

# The Network

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This page: Fr. Alan's January 2022 trip to Antarctica · A. Gibson

Dear friends:

No amount of preparation, documentaries, explorer's journals, photo essays or even your own imagination can prepare you for your first sights of the frozen continent. A journey to Antarctica is unlike any other trip anyone can make. From the way the light casts the water, ice and rock, and how the terrain creates its own sounds and in places the only sound, to the awe-inspiring creatures – massive birds, whales, seals and penguins – feeding, giving birth, raising families, and at times seeming to play, all remind us of the vastness of God's beautiful creation.

I had the privilege to see some of this work on a ten day cruise in January. While all of this was done from the comfort of a well-appointed, polar-equipped vessel with an expert and patient crew and guides, our own fragility and vulnerability could not be overlooked. After an experience like this there is much that can be said of humanity's place in the world and our responsibility to it, but for now I'd just like to give thanks to God for creating such things and places for they are truly "good," as the author of *Genesis* crowns them. It was, indeed, the trip of a lifetime, one I would be happy and blessed to make again.

God bless, *Fr. Alan*





## Parish Briefs

### Adult Inquirers' Classes

Classes: February 27 - March 20 Confirmation: May 21

Adult Inquirers' Classes will be held after the 10:00 am service on Sundays February 27, March 6, 13 & 20 for those interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Perry on Saturday, May 21. We will meet in the Chapel for about an hour after the service. Please contact Fr. Alan at [agibson@standrewsaa.org](mailto:agibson@standrewsaa.org) to register so that materials can be ordered.

### Millennials + Z Outdoor Social

Sunday, February 27 at 11:30 am

It's no longer picnic weather, but don't let that stop you from joining the Millennials+Z group for an outdoor gathering on Sunday, February 27 at Hunt Park at 11:30 am. Bring your own snacks!

**Daylight Savings Time  
begins Sunday, March 13**

*Don't forget to set your clocks forward!!*

### **Rescheduled!** Breakfast Benefit Concert

Friday, April 8 at 7:30 pm

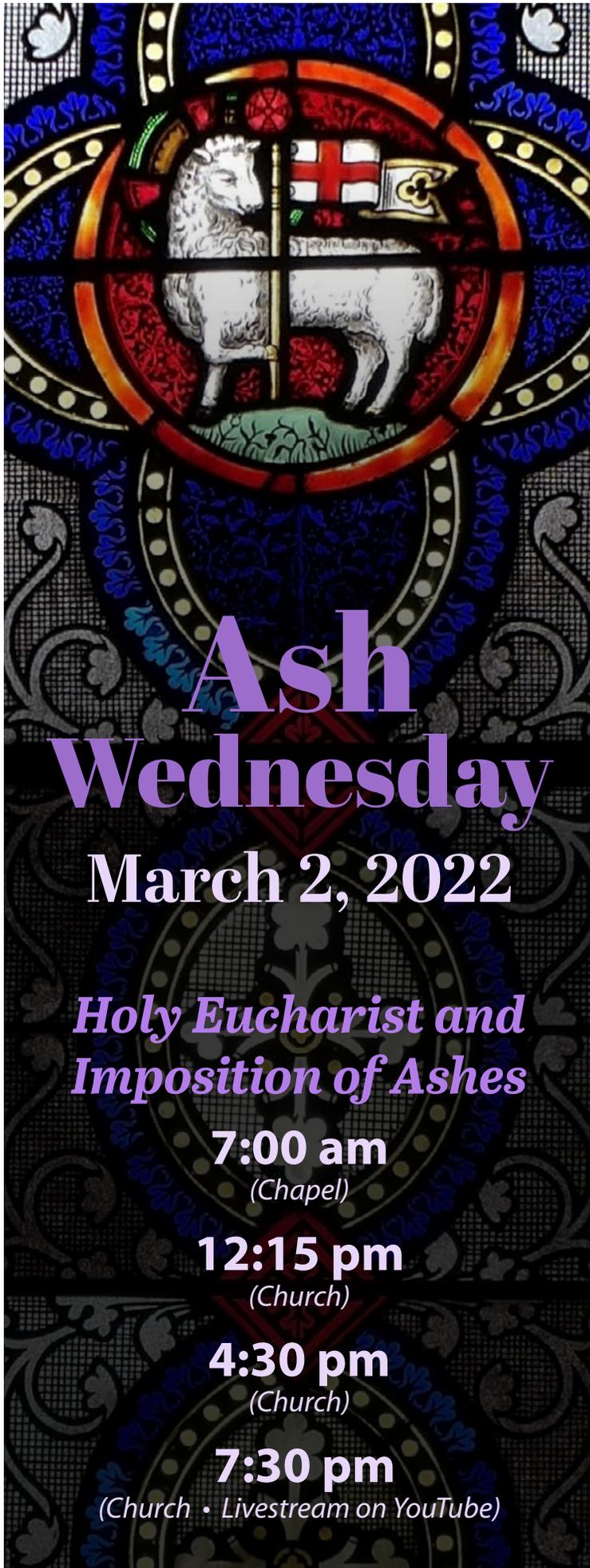
Acoustic Routes and The Ark are pleased to announce that the February 11 performance of Lucinda Williams & Her Band at The Michigan Theater has been rescheduled to Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. **Ticketmaster will automatically transfer all tickets to the new date.**

