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**GOBIN CHURCH**  
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## Paschal Triduum: The Three Great Days

Maundy Thursday at Saint Andrew's	April 2	7:00 pm
Good Friday at Saint Andrew's	April 3	12:00 pm
Good Friday at Gobin	April 3	7:00 pm
Holy Saturday at Saint Andrew's	April 4	10:30 am
Easter Vigil	April 4	8:23 pm

Holy Week begins on Palm & Passion Sunday and moves through the Three Great Days, called “Triduum.” During Triduum we remember, recount, and open our hearts to live into the three days in which Jesus gave his great commandment of love and service to his disciples; was betrayed, arrested, tried, convicted, and executed; and was buried and mourned by his disciples. We walk with the disciples as Jesus teaches them love in service; we live the horror and sorrow of the cross; we wait in emptiness as Jesus lies in the grave; and we celebrate the mystery of the return of light and life. In a world that so often seems bent on the destruction of all that is true and good, Triduum restores to us the promise of God’s presence and God’s grace.

These Three Great Days come together in one liturgy, a service that extends from Thursday evening to Saturday evening. We will use this one booklet through Triduum, with pauses between Thursday, Friday and Saturday. These pauses revisit the moments of confusion, terror, hopelessness, and disbelieving joy shared by the disciples of Jesus.



## Maundy Thursday

April 2, 2026 7:00 p.m.

Saint Andrew’s Episcopal Church

*“Maundy” means “command.” On the night of the Last Supper, Jesus said, “A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”* *John 13:34*

### Maundy Thursday Part I: Gathering

*Please sit at any table and wait for the blessing before eating or drinking.*

Hymn            WLP #729            *As in that upper room*            (Handout)

Celebrant +Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People His mercy endures forever.*

### Collect for Purity

**Trisagion** Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.  
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, have mercy on us.  
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one, grant us your peace.

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
*People And also with you.*  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Blessing over the Wine

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You create the fruit of the vine; and on this night you have refreshed us with the cup of salvation in the Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Glory to you forever and ever. **Amen.**

### Blessing over the Bread

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You bring forth bread from the earth; and on this night you have given us the bread of life in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ. As the grain scattered upon the earth is gathered into one loaf, so gather your Church in every place into the kingdom of your Son. To you be glory and power for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### Blessing over the Food

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have blessed the earth to bring forth food to satisfy our hunger. Let this food strengthen us in the fast that is before us, that following our Savior in the way of the cross, we may come to the joy of his resurrection. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*You may begin to eat. Please pause your meal each time scripture is read.*

**The First Reading**      *Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14*

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader              The Word of the Lord.

**People**              ***Thanks be to God.***

*You may return to the agape meal.*

**Psalm 78**              *We will say this Psalm responsorially.*

Hear my teaching, O my people; Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times,**

that which we have heard and known, and what our forebearers have told us,  
we will not hide from their children.

**We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,  
and the wonderful works he had done.**

He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, which he commanded them to  
teach their children.

**That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their  
turn might tell it to their children;**

So that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his  
commandments,

**And not be like their forebearers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation whose  
heart was not steadfast, and whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

*You may return to the agape meal.*

**The Epistle Reading** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

At the end of the reading:

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People** *Thanks be to God.*

You may return to the agape meal.

**The Gospel Reading** John 13:1-15

Before the Gospel:

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**People** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At the end of the Gospel:

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily** Alisa K. Isaacs-Bailey Associate Pastor, Gobin Memorial UMC

**Footwashing**

Celebrant The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

**People** *Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace with the world cannot give, I give to you.*

Celebrant I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

**People** *Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace with the world cannot give, I give to you.*

Celebrant By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another. *All are invited to follow Jesus' mandate to serve one another by washing each other's feet.*

**Music during footwashing**

Nicholas Voermans

## Prayers of the People

Intercessor      On this holy night, we feast together as the Body of Christ, and at the table commit ourselves to love and serve one another. Let us pray for the Church and for all God's people everywhere, saying,      "God of Love, *Hear our prayer.*"

God our provider, you feed us with the bread of life and lift for us the cup of salvation. May all who gather at your table receive a foretaste of the eternal banquet.

God of Love, *Hear our prayer.*

Servant God, on this night Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. May we follow this example of love and service by carrying the burdens and comforting the brokenness of one another.

