ST. PAUL & ST. ANDREW

Join us as we build a community of radical welcome that follows Jesus into the streets of the city to increase the amount of love and justice in the world.

K Karpen Lea Matthews Andrea Steinkamp Pastors

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 at 11 am





Sunday, March 24, 2024 + Palm Sunday

Our service this morning begins outside on the West End Avenue steps.

Gathering Song	Sana, Sananina Sana, sananina, sana, sana, sana. (2x) Sana, sana, sana, sananina, sana, sana, sana. (2x)	
Welcome & Call to Worship Liturgy written & adapted from enfleshed contributor Minister Candace Simpson	 Lea Matthews One: The nearness of God is an intimate encounter, palpable and mysterious: Many: Like hope, buzzing through a community. One: Like tension, calling evil into question. Many: Like comfort, shared among the weeping. One: The nearness of God is a collective reality, material and spiritual: Many: Like community that harbors and holds. One: Like resources shared and redistributed. Many: Like proclamations that move and inspire toward justice. One: When God comes close, let the people be glad. Many: Blessed are those who perceive and rejoice! 	
Song	O Mary! O Martha! Ring Them Bells! (pg. 4)	
Opening Prayer	Pearl Vercruysse	
Prayer Song	Draw Near To God Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you	
Blessing of the Palms and Donkey	Ekama Eni	
Sung Response	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O Lord Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.	
Scripture	Aurora Celestin, Arelis Figueroa Psalm 118 (pg. 5)	
Procession of the Palms	Please join us as we process around the block and into the sanctuary Joe Avery's Blues O When the Saints O when the saints go marchingO Lord, I want to be in that number	
Entry into the Sanctuary	Sana, Sananina (see Gathering Song above)	
Gathering Music	Peter, Go Ring Them Bells	

 Please rise in body of 	or spirit	
Hymn ♦	All Glory Laud and Honor (pg. 6, v. 1-3)	
Gospel +	The Haggerty Family John 12: 12-16 (pg. 4-5)	
Hymn ♦	All Glory Laud and Honor (pg. 6, v. 4-5) During the hymn, kids are invited to go to the Parlor to meet the donkey	
Sermon	Lea Matthews "PDI: public display of imperfection" Note: mention of suicide and the suicide hotline will be included	
Sermon Song	Give Me Jesus (pg. 7)	
Morning Prayer The Lord's Prayer	Andrea Steinkamp Our God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.	
Welcome Passing of the Peace	K Karpen The Congregation	
Peace Song	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus I have decided to follow Jesus (3x), no turning back (2x) My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus (3x), no turning back (2x) The world behind me, the cross before me (3x), no turning back (2x)	
Love in Action	Julia Tulloch (pg. 11-12)	
Offering Offertory	Of tithes, gifts, and prayers (pg. 10-11) Nearer, My God, To Thee	
Prayer of Gratitude	Reese Overstreet	
Closing Hymn ♦	Lord of the Dance (pg. 8)	
Benediction +	Lea Matthews	
Postlude	Enter Into Jerusalem	
Guest Musicians	Andy Warren (trumpet), Peter DelGrosso (horn),	

Ric Becker (trombone), Graham Doby (drums)



Words and music: African American Spiritual

Gospel Reading from John 12: 12-16

¹² The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,

> "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it **Thanks be to God.** is written:

¹⁵ "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading from Psalm 118: 1-26, 29

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever." ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD: the LORD answered me and set me in a broad place. ⁶ With the LORD on my side, I do not fear. What can mortals do to me? ⁷ The LORD is on my side to help me; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in mortals. ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. ¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling, but the LORD helped me. ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;

- God has become my salvation. ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
- that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the LORD.

- ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.
- ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- ²³ This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- ²⁵ Save us, we beg you, O LORD!
- O LORD, we beg you, give us success! ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, for God's steadfast love endures forever.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Lectura del evangelio de Juan 12: 12-16

¹² Al día siguiente, cuando la gran multitud que había venido a la fiesta, oyó que Jesús venía a Jerusalén, ¹³ tomaron hojas de las palmas y salieron a recibirle, y gritaban:

¡Hosanna! Bendito el que viene en el nombre del Señor, el Rey de Israel.

¹⁴ Jesús, hallando un asnillo, se montó en él; como está escrito: ¹⁵ No temas, hija de Sión; he aquí, tu Rey viene, montado en un pollino de asna.