Fans who can't make the new date should log-in to their Ticketmaster account for information on resale, transfer and other options. "We look forward to a great night of music and making a difference in the fight against hunger in our community," said Jim Cain of Acoustic Routes. "We appreciate the support of all of Lu's fans and their patience as we worked to reschedule the show."

### Thanks from the Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who donated hats, gloves, and socks for our Breakfast guests! We gave them out on Christmas Day and the guests were very appreciative, especially with our current cold weather. There were some items left over and we will continue to give those out as there is need – so your generosity will continue.

SHANNON FLOYD  
Breakfast Director



# Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022

## Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

**7:00 am**  
(Chapel)

**12:15 pm**  
(Church)

**4:30 pm**  
(Church)

**7:30 pm**  
(Church • Livestream on YouTube)

# Lenten Series

2022

**March 9:** *"Bearing Witness"* with Dr. George Watson, Jr.

**March 16:** *No Way Out*

**March 23:** *Just Mercy*

**March 30:** *The Best of Enemies*

**April 6:** A Liturgy of Remembrance and Reconciliation

While we are still unable to gather to share a meal, our Wednesday evening series in Lent continue with four sessions on Zoom and the final event as a service in the church. **This year's theme will focus on bearing witness to racism and being Black in America.** One speaker, our own George Watson; three Hollywood films; and a liturgy to conclude make up the series.

Please note, due to the length of the programs the starting times vary. Also, be aware that due to the nature of the subject matter some of the language and scenes in the three films are difficult and offensive. Fr. Alan chose these films as examples of how Hollywood has dealt with the issue of race and racism. These important films, though they depict things that are difficult to watch, are a part of our culture and a part of us as Americans.

## **"Bearing Witness: the making of a Black Forensic Psychologist"**

with George Watson, Jr., Ph.D.

**Wednesday, March 9  
at 7:30 pm on Zoom**

SJM is proud to offer a presentation by distinguished forensic psychologist and long-term parishioner, Dr. George Watson, Jr. This is a very personal presentation focusing on his formative experiences as a Black man and person of faith learning and working within the context of profoundly racist systems in his profession, church, and the larger world. Please join us for what promises to be a moving discussion that will also launch our Lenten series.

