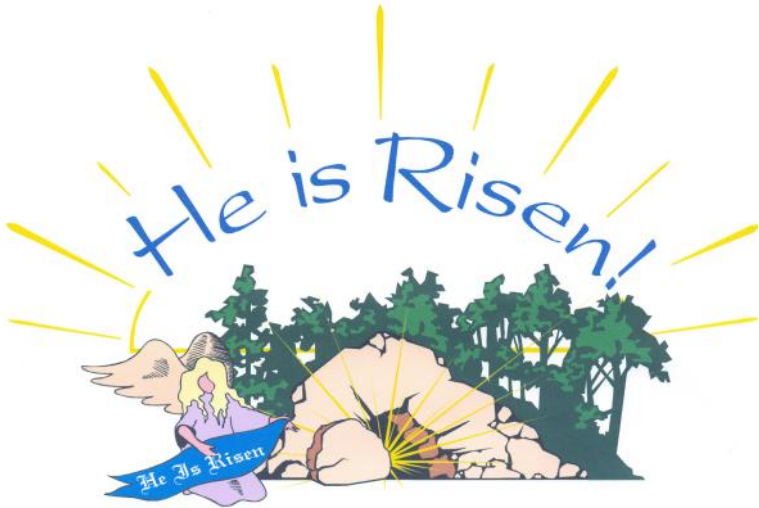


The Piper

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A Message from Father Martin

Holy Week is “a pilgrimage, a sequential majestic journey into the most profound levels of divine and human nature, taking us into a place of profound darkness before bringing us into halls of almost inexpressible resurrection light.”

Dear Friends,

This week we observe some of the holiest days of our Christian calendar: Maundy Thursday when Jesus shared his last supper with his friends and gave us the sacrament of the Holy Communion, Good Friday when he suffered and died for our sake and his love for us, and Easter Sunday when he rose in victory over death and despair to lead us into new and renewed life. We will have special gatherings as a parish to mark and remember these signposts on our human journeys – please attend as many as possible and invite others who may find their own lives enriched.

Maundy Thursday, April 2, we gather at St. Philip the Apostle Episcopal Church again this year at 7 pm for a service of foot or hand-washing, Holy Communion, and the Stripping of the Altar.

We have two Good Friday services, both here at St. Andrew’s: **A Community Good Friday Service from 12 Noon to 1 pm**, co-sponsored by 5 SLV churches: Boulder Creek United Methodist, Mount Cross Lutheran Camp, Redwood Christian Center (Assemblies of God), St. Andrew’s, and Valley Grace (Felton Presbyterian). (I reached out to all the SLV churches observing Good Friday on this day.)

Our traditional Good Friday service from the Book of Common Prayer, at 7 pm.

Easter Sunday celebration at 10 am, with a children’s Easter Egg Hunt and festive reception following the service. If you can bring this week to the Church some filled Easter eggs or candy for the plastic eggs, or bring on Sunday some cookies to share, it would be helpful. Call me for more information.

We had a very good visit with our **Bishop Lucinda Ashby** on Sunday, March 15. She confirmed Emily Kjaergaard, received from the Methodist Church Racelle Kelly, and witnessed Jane Pomeroy’s Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows. We had a delicious potluck and question and answer session with her following the service. Thank you to all who helped prepare for and host this annual visitation.

We also enjoyed a good Lenten **Soup Supper and discussion** of Bishop Marianne Budde's new book How We Learn to the Brave. There will be copies available if you would like to read it.

Please mark your calendars for the **Celebration of the Life of Tedd Parske**, beloved member of St. Andrew's, who died peacefully at home with his family after a long illness the evening of March 15. It will be at St. Andrew's on Saturday, April 18 at 2 pm. Please hold Janet and their sons Michael and Richard and all their family in your prayers.

*Rest eternal grant to Tedd, O Lord,
And let light perpetual shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Please consider attending our **diocesan Spring Renewal Conference** on May 1 and 2 in Carmel Valley. More information in this Piper.

I pray that this Easter season – fifty days leading up to Pentecost and the Feast of the Holy Spirit – will be a rich time of opening our eyes and hearts to the grace and love revealed for us in Christ's resurrection. Each Sunday in Eastertide we will explore what Easter can mean for us. I look forward to sharing these times with you!

Yours in Christ,
Martin Yabroff+

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks
to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he
blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but
yours. —St. Teresa of Avila

Submitted by Barbara Banke

St. Andrew's Vestry Members

Jane Pomeroy , Senior Warden
John Woolliscroft, Junior Warden
Rochelle Kelly
Joan McVay

Sheryl Mello
Brad Moyer
Ray Rischpater

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, please forward them to any of the Vestry members. Vestry meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 pm in the Parish Hall.

St. Andrew's Ministries



The Women's Circle

Dear Friends,

Women's Circle will meet April 9 at 6:30pm, hosted and led by Eve Yabroff at her home. Women's Circle will meet again on April 22, 10:30am at the Parish Hall.

For questions contact Ann Moyer, 619 321-8596.

Men's Circle

Men's group will meet on Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm at the home of Brad and Ann Moyer.