God of Love, *Hear our prayer.*

God of compassion, hear our prayers for all who call upon your name in the midst of suffering that they may know your healing power and be made whole. Tonight we pray especially for Margot MacCracken, Brandie Sitton, Andrea Insley, Sandy Miller, Katie Isaacs-Bailey, Jim & Windy Watt, Luke & Sherry DeJaynes, Larry Rider, Ann Hansen, Marcia Linville, Matt Fruits, Heather Cantonwine, Sam Paris, Angela Evans, Mary, Larry, Kids Hope mentors & students, Valyrian residents, residents of the Putnam Co. Jail, Kyaw, Vivi, Treasure, Yun Ling, Ajaypal Singh and all ICE detainees in the Clay Co Detention Center, the work of Indiana AID.

God of Love, *Hear our prayer.*

God our companion, we pray for all those unable to be present at the Lord's Table or any other table. May all may know the oneness we share in the Body of Christ.

God of Love, *Hear our prayer.*

God of hope, we pray for those who have died, especially Katie Gleichman. We pray for solace and strength for Katie's family, especially Joe and her daughters. May Katie and all the dead come to share fully in Christ's Paschal victory.      God of Love, *Hear our prayer.*

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. *To you, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant* Holy God, you give us this meal of bread and wine in which we celebrate your great compassion; hear our prayers and grant us grace to love and serve others as Christ has loved us, that we may grow in love and give fuller witness to Jesus who is always with us. We ask this through the one who is our Passover and our Peace. ***Amen.***

**The Peace**      *Please stand as able.*

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

***People***      ***And also with you.***

*We greet each other in the name of the Lord.*

**The Holy Communion**      *Prayer: Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2*

*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 our thanks and praise.***

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

*Please join in singing the Sanctus:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

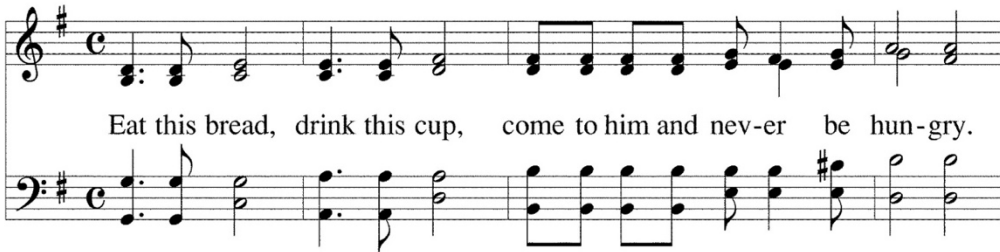
This is God's table, and we are all guests. All who hunger are welcome to come forward for bread, wine, and blessing. If you wish to receive at your table, communion will be brought to you.

Hymns during Communion

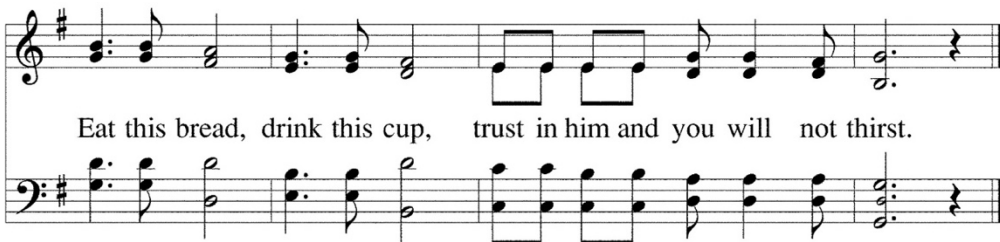
Eat this Bread

J. Berthier, 1984

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and nev-er be hun-gry.



Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.

# Taste and See

J. Moore, 1983

## Refrain



Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the



Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the



good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

## Verses



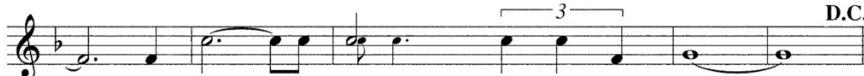
1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;  
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.  
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord  
I called the Lord who an - swered me;  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;



for God has been so good to me.  
from all my troub - les I was set free.  
in God we need put all our trust.