## **Dinner and a Movie: *No Way Out***

**Wednesday, March 16  
at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

When a white patient dies under the care of a black doctor, the family seeks to destroy his career. This film noir classic casts Sidney Poitier in his first feature film.  
(Not rated, 106 minutes, Drama)

## **Dinner and a Movie: *Just Mercy***

**Wednesday, March 23  
at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

Young lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, turns down a lucrative career to take on cases of the wrongly convicted in Alabama. Centering on the case of death row inmate, Walter McMillian, Stevenson goes up against a legal and political system steeped in institutional racism of the not-too-distant past.  
(PG-13, 137 minutes, Drama)

## **Dinner and a Movie: *The Best of Enemies***

**Wednesday, March 30  
at 7:00 pm on Zoom**

The unlikely relationship between civil rights activist, Ann Atwater and local Ku Klux Klan leader, C.P. Ellis as co-chairs of a 1971 community summit on the desegregation Durham, North Carolina schools change them and their city forever.  
(PG-13, 132 minutes, Drama)

## **A Liturgy of Remembrance and Reconciliation**

**Wednesday, April 6  
at 7:30 pm in the Church**

Please come to a special liturgy to conclude our Lenten series and launch us into Holy Week, as we gather to remember those Black Lives lost to police violence, to grieve the persistence of systemic racism in our society, and to pray for ways of reconciliation in the future. There will be readings, prayers, time for reflection, music, and the tolling of the bell for those lives lost. It will also be an expression of hope and love for each other as we strive to build a beloved community.

## **Get Connected**

**March 9 - 30:** A link to the Zoom meeting will be emailed to the parish each week and printed in the Sunday bulletin.

**April 6:** Please join us in person at the Church (masks required). *This event will not be livestreamed.*



# Theology in Current Events

## “And He Sent Them Two By Two”

ERIC BRAUN  
Seminarian Intern

We’re in an interesting time of year. While officially, we’ve crossed the mid-point of winter, and the days, I am routinely told are in fact getting longer, in the grips of a typical Michigan January, February, even into March, that’s sometimes hard to believe. In the context of the church year, this is also an interesting time. We’ve come through the dark of Advent to the celebration of Christmas and Epiphany. Worry not! The celebration of Easter is at hand; made all the sweeter thanks to the penitential season of Lent.

In other years, I’ve been content to see Lent as what I believe it is: A time of meaningful and intentional reflection to help us put things into perspective. Lately though, in the face of the lingering pandemic, it feels like the coming of Lent is adding spiritual troubles in the midst of a world that has all too many right here and now.

Theologically, there’s a reason for Lent, and it’s a good one. Lent is an opportunity for us to share an important part of Jesus’ life. It’s not necessarily about suffering, and it’s certainly not about self-denial for its own sake. I think that Lent is about perspective, but in this case, “perspective” means not how we see ourselves, but rather putting ourselves, to the extent that can, in Jesus’ place. Particularly once the party makes their way to Jerusalem. That’s when events take a turn, particularly in Matthew’s Gospel. What Jesus knows, and what we know... thanks to 2000 years of hindsight, is that this will be their last meeting as a faith community. This desperation becomes particularly clear in the garden at Gethsemane. There are times in this part of the story when Jesus’ desperation seems raw and unfiltered: *“Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, “So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?”* (MATTHEW 26:40)

The fact that Jesus is asking something so simple makes his disappointment all the more painful for the Disciples, and for us too. Had Jesus asked Peter and the others to fly to Damascus, or even to pass a camel through the eye of a needle, we might well expect that Jesus, knowing they could not do as he asked, would use the moment for a parable. Instead, we read, hear, and feel the pain of a man who is at his wits’ end.

Lent is, to a degree, about understanding that pain and fear, and knowing that Jesus understands it too. It’s an important element of our “Incarnational Theology”. Jesus lived as a real man and we, as a faith community are responsible for carrying out the physical work of

ministry. The sorrow and pain of Lent is necessary to understand how crucial the continued ministry of Jesus and his followers is to the world. It’s true. We know what happens in Jerusalem. We know that the last supper of the twelve is in fact the last. However, we also know that this is not the end of Jesus’ ministry. It’s not the end of the story! In one of my favorite parts of Luke’s Gospel, we get the blueprint for establishing a new community of faith. It starts in Luke 10, when Jesus gives these instructions: *“After these things the LORD appointed other seventy also, and sent them out two by two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore to the lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into the harvest.”* (LUKE 10:1-2 KJV)

The seventy mentioned in these lines were some of the first believers. The Disciples reached out to them, and they in turn would go out to uncharted and unknown places. They knew the story just as we do. They had heard of, perhaps even seen Jesus’ crucifixion, and they believed the good news. Like us, while they are aware of Jesus’ pain and sacrifice, they also knew that the work would go on, because of them.

