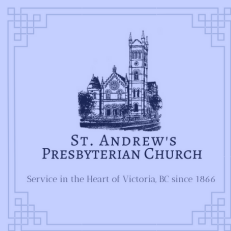


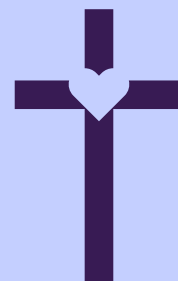


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This week at St. Andrew's



Music to Sing to:

Christine has made a recording of Jesu, Jesu to listen and sing along to. The lyrics will be in the video description below the video.

[Click here for the video](#)



Readings for Holy Week

Monday of Holy Week

April 6, 2020
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Tuesday of Holy Week

April 7, 2020
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wednesday of Holy Week

April 8, 2020
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday

April 9, 2020
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

April 10, 2020
Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

Holy Saturday

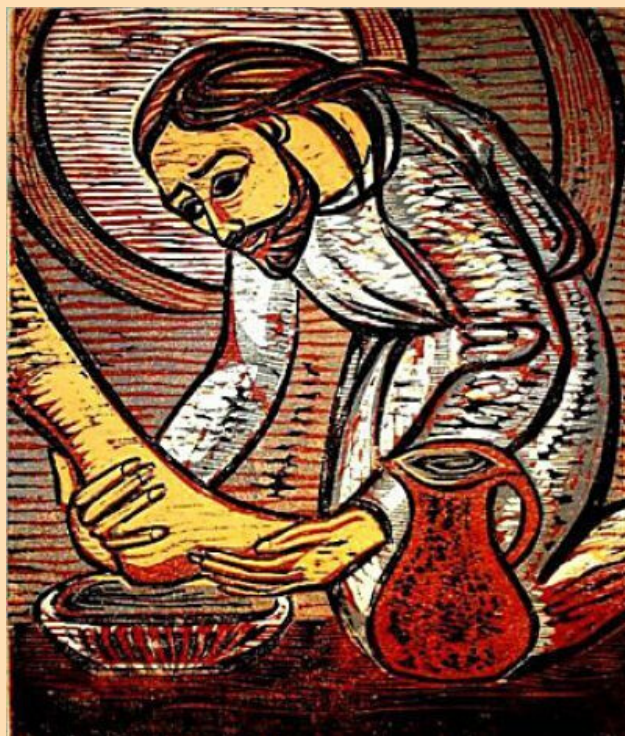
April 11, 2020
Job 14:1-14
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
1 Peter 4:1-8
John 19:38-42

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Maundy Thursday Prayer

Loving God,
You sent your Son into the world,
And before his hour had come,
He washed his disciples' feet.
You had given all things into his hands.

He had come from you, and was going to you,
And what did he do?
He knelt down on the floor,
And washed his friends' feet.
He was their teacher and their Lord,
Yet he washed their feet.



Dear God, help us learn from his example;
Help us to do as he has done for us.
The world will know we are his disciples
If we love one another.
Strengthen our hands and our wills for love
And for service.

Keep before our eyes the image of your Son,
Who, being God, became a
Servant for our sake.
All glory be to him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

What is Maundy Thursday?

Maundy Thursday is the Christian holy day falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, as described in the canonical gospels. Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "command," and refers to Jesus' commandment to the disciples to "Love one another as I have loved you."



Holy Week Worship

Join us at standrewsvictoria.ca

on **Good Friday** and on **Easter Sunday**

for presentations of the worship. Know that many from your church community will be watching the worship videos and reading the worship materials on those days.

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Parable from the Pastor



Over the weekend Brian Titus sent to me the Vatican response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Pope Francis describes the sensitive dance between theology and technology during this critical time. We are a technological people. We live dependent upon the technology that touches every part of our lives. Yet, in less than three months we have seen that our technology is insufficient to save us. Pope Francis speaks of the sorrow and pain that “everyone” is experiencing due to the virus. The pervasiveness of this threat calls into question aspects of our way of life that we have been taking for granted. We are living painfully a paradox that we would have never imagined: to survive the disease we must isolate ourselves from each other, but if we were ever to learn to live isolated from one another, we would quickly realize how essential for our lives is life with others. People are weeping because they are suffering, he says. “Everyone” is suffering. “We are all children before God”.

However much effort we make, it has not been possible to control the pandemic, even in the most economically and technologically developed societies, where it has overwhelmed the capabilities of laboratories and health care facilities. Our optimistic projections about our scientific and technological capabilities have allowed us to imagine that we would be able to prevent the spread of a global epidemic of this magnitude, so much so that its possibility seemed increasingly remote. We have to recognize that this is not the case. All humanity is being put to the test. The Covid-19 pandemic puts us in a situation of unprecedented, dramatic and global difficulty whose power to destabilize the plans we have for our lives is growing day by day. We are therefore called to recognize, with new and deep emotion, that we are entrusted to each other. The current crisis reminds us that humanity is a single community”. It will teach us that “universal kinship” is important and critical. Because we can only come out of this situation together”. The Pope invites us to live this moment “with penance, compassion and hope”. We need “humility”, he adds, “because too often we forget” there are dark times in life as well. “We think they can only happen to someone else. But these times are dark for everyone”, he says. Pope Francis explains that the season of Lent “trains us to show solidarity with others, especially those who suffer”. The Pope emphasizes the importance of prayer, recalling how the Apostles turn to Jesus to save them during the storm (Mark 4:35-41). “Prayer helps us understand our vulnerability”, he says. “It is the cry of those who are sinking, who feel they are in danger and alone. And in a difficult, desperate situation, it is important to know that the Lord is there to cling to”. Theology, or our trust in God who created, sustains and binds us together in God’s image is that critical component especially when humanity is most vulnerable and alone. The whole of creation, says St. Paul, is living “the pains of childbirth.” It is in this light that we must understand the meaning of prayer. As an intercession for everyone and for all those who are in suffering— We remember the words of the Bishop of Bergamo, one of the most affected cities in Italy, Bishop Francesco Beschi: “Our prayers are not magic formulas. Faith in God does not magically solve our problems, rather it gives us an inner strength to exercise that commitment that one and all, in different ways, are called to live, especially those who are called to contain and overcome this evil.”