Questions? Call Brad Moyer 619-321-7316 or Christian Kjaergaard 650-864-4404.

Prayer Team

We have an active prayer team at St. Andrew's led by Sue Roe. When a prayer concern is made known to Sue, she sends it out to the group so they can be praying for you. Please contact Sue if you would like some prayers.

Also, if you would like to be one of the pray-ers, let Sue know and she will be happy to add you to the group.

Please contact Sue at Phone 562-243-4080, or by email suemhr@aol.com

Outreach Committee

If you know of or support a non-profit organization and would like it to be considered for a grant from St. Andrew's, please provide information on its programs to the Outreach Committee. The members of the committee are Laura McLain, Joan McVay, Janet Parske and Ray Rischpater. We are looking for additional committee members, so if you are interested, please contact Joan, Janet or Ray. The committee generally meets after Bible Study, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Spring Renewal

Diocese of
El Camino Real



At All Saints Day School, Carmel, CA.

(See Fr. Martin for carpooling)

Sign up before April 1st for early bird pricing, which is \$100 for both days or \$50 for a single day (Friday or Saturday). After April 1st, prices go up to \$120 for both days and \$60 for a single day. Don't wait — grab your spot before prices go up! <https://www.realepiscopal.org/springrenewal/>

Spring Renewal is our exciting annual diocesan gathering—a unique opportunity to step away from the daily grind and unite as a community for prayer, enriching learning, joyful celebration, and personal renewal. Open to all members of the Diocese of El Camino Real, this weekend invites you to deepen your connections with one another and embrace the Spirit that guides us. Join us for this transformative experience!

Friday Evening | 5:00–8:00 PM

We begin with check-in, fellowship, and our Awards Banquet. The evening includes shared prayer and time to settle into the rhythm of the weekend – a gentle opening note before the fuller song begins.

Saturday | 9:00 AM–3:30 PM

Saturday opens with Morning Prayer, grounding us in worship before we launch into our main program led by Canon David Link. Through guided sessions, conversation, and musical engagement, Canon Link will invite us to explore the role of music in worship and in the life of the Church.

The day includes shared learning, table discussions, a communal lunch, and concludes with the celebration of the Eucharist as we are sent forth renewed – carrying the song into our congregations and communities.

About our presenter, Canon David Link

Canon David Link recently retired after forty-one years as Canon Precentor and Director of Music at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Sacramento, where he devoted his ministry to forming congregations through song, prayer, and thoughtful liturgical leadership. Trained at Sacramento City College and the Royal School of Church Music in England, and mentored by distinguished church musicians including Sir David Willcocks, Canon Link founded the Cathedral Music Series and the Annual Diocesan Choir Festival and led choir pilgrimages to England's great cathedrals. Recognized with the Dean's Award, named an Honorary Canon, and awarded the Bishop's Cross upon retirement, Canon Link now enjoys life with his wife Sharene in the Sierra foothills. At Spring Renewal, he brings both deep experience and a generous, participatory spirit as he invites us to reflect on how music shapes the life of the Church.

Agnus Dei by Denise Levertov

Given that lambs
are infant sheep,
that sheep are afraid and foolish, and lack
the means of self-protection, having
neither rage nor claws,
venom nor cunning,
what then
is this 'Lamb of God'?

This pretty creature, vigorous
to nuzzle at milky dugs,
woolbearer, bleater,
leaper in air for delight of being, who finds in astonishment
four legs to land on, the grass
all it knows of the world?
With whom we would like to play,
whom we'd lead with ribbons, but may not bring
into our houses because
it would spoil the floor with its droppings?

What terror lies concealed
in strangest words, O lamb
of God that taketh away
the Sins of the World: an innocence
smelling of ignorance,
born in bloody snowdrifts,
licked by forebearing
dogs more intelligent than its entire flock put together?

God then,
encompassing all things, is
defenseless? Omnipotence
has been tossed away,
reduced to a wisp of damp wool?

And we
frightened, bored, wanting
only to sleep 'til catastrophe
has raged, clashed, seethed and gone by without us,
wanting then
to awaken in quietude without remembrance of agony,
we who in shamefaced private hope
had looked to be plucked from fire and given
a bliss we deserved for having imagined it,

is it implied that we
must protect this perversely weak
animal, whose muzzle's nudgings
suppose there is milk to be found in us?
Must hold in our icy hearts
a shivering God?

So be it.
Come, rag of pungent
quiverings,
dim star.
Let's try
if something human still
can shield you,
spark
of remote light.



Easter eggs symbolize the resurrection of Jesus, with origins in early Christian traditions and legends such as Mary Magdalene's miraculous red egg.

Christian Origins

Easter eggs have deep roots in Christianity, dating back to the early church. Early Christians used eggs to symbolize the empty tomb of Jesus Christ: the hard shell represented the sealed tomb, and cracking it open represented His resurrection. Eggs were often dyed red to signify the blood of Christ, and priests in Orthodox churches would bless and distribute them during the Paschal vigil on Holy Saturday, a practice still observed in some denominations today.

Join us for Worship Services on Sundays at 10 a.m. and the social hour after. The sermon may be watched on St. Andrew's Facebook page, if you are not able to attend in person.