It seems hard to fathom, and in our current circumstances, which feel very far from any idea of the “normal” that we’ve known for most of our lives, it might seem impossible that this very important work falls to us. But so it has. Notice though this part of the mission that Luke explained: “And he sent them two by two.” No one does this work alone.

When people find out that I’m an Episcopalian, I often get some version of “what does that mean?” I used to give what was a convenient (and slightly sarcastic) answer: “We’re kind of like Catholics, but kind of not.” One of the things I’ve come to realize is what makes us different is just how much we do as a *community*. We worship together, we pray together, we meet together around the Lord’s table to share a common meal. The Nicene Creed begins with *“We believe...”* and when we welcome a new member into the body of Christ, we promise as a community to support them as a *family*. So much of our identity as Episcopalians is intrinsically tied to the community.

That’s worth remembering, especially now. The Good News is coming, and we help make it a reality not with the heroic efforts of individuals, but with the thoughtful, intentional steady support and strength that we get from each other. ✕



# Church School Happenings

Thank you to our Church School families and friends for your support during this especially challenging start to the Church School Year. A special thank you to the volunteer teachers that share their time and talent as stewards of this ministry. Despite all that confronts us, they've kept the faith and brought new meaning to this calling. They are a testament to living out our Baptismal covenant no matter the situation.

## Church School for Children

During mid-winter and early spring all children explore the New Testament with Jesus' parables and miracles signifying the last Sundays in Epiphany. We share several weeks exploring the sacrament of Baptism, understanding the beginnings, our beliefs, the Baptismal Covenant, and the Church as a welcoming family of faith. Finally, we reflect in the season of Lent and the occasion to travel together throughout the events of Holy Week. In late spring we'll explore the mystery of Easter. Faith at Home materials continue to be provided for families that mirror in-person Church School themed lessons and the lectionary.

## Worship and Wonder

Early Childhood (PS-1) children learn wonderful parables of the great pearl, the good Samaritan and Jesus' teachings with stories of Jesus and the Children, Bartimaeus, and Zacchaeus. Primary learners explore Jesus as the healer, a living being who we can turn to in prayer, knowing he is always with us as shared in the stories of Peter's mother-in-law and Jairus' daughter. Intermediate learners explore the miracles of Jesus' great deeds of power accomplished during his early ministry; the cleansing of the ten lepers and the raising of Lazarus from death. Both classes will explore in greater depth several lessons on the sacrament of Baptism, the first sacrament given by Christ to his Church.

## Ash Wednesday, March 2

On Ash Wednesday, we have a special service for children and families at 4:30 pm. The Junior Choir performs, and the Church School volunteers as readers and in other roles. At the conclusion of the service, worshippers proceed to the undercroft to bury the "Alleluia Scroll." This symbolic ritual helps children "say goodbye" to the Alleluia which is not spoken or sung during Lent. We put the "alleluia" away, like putting away a favorite toy for a while so we appreciate it even more

when we bring it back. On Easter Sunday, the Alleluia Scroll will be resurrected from its undercroft tomb and placed in the chapel when we once again sing a joyful praise of "Alleluia." **NOTE:** All ages are welcome to participate as readers so please let Carol know of your interest ASAP and no later than Sunday, February 13.

## Caring & Sharing

Please continue to save your coins for our foster brother Kalid Nazif Abajehad of Ethiopia as we will have a special offering on Easter Sunday. There are many opportunities for children to earn coins; chores around the house, springtime yard cleanup, or play games where the winner donates to the family mite box for Kalid.

**Random Acts of Kindness:** With safe distance in mind, small gestures of kindness bring big smiles! No matter the winter chill or early spring breezes, there are many ways to share a caring moment; make a hot cocoa gift mug with marshmallows, help elderly neighbors with outdoor chores, make a card for homebound parishioners, make a card for Kalid for his 16th birthday in May (classroom activity), plant seeds in a container, let them sprout and grow then give to a friend, say something nice to someone you know.