¹⁶ Sus discípulos no entendieron esto al principio, pero *después*, cuando Jesús fue glorificado, entonces se acordaron de que esto se había escrito de Él, y de que le habían hecho estas cosas.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor



4. To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise. To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

5. Thou didst accept their praises. Accept the prayers we bring, who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.

Theodulph of Orleans, 8th-9th cent.	Melchior Teschner, 1615
Translated by John Mason Neale, 1851	Harmonized by W.H. Monk, 1861

Give Me Jesus

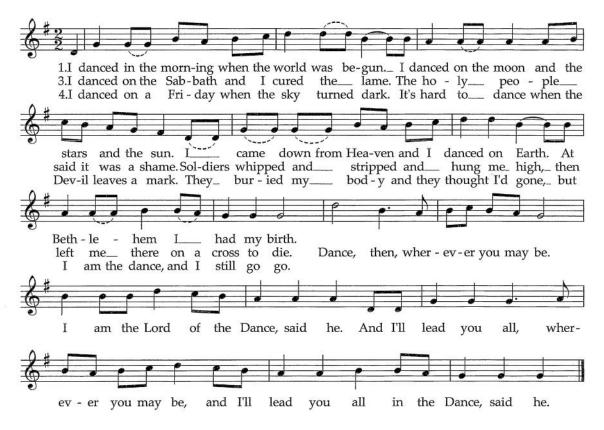


African American Spiritual

Last Sunday at St. Paul & St. Andrew



Lord of the Dance



5. They cut me down, but I leapt up high. I am the life that will never, never die. I'll live in you if you'll live in me. I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Sydney Carter, 1963 Additional lyrics: K Karpen, 2021

19th Century Shaker Tune Adapted by Sydney Carter, 1963

Youth Group at Interactive Gamebox



Miracle Monday Assisting Migrants

















Rally for Peace in Palestine at Senator Schumer's Office



Wednesday Evening Lenten Vespers



Joys & Concerns

Joy & Thanksgiving

Marianne for all the love and support she has received recently Shout out to Diya and Iker, who are moving up to high school Barbara who can go back home after several weeks in nursing home Prayers of thanks for Chuck Schumer for calling out Israeli leadership

Healing & Healing

- Mary McM's mom Cheryl E as she recovers from a fall and a nasty infection; gratitude that the fall was mild and led to the discovery of the infection
- Continued prayers for Keyona W, and her continued treatment for colon cancer
- Continued prayers for Meg B, recovering from her strokes; prayers of comfort for her family
- Healing and recovery for MC, following knee surgery

Jan H, for ongoing healing

Charles' grandson Quince's best friend Autumn, who is battling leukemia

Kathryn's friend Betty in her cancer treatment and hope for remission

For reassuring medical results, and comfort as we wait for more information

Laura, Marianne's friend, as she undergoes lung surgery

Shirah, Mary Ellen's friend and colleague, and for those who are supporting her

Joe M that he gets the medical treatment for his eye that he needs Carole, June's neighbor, now in hospice: for June as she cares and

supports Carole Ann C

Continued prayers for Kevin and Christina, friends of Bill and Julie For Esther having surgery on March

27, prayers for success and for healing Alicia's Aunt Lillian, for walking stability

Comfort

Prayers for Elizabeth (Gemstain's mother) and her family, after the recent passing of her brother Continued pravers for Kathrvn's friend, Joleen with Parkinsons Continued prayers for Shirley B, in

hospice care

Prayers for Morris G, going in hospice care

Family and friends of Malachy **McCourt**

- For Kris and family and friends of Lora, who passed away on Monday
- For Larry & Patricia on the passing of their 100-year-old mother, Ann; and for Patricia in hospital at the same time and now facing upcoming surgery; for healing in the midst of mourning
- Andrea's Aunt Pat & Uncle Rick, receiving palliative care for cancer and for their children. Jamie & Steven
- For Joyce B's friend, Nadine and her step-daughter on the sudden death of their husband and father; for comfort and strength for them

Work & Life

- Support for Adeel Mangi, a Pakistani-American attorney, advocate for religious freedom, nominated for a judgeship, who is being attacked for being a Muslim Joan G.
- For safety and wise choices for all the students on spring break For job searches and finding work-life balance and affirmation in one's vocation.