## Maundy Thursday Part II: Prayer, Arrest, and Vigil

... *Then, after singing a hymn, they went out the Mount of Olives ...* Matthew 26:30

**Procession Music**      *Ubi caritas* (handout)

*We will sing while processing into the sanctuary. Please find a seat in the pews.*

**The Stripping of the Altar**

Psalm 22 choir

**Establishment of the Watch**

Prayer for the Watch together

*Jesus, we join you this night in prayer and watch, asking you to help us see your presence through the gardens and valleys of our lives. We have received you in Holy Communion, loved one another, and now we join you in prayer and waiting. Tomorrow we shall come to you and your Cross with a strong sense that you abide with us always and everywhere. Amen.*

*The Watch in the Garden of Repose at Saint Andrew's*

*As disciples, we stay with Jesus through the night of his arrest. During this time we tend to our spirit: there are books to read, materials for drawing or journaling. If you remain with others, any conversation should be quiet and prayerful. You may wish to sit in prayer, or just rest in God's Holy Presence. If you feel distracted, try to bring your body and mind back to vigil with Jesus. May this time be a blessing to you. Please let Jen+ know if you intend to keep vigil in the sanctuary in the night.*

**Chant at the Establishment of the Watch**      Stay with Me (handout)      J. Berthier

**The Washing of the Altar**

*The Altar Guild begin. After they depart, you are invited to come forward to wash and tend the altar.*

**Extinguishing the Light**

*Please depart in silence. There is no dismissal on this day. The Triduum liturgies of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and the Great Vigil of Easter are considered one continuous service. We will continue tomorrow at the 12:00 (Saint Andrew's) & 7:00 p.m. (Gobin Memorial) Good Friday services.*

*Leaving your bulletin allows for its continued use at Triduum services on Friday and Saturday.*

# Good Friday Service & Veneration of the Cross

April 3, 2026

12.00 noon Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

7.00 pm Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church

*The “Good” of Good Friday is “the Holy and Great Friday” in Greek liturgy, “Holy Friday” in French liturgy, and “Sorrowful Friday” in German liturgy. Each of these names captures an important component of this holy day. The brokenness and sorrow of Good Friday is a witness of the depths of the sorrow of the human experience. Both are essential to our witness of resurrection, of new life that springs from the most unlikely and hopeless moments.*

*Please kneel as able for silent prayer before the service. The Presider will enter from the Sacristy.*

Presider +Blessed be our God.

*People For ever and ever. Amen.*

Presider Let us pray. Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The First Reading** Isaiah 52:13-53:12

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 22:1-11** together

12.00 BCP pp. 610-611

7.00 UMH 752

**The Epistle Reading** Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John** John 18:1-19:42

*On Good Friday, the customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted.*

A note: The characterization of the Jewish people in the Gospels, especially in the Gospels of St. John and St. Matthew, has been cited as a primary reason for Christian persecution of Jews throughout history. The claim of “blood libel” arising from Matthew’s Gospel is a particularly tragic example; while scholars of St. John’s Gospel have distinguished between that Gospel’s references to Jews in general, and those references specific to the Jewish leaders, here rendered “Judeans,” whose center of power was in Judea and who collaborated with the Roman imperial government.

It is important to remember that Jesus, his disciples, and most of his earliest followers were themselves Jewish. Responsibility for Christ’s death is a multi-layered question that demands study of history and theology and ultimately lies in with many people.

When we ourselves turn against God, we share responsibility for Christ’s death. Indeed, Christianity’s long history of persecuting the Jewish people stands as one of the gravest examples of human sin and a profound failure to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

*The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion.*

*At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha (John 19:17) all stand.*

<b>The Homily</b>	12.00	Joel Everson, Associate Pastor, Gobin Memorial UMC
	7.00	The Reverend Bryan Langdoc, Gobin Memorial UMC

**Musical Offering**

12.00            *Jesus, remember me*            Roger Berthier

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

7.00            *Popule Meus*            Tomas Luis da Victoria

## Offertory

***Good Friday Offering:*** For decades, people of faith have supported the ministries of Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East through the Good Friday Offering. Through this, Christians come together to support peacemaking and stabilizing presence in the region, serving their neighbors regardless of faith background. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and write "Good Friday Offering" on the memo line. Your donations will help provide sustenance and relief.

## The Solemn Collects

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Dear People of God: Our heavenly Father sent his Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; that all who believe in him might be delivered from the power of sin and death, and become heirs with him of everlasting life. We pray, therefore, for people everywhere according to their needs.

*Please kneel as able.*

Let us pray for the holy Catholic Church of Christ throughout the world;

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and other ministers and the people whom they serve

For Jennifer and Tracy, our bishops, and all the people of this diocese and this district

For all Christians in this community

For those about to be baptized

That God will confirm the Church in faith, increase it in love, and preserve it in peace.