**Valentine Cards:** The children will make Valentine cards to send to our homebound parishioners. This has become an annual activity for us. Caring and sharing in this way along with created cards, photos and saving their own coins help children learn even one small kind gesture of caring brings so much joy to others near and far.

**Lent Service Project – Baby Shower:** Picking up where we left off in March 2020, we'll circle back to support a community service project by sponsoring a Baby Shower for the Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti. Throughout Lent we'll collect much needed baby items; diapers all sizes including pull ups, formula, wipes, and baby food. We'll celebrate with an all-Church School Baby Shower sometime after Easter. All the baby items collected will be used to stock the Hope Clinic supply pantry where families can shop for needed items. Please bring your *unwrapped* donations to the bin outside the library by Sunday, April 3.

*The Hope Clinic is an "interdenominational Christian organization that provides compassionate and practical help to those in need, ministering to the whole person with dignity and respect."*

Youth classes use the recently updated Journey to Adulthood curriculum blended with activities that emphasize the messages of the scriptures and the liturgical seasons such as Advent, Lent and Easter. We plan to combine a few classes with both youth groups for extensive journaling and lesson themes of: foundations of justice/how God wants us to live, experiencing Holy Week, and a service project.

**The Middle School** class certainly enjoy activities and crafts to emphasize their lesson themes but also appreciate having opportunities for old fashioned fun that builds camaraderie and the bonds of friendship. For the winter months we'll be exploring lessons across the areas of Spirituality, Self and Society that guide us in ways to seek and find the image of God in ourselves and others.

**The High School** class in the winter months will continue to engage in a variety of scripture reflections that provide opportunities for young adults to explore ways personal and communal faith intersect and nurture each other. They'll also continue to make connections that explore their identity in relationship with all God's creation and in particular the charge to spiritually nourish their own personal relationship with God. We are still planning on a June pilgrimage.

Two years into the pandemic, our in-person gatherings and traditional events continue to be moving targets. We try to replicate and embrace the key messages and learning experiences from the classrooms with our Faith at Home traditions. Our Lenten journey presents a number of lessons and opportunities for our children and youth to reflect and draw closer to God. On the horizon to frame our season of Lent (but still subject to change) are a number of familiar activities with adjusted formats: the Alleluia Scroll burial, Last Supper/Passover Meal, Holy Week Worship Experience, and for youth the World Awareness Hunger Simulation.

Prayers and blessings dear families and friends. Let our beaming eyes express the smile beneath the mask, the hope within us and the light that surrounds us. There is nothing stronger, higher or greater than God's love. ✕

*In faith, hope and love,*  
**CAROL ANDREWS FERGUSON**  
*Director of Children and Youth Ministries*

## The First Sunday in Lent is Episcopal Relief and Development Sunday

Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD; formerly "The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief") is an international relief and development agency and a compassionate response to human suffering on behalf of The Episcopal Church of the United States. The work of ERD, to heal a hurting world, is guided by the principles of compassion, dignity and generosity.

As supporters of ERD, we take our mandate from the words of Jesus, found in Matthew 25: 37-40, that call us to feed the hungry, care for the sick and welcome the stranger.

ERD Lenten Meditation Booklets are available online - see below for details. Donation envelopes for ERD will also be available in the Narthex and on the Welcome Table beginning on March 6, and you may also donate online. For more information about Episcopal Relief and Development: [episcopalrelief.org/who-we-are/](https://episcopalrelief.org/who-we-are/)

### Resource List Available

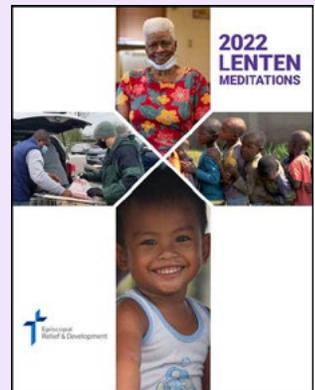
The Episcopal Health Ministries @ St. Andrew's has an updated resource list! Please check it out: [standrewsaa.org/uploads/File/EHM\\_Resources2021.pdf](https://standrewsaa.org/uploads/File/EHM_Resources2021.pdf) ✕

## Lenten Meditations

This Lent, join Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) for daily Lenten Meditations on the theme of 'Love'.

