities for Children

Nursery for infants & preschoolers, Room 102, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Noel Choir, grades K-1st, Children's Choir Room, Kirsten Trachsel, 6:00pm Covenant Choir, grades 2nd-5th, Children's Choir Room, Kirsten Trachsel, 6:20pm

> Recreation Grades K-1st Malicia Curran, 6:20pm

Activities for Youth

Middle School and High School Rec Center and The Den @ 6:00pm-7:30pm

Classes for Adults

Hear the story of Denton's Bianca Babb Bell Annetta Ramsay April 16, Fellowship Hall

Many Texans know the story of Cynthia Ann Parker, the child captured by Comanche warriors who married a Comanche Chief. But Denton's Bianca Babb Bell was also captured by Comanches in 1866 near present-day Decatur. She returned to her family, married into a prominent Denton family, and raised her own family in Denton. Annetta Ramsay will tell this compelling story.

Women's Book Study
Looking for Lovely: Collecting the Moments that
Matter, by Annie F. Downs
Amy Cole and Amy Fair
Library

Bridge for Beginners led by Joyce White and Alison McStravick Room 207

Chancel Choir Practice
Adult Choir Room
7:30pm

Meal Sign Up for Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 17

5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Please use the link in the Shield or on Realm to register for the Maundy Thursday dinner in Fellowship Hall. The menu includes a ham or turkey sub, chips, and a cookie (vegetarian and gluten-free options are available). Deadline to register is Sunday, April 13.

Child Care for Holy Week Worship Services

Please sign up for child care for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services in Realm. RSVPs give staff an idea of how to staff the nursery for these worship services. Please Karen Raabe, **Ouestions?** contact karen@standrewdenton.com.

Easter Potluck Breakfast

Easter Sunday is April 20. It is time to celebrate our 2nd Annual Easter Potluck Brunch between services. It was a rousing success last year thanks to all of you that contributed food. Let's do it again! You can drop off your breakfast treats before the first service and someone will be there to greet you, or drop off at any time before 9:30am. Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall and we can once again greet each other with Easter Joy! Questions? Ask Lisa Dorr, dorll@yahoo.com. RSVP with your contribution by using the SignUpGenius link in the Shield.

Lunch and Learn - UKirk and You Connecting with Students through Campus Ministry Wednesday, May 7 5:30pm, Room 206/208

You are invited to a Lunch and Learn, hosted by the Mission Committee, on Wednesday, May 7, at 5:30pm. Rev. Gini Norris -Lane, Executive Director of the PC(USA)'s UKirk Campus Ministries, will be speaking on the many ways congregations can connect with students through campus ministries. We hope you will join us as we explore this important topic. Register/pay for lunch (a sub sandwich sack lunch) will be available in the Shield next week.

Director of Music Search

St. Andrew is currently accepting applications for its Director of Music position. Our current Music Director, Christine Le, will be moving in June. Download the job description using the link in the Shield. Applicants should apply using a cover letter, updated CV, a recent video of the applicant conducting a choir, and three references that can speak to the applicant's experience leading a music ministry. More information is available using the full job description in the Shield.

Vacation Bible School 2025

This year's curriculum is titled "Waves of Wonder VBS: Living in God's Light." At Waves of Wonder VBS, we will explore scriptures in which God provides water for plants, animals and people. Through worship and drama, story, art, science, games, music and mission, our campers will deepen their understanding of the importance of water and be invited to join God in caring for this precious natural resource.

Join us for VBS, June 23 - 27, 9:00am-Noon. Registration kicks off the week at 8:45am on Monday, June 23 in the Narthex. We'll also have a VBS wrap-up Event on the evening of Friday, June 27. Questions? Contact Alison McStravick, son.mcstravick@gmail.com, or Sarah Anne Adams, sarahanneadams@me.com. Sign up your student today at standrewdenton.com/vbs.

Last Sunday! **Easter Music and Flowers**

The Worship and Music Committee invites you to give to the St. Andrew Easter Music and Flower fund. Let's fill the sanctuary with beautiful lillies and festive Easter music. You are invited to honor or remember family and friends through your donations to this campaign. To do so, fill out a form and put it in the folder in the church office. The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 13.

Chancel Flower Giving Opportunities Are Available!

Celebrating an anniversary or a birthday? Celebrating a person's or ministry's contribution to the church? Wanting to remember a loved one? Consider giving chancel flowers! Chancel flowers provide an ideal opportunity to commemorate that event, loved one, or ministry during a worship service at St. Andrew. A sign up sheet is available outside the church office. Questions? Please contact the coordinator, Lynn Carrico, lwcarrio@gmail.com.