*Silence*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them:

For Donald, the President of the United States

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the Members and Representatives of the United Nations  
For all who serve the common good  
That by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

*Silence*

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind;

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed

For the sick, the wounded, and the crippled

For those in loneliness, fear, and anguish

For those who face temptation, doubt, and despair

For the sorrowful and bereaved

For prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger

That God in mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of God's love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

*Silence*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those in misery and need come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us pray for all who have not received the Gospel of Christ;

For those who have never heard the word of salvation

For those who have lost their faith

For those hardened by sin or indifference

For the contemptuous and the scornful

For those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and persecutors of his disciples

For those who in the name of Christ have persecuted others

That God will open their hearts to the truth, and lead them to faith and obedience.

*Silence*

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Let us commit ourselves to God, and pray for the grace of a holy life, that, with all who have departed this world and have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone, we may be accounted worthy to enter into the fullness of the joy of our Lord, and receive the crown of life in the day of resurrection.

*Silence*

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Veneration of the Cross

### Anthem 1

Presider

We glory in your cross, O Lord,

***People***

***and praise and glorify your holy resurrection;***

***for by virtue of your cross joy has come to the whole world.***

Presider

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance, and come to us.

***People***

***Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.***

Presider Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
*People We glory in your cross, O Lord, and praise and glorify your holy resurrection; for by virtue of your cross joy has come the whole world.*

**Hymn**

12.00 Blue hymnal #168 O sacred head  
7.00 UMH #271 There is a green hill

**Anthem 2**

Presider We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
*People because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

Presider If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him.

*People We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

**Hymn**

12.00 Blue hymnal #439 Wondrous Love  
7.00 UMH #292 Wondrous Love

**Anthem 3**

Presider O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us.

*People Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

*You are invited to come forward to venerate the Cross. There will be an urn near the Cross for you to place your written reflections and prayers, things held in grief or hope, that which has come to light and that which you are ready to place in God's care, into the urn. These will be burned in the new fire of Easter at tomorrow's Easter Vigil as the new Paschal candle is lit, a visible sign of our trust in God's promise of renewal and resurrection.*

## Hymn

12.00 Blue hymnal #172

*Were you there?*

7.00 UMH #289 vs. 1 & 2

*Ah, holy Jesus*

**The Lord's Prayer** *together*

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### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, we pray you to set your passion, cross, and death between your judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living; pardon and rest to the dead; to your holy Church peace and concord; and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; for with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

*There is no dismissal. Please depart in silence.*

*Triduum services will continue with tomorrow morning's brief Holy Saturday service at 10.30 at Saint Andrew's and concludes with the Great Vigil of Easter at sunset, 8.23 pm, Saturday evening, which begins at Gobin Memorial and processes to Saint Andrew's.*

*Leaving your bulletin allows for its continued use at Triduum services on Saturday.*

## Holy Saturday

April 4, 2026, 10.30 am  
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church

*This service reflects a time after hope and before action, a time of quiet and even exhaustion.*

*The Liturgy is found beginning on page 283 of the red Book of Common Prayer in your pew rack.*

### Psalm 31:1-5

*Words spoken by the congregation are in **bold italics.***

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
***deliver me in your righteousness***

Incline your ear to me;  
*make haste to deliver me.*

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
*for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
*for you are my tower of strength.*

Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
*for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.*

Homily

The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Oldstone-Moore

Anthem

Presider In the midst of life we are in death; from whom can we seek help?  
From you alone, O Lord, who by our sins are justly angered.

*People Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
Deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.*

Presider Lord, you know the secrets of our hearts;  
Shut not your ears to our prayers, but spare us, O Lord.

*People Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
Deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.*

Presider O worthy and eternal Judge, do not let the pains of death turn us away  
from you at our last hour.

*People Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and merciful Savior,  
Deliver us not into the bitterness of eternal death.*

The Lord's Prayer *together*

*see p. 11 of this bulletin*

The Grace

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Please depart in silence. There is no dismissal this morning.*

*The Triduum Service concludes tonight with the Great Vigil of Easter at 8:23 pm tonight.*

*Leaving your bulletin allows for its continued use tonight at the Great Vigil of Easter.*

## The Great Vigil of Easter

April 4, 2026 8.23 pm

### ***A note about our celebration:***

*These ancient prayers and chants are the first celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the lightless tomb. The fire and candles are symbols of the hope and joy of Easter Resurrection.*

*Over the centuries, the Great Vigil of Easter has become the central moment of the Christian year, and celebrated with beauty and majesty in the most rich and beautiful observance possible—all befitting for retelling and embracing the moment of Christ's overcoming death. It is also a moment, however, that reminds us of transition and the surprise of new life in the most unexpected of moments.*

*We gather at the front door of Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church in waning light of the 30th hour of Jesus' death.*

### **The Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

Presider Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites its members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which by hearing his word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray. O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The New Fire of Easter is kindled, blessed, and passed among us, beginning the Paschal Candles of the two congregations. You are invited to take a tall votive to light from the First Light of Easter and to process this light from Gobin Memorial to Saint Andrew's, and to keep it lit as you return home.