A [free PDF](#) of the meditation booklet for 2022 is available from ERD.

To learn more or subscribe to their daily meditation, please visit [episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent](https://episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent).



## Director's Chair

The Christmas Pageant, *Good News of Great Joy*, was presented live at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service. Who knew two years ago that “live” would be an adjective for a church service at St. Andrew’s. It was a glorious afternoon, with Catherine Carver directing a cast of 27, ranging in age from seven to seventy, or thereabouts. There were angels, shepherds, sheep, kings, innkeepers and the Holy Family, all telling our favorite story of the Christian year. It was good to be together in one place, considering once again the birth of Jesus, with all its wonder and mystery, including talking sheep. In that old theater saw, “There are no small parts”, and that is part of the appeal of re-telling the Christmas story: every person and animal is critical to telling the story. Everyone has their moment. We thank all that participated, including the faithful parents.

I have given up on predicting the future. In March of two years ago, it seemed like performing *Peter Pan* as the spring musical would require a little schedule adjustment to work around organ installation and this thing called COVID. How naïve of me. We are planning for a live *Peter Pan* in May. I sincerely hope that happens. The Lost Children need to be found. We will be advertising and promoting the production using various channels, but please contact me at [nrichert@comcast.net](mailto:nrichert@comcast.net) if you think you might be outside the scope of communication. I have a master email list of all those who have been involved in theater in the last few years. Send me your email if you would like to be involved and think you might not be on that list. There are ways to contribute to the production both on and off stage that could be right up your alley.

One of the projects of church infrastructure improvement that came out of the very generous gift of the Anonymous Donor has to do with sound and light in both the sanctuary and Parish Hall. Part of the sound and light project is the installation of new stage lighting in the Nancy Heusel Theater in the Parish Hall. The existing lighting is from another age of technology, and it was time to move forward. Unfortunately, barring a supply chain miracle, it will not be installed for *Peter Pan*, but it will be available moving forward. ✕

**NORM RICHERT**  
Co-Director, Theater Ministries

## Music Notes

### **A Celebration of African American Composers** Sunday, February 13 at 4:00 pm

The St. Andrew’s Choirs and instrumentalists join in a concert of works by African American composers. Works by Hailstork, Hogan, Burleigh and more.

### **Music for Meditation**

#### **Program 4: Nathaniel Cornell, violin** Sunday, March 6 at 7:15 pm

A native of Naples, Florida, Nathaniel has received degrees in violin performance from the University of Michigan and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Currently based in Ann Arbor, Nathaniel holds the position of section violin with the Ann Arbor, Lansing, and Midland Symphony Orchestras. In addition to his interest in orchestral performance, Nathaniel is an avid performer of early music on period instruments. Nathaniel will include in his program works by Telemann, Biber and LeClair.

#### **Program 5: Ave Crux! Motets for Passiontide** Sunday, April 3 at 7:15 pm

The St. Andrew’s Compline Choir and the Ann Arbor Grail Singers present motets for Passiontide, including works by Guerrero Monteverdi, Morales, Tallis, Willan and more. Deborah Friauff, Director.

### **Music for Holy Week**

#### **A Service of Tenebrae** Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 pm

The St. Andrew’s Adult Choir chants this ancient monastic service that captures the descent into the shadows of death and the mystery of the sacrificial Lamb of God. Psalms and chanted readings from the Lamentations of Jeremiah will alternate with choral responses composed by Healey Willan.

#### **Good Friday Service** Friday, April 15 at 12:00 pm

The St. Andrew’s Compline Singers will chant the Passion according to St. John, punctuated with choral responses written by Tomás Luis da Victoria, and offer beautiful choral motets for Passiontide.