Only a few spots remain! Footsteps of Paul in Greece October 8-21, 2025

Registration closes: June 21, 2025

Join the group from St. Andrew on a guided tour designed to experience the earliest home of Christianity outside of Israel. This 14-day pilgrimage traces the footsteps of Paul across Greece, including the ruins of Ephesus, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Berea, and more. On the way to Athens, we will spend time in the Meteora region, with its Byzantine monasteries, and we will explore the Acropolis, Roman Forum, Mars Hill, ancient Corinth. The pilgrimage concludes with a 3-night cruise including Mykonos, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, and Santorini. Questions? Pickup a brochure in the narthex or contact Lisa Patterson or Richard Culp.

Prayer Requests

Perry McNeill Beverly Noah
Harriet Laney Tim Bergan
Sunny Hueholt Diann Arthur
Scott Walker Steve Davis
Ray Speir Margie Ball

Dean Wynn, husband of Felecia Wynn Mary Joan Fallon, family member of Trish and Glenn Highland Ryker Elliott, grandson of Sue Elliott Cindy Fisher, sister of Harriet Laney Lee Barnett, cousin of Mike Barnett Brian "Peanut" Anderson, friend of Scott Campbell Jon Conway, friend of Scott Campbell Charlene Simpson and family, niece of Jan Lewis Tecla Chavira, mother of Frank Chavira Carole Hatcher, sister in law of Chuck Smith Shannon Fronz, friend of Barnett family Bill Tilley, uncle of Sara Armstrong Keren Billyack, friend of Connie Charat Richard Gascovne, friend of Chuck Stoughton Carol Syverson, mother-in-law of Karen Raabe Peter DiClenti, cousin of Steve Pickett Laura Bruening, mother of Lisa Dorr John Tillman, brother of Russ Tillman Debbie Kyzer, mother of Dan Kyzer Ed Simpson, brother of Jan Lewis Karen Whitson Ansley, niece of Lynn Carrico Norma Watts, mother of Jill Richmond Rylen Lewis, grandson of Mark Lewis Ben Reynolds, relative of Clarice Luce Lynn and Charlie Davis, friends of Chuck Smith Megan Terry Crawford, friend of Betty Sue and Mike Grandey Kim Hundley Owens, niece of Barbara Sims

Welcome!

e proclaim that ALL people are created in the image of God and affirm that each person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all, celebrating our differences while finding unity in Christ. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

If you wish to join St. Andrew today, please contact one of the ministers.

Children's Chapel

During the worship service, children ages three years through kindergarten are invited to go to chapel immediately following the Time with Young Disciples.

Faces of Easter 6

Lynda Schupp and Leigh Kitchens

Godly Play seeks to tell the stories of the faith so that children hear and remember these stories and become engaged in them. It also provides a place and opportunities for children to begin exploring the purpose and meaning of worship. Parents may come upstairs to the Children's Chapel to pick children up following the worship service.

By the Numbers: As of 2/29/24

Income (pledges + other income)\$269,296Expenses\$242,562Difference\$26,734

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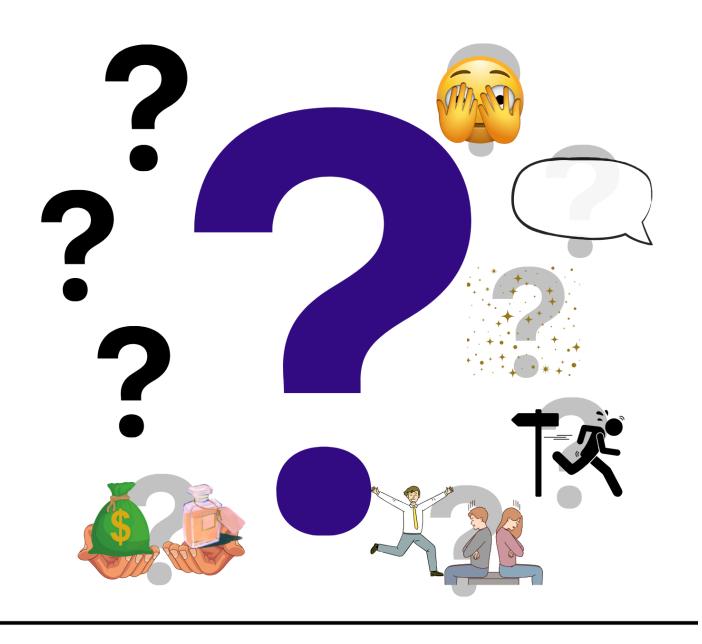


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Why are you untying the colt? & Who will betray?