The Cantor chants, three times, with the people responding with the same tune and pitch as the cantor

Cantor            The Light of Christ.  
People             *Thanks be to God!*

### **Exsultet, Part I            Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church**

The Paschal Candles of both churches and a tall votive for the procession are lit with the first fire of Easter. The reflections recorded on paper will be consigned to the flames and to the Holy One. Gobin's Paschal Candle will be processed into the Gobin sanctuary to the singing of the first part of the Exsultet.

### **Exsultet, Part II            Procession to Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**

The Procession now departs Gobin Memorial. The lit Pascal Candles of Gobin Memorial and Saint Andrew's and the lit tall votives are processed to Saint Andrew's sanctuary with the Cantor chanting the second part of the Exsultet.

### **Exsultet, Part III            Saint Andrew's Episcopal and Lighting of the Vigil Candles**

In the narthex of Saint Andrew's, the Paschal Candles will be relit with light from the tall votive flame if necessary.

Please **take a Vigil taper** as you enter the Saint Andrew's sanctuary. Light your Vigil taper from the flames that originate in the Paschal Candle.

You may also want to **pick up a noisemaker** from the basket for the Proclamation of Easter.

When your candle is lit, find your seat in the sanctuary.

The Paschal Candle will be processed to the front of the sanctuary to the chanting of the Exsultet.

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

Presider

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

1. Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea                      *Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21*  
Hymn                      Blue hymnal 648 *Go Down, Moses*

2. Salvation offered freely to all                      *Isaiah 55:1-11*  
Canticle                      First Song of Isaiah 12:2-6 (*responsorial*)

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
*For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \*and he will be my Savior.*

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \*from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say, \*Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of God, for he has done great things, \*and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

3. A new heart and a new spirit                      *Ezekiel 36:24-28*  
Hymn                      Blue hymnal 413                      *New songs of celebration render*

4. The Valley of Dry Bones                      *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

Psalm 30 *responsorially*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.  
O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."**

By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

**To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:**

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

5. **The gathering of God's people**  
**Hymn LEVAS #189**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
*Great is thy faithfulness* (laminated sheet)

**The Holy Gospel**  
*Please stand as able.*

*Matthew 28:1-10*

*Before the Gospel:*

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

*At the end of the Gospel:*

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

## The Reaffirmation of Baptism

Presider Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, renouncing the forces of evil, and serving God through acts of love, justice, and mercy.

Do you affirm your annunciation of evil, and your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People: I do.*

Do you believe in God, our creator?

*People: I believe in God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ God's beloved son?

*People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord.*

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

*People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.*

Will you continue in the apostles, teaching, and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

Will you persevere and resisting evil, and whenever you fall into sin, repent, and return to the Lord?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

Will you seek and serve all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People: I will, with God's help.*

May Almighty God who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and who has bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life, in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

***Amen.***

### **The Announcement of Easter**

*Presiders* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

***People*** ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Ring bells, shake key chains, and proclaim the arrival of Easter.

**Hymn of Praise**

**Blue Hymnal #178**

*Alleluia, alleluia*

### **The Collect for Easter**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

***People*** ***And also with you***

*Presider* Let us pray.

God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

**Hymn of Praise**

**Blue Hymnal #210**

*The day of resurrection*

**The Prayers of the People**

*please see p. 8 of this bulletin*

**The Peace**

**The Holy Communion**

*please see p. 9 of this bulletin*

**Communion Hymn**

**Blue hymnal #199**

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*together*

Loving God, we give you, thanks for restoring us in your image, and nourishing us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

**Blue hymnal #207**

*Jesus Christ is risen today*

**Dismissal**

*The Presider dismisses, and the People respond: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***



**You are invited to celebrate the  
Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, 2026**

**10.00 am Easter Service**

**Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church**

**6.30 am Sunrise Service**

**Memorial Garden at Saint Andrew's**

**10.15 am Easter Sunday Festal Eucharist**

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church**



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A United Methodist Community for All



**SAINT ANDREW'S  
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*We give thanks for a season of rich collaboration between Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church and Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church. May our fellowship continue into the seasons of Easter and Pentecost, in worship and in our work in the community.*



*May the blessings of Easter renewal and hope fill your heart and your life in the coming year.*



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