#### **Easter Day** Sunday, April 17 Festival Prelude: 7:30/10 am Eucharist: 8/10:30 am

The St. Andrew’s Adult Choir and the Ann Arbor Camerata Chamber Orchestra combine for our Easter services, featuring W.A. Mozart’s Credo Mass, K257 and several of his Church Sonatas. ✕

# Calendar of Events

Photo: Fr. Alan's January 2022 trip to Antarctica · A. Gibson

## Weekly Events

Get Involved!

### Sundays

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (C)
- 9:15 am Family Eucharist (Cpl)
- 9:45 am Church School
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (C / YouTube)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C, 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

### Wednesdays

- 7:00 am Holy Eucharist (Cpl)
- 4:30 pm Cherub Choir (CL)
- 4:30 pm Junior Handbell Choir (C)
- 5:15 pm Junior Choir (CL)
- 6:00 pm Evensong (Cpl)
- 6:30 pm Handbell Choir (C)

### Thursdays

- 10:00 am Bible Study (Zoom)
- 7:15 pm Adult Choir (CL)

### Fridays

- 12:15 pm Holy Eucharist (Cpl)

<b>ROOM LEGEND</b>	(C) Church	(L) Lounge
	(CL) Choir Loft	(Lib) Library
	(Cpl) Chapel	(PH) Parish Hall

## Upcoming Events

- Music for Meditation April 3
- A Liturgy of Remembrance and Reconciliation April 6
- Breakfast Benefit April 8
- Palm Sunday April 10
- Tenebrae April 13
- Maundy Thursday April 14
- Good Friday April 15
- Easter Day April 17
- Confirmation May 21

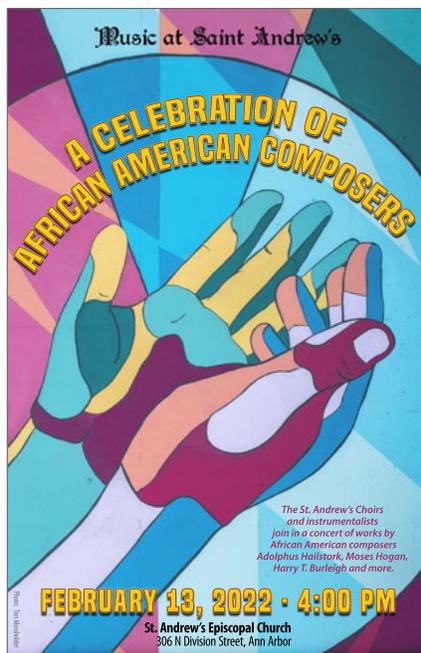
## February 2022

### Sunday, February 6

- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

### Sunday, February 13

- 4:00 pm A Celebration of African American Composers (C)



### Sunday, February 20

- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

### Tuesday, February 22

- 6:30 pm Vestry (Zoom)

### Sunday, February 27

- 11:30 am Inquirers' Class (Cpl)
- 11:30 am Millennials+Z Gathering

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

*The Church Office will be closed and remote work will be paused on Monday, February 21.*

## March 2022

### Ash Wednesday, March 2

*Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes*

- 7:00 am • 12:15 pm
- 4:30 pm • 7:30 pm

### Sunday, March 6

- 11:30 am Inquirers' Class (Cpl)
- 7:15 pm Music for Meditation 4 (C)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

### Wednesday, March 9

- 7:30 pm Lenten Series with Dr. George Watson, Jr. (Zoom)

### Sunday, March 13

*Daylight Savings Time Begins*

- 11:30 am Inquirers' Class (Cpl)

### Tuesday, March 15

- 6:00 pm Finance (Zoom)

### Wednesday, March 16

- 7:00 pm Lenten Series: Dinner and a Movie (Zoom)

### Sunday, March 20

- 11:30 am Inquirers' Class (Cpl)
- 8:00 pm Compline (C)

### Tuesday, March 22

- 6:30 pm Vestry (Zoom)

### Wednesday, March 23

- 7:00 pm Lenten Series: Dinner and a Movie (Zoom)

### Wednesday, March 30

- 7:00 pm Lenten Series: Dinner and a Movie (Zoom)

**Masks are required for all in-person events at St. Andrew's**