Safety for all those affected by the

storms in the Midwest and for those waiting to hear from loved ones in the area

Kay W, for God's guidance Safety for NYPD and MTA transit officers

That TikTok - a different source of news from marginalized voices does not get banned

Peace & Justice

For Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, and that truth prevails and our own inner voices are not overshadowed by hateful voices Support for Mehdi Hasan and voices

that are being suppressed

Prayers for peace builders in all conflicts

That the UN's Palestine relief organization (UNRWA) gets the funding necessary to address the humanitarian needs of the Palestinians in Gaza

Prayers for all the people of Palestine Prayers for refugees here and around the world

For a humane policy for the migrants in our city

An end to ethnic cleansing and genocide anywhere it is happening The U.N., their shelters, and all of the doctors providing care in Israel and Gaza

Peace and understanding in the U.S. among people of all faiths. Intentional prayers that we may all be able to look through other lens in

time of strife and war.

- Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Afghanistan, all suffering places around world For the world's leaders, that they might have the wellbeing of human life and the natural world in mind.
- Prayers of peace for Gaza, and hope for a permanent ceasefire



Prayer requests Scan this QR code to share your joys and concerns, or write them on the back of a Connection Card available at the Welcome Tables. Each week, our staff prays for our community and invites prayers from all. If you do not wish for your prayer to shared with the church community, please indicate your desire with your prayer.

Putting Love in Action

Boxes of Love A special Palm Sunday collection for Palestinian House of Friendship. \$75 supports one Box of Love, and will be matched 2 to 1, up to \$5000, by a generous partner. tinyurl.com/spsalove

Palm Sunday Potluck Brunch at the Parsonage following worship today. Bring an entrée, salad, dessert, or just bring yourself.

Easter Lilies Help us decorate the sanctuary by dedicating an Easter. See below. To include the dedication in the printed Easter bulletin, the deadline is noon on Monday (March 25).

Devotionals pick up your very own copy of the Lent Devotional, or sign up for daily emails at eepurl.com/ dkdyqT

40+ Days of Centering Prayer

This introduction to the contemplative Christian tradition of quieting our minds, letting go, and becoming available to the Divine source will be led by our very own Kate Baum. Feb 14-Mar 28 from 7-7:15am on Zoom

Meeting ID: 88507997676 Password: 070774

Ongoing Programs

Chancel Choir meets each Sunday at 10am. See Frank for details.

Campus Ministry meets each Monday, 7pm at Broadway Presbyterian (114th). Email Ekama* for additional details.

Pajama Prayers our Tuesday prayer gathering on Zoom at 7:30am. Come as you are with whatever is on your heart. Meeting ID : 831 7700 2923 Phone: 646-931-3860

Pilates with Nancy a strengthening & stretching class on Zoom, Thursdays, 5:30pm. Email Brent* (see page 12 for email) for details.

Kids & Families Email Pastor Andrea* for details on upcoming gatherings. Our next Faith & Fun Friday is Apr 10.

Youth Group Email Pastor Ekama* (see page 12 for email) for details on upcoming gatherings.

Young Adults Email Pastor Andrea* (see page 12 for email) for details on upcoming gatherings.

Volunteer Opportunities Assisting Our New Neighbors

Sign up to help with Miracle Monday via Lotsa Helping Hands (tinyurl.com/4et6b662). Next accepting clothing on Apr 7

Homework Help Tutoring

Wednesday evenings (6-7pm). We are working with many new arrivals, and we could use your help. Please see Charlene (charlenefloyd@aol.com)

Other Good Stuff in the Building Bedlam in the West End Theatre

 "The Assassination of Julius Caesar As Told By William Shakespeare & George Bernard Shaw" Tix at bedlam.org - use SPSA30 for \$30 tix

Jazzmobile Enjoy a free Sunday matinee concert of jazz in the Sanctuary, sponsored by Councilmember Gale Brewer, *Apr 28 at 4pm*

Dorian Wind Quintet one of chamber music's preeminent and longest continuously-active ensembles performs in our Sanctuary, *Tue, Apr 30 at 7pm*



Gifts & Offerings

Your Gifts make church happen! If you would like to make a contribution, visit stpaulandstandrew.org/give, scan the QR code, or text "Give" to 646-971-9400. Gifts can also be dropped into the donation boxes at the Welcome Tables.



Easter Lilies

If you would like to help us decorate the sanctuary by dedicating an Easter Lily in honor or in memory of your loved one(s), please do so with the special envelope at the front tables. A gift of \$25 will help purchase a small plant, and \$40 will help purchase a large plant, but gifts of all amounts welcomed.

Who's Who

Pastors

Rev. Dr. K Karpen* Rev. Lea Matthews* Andrea Steinkamp*

Director of Operations Brent Ness*

Facility Manager Christopher Trombley

Minister of Music Dr. Frank Glass*

Youth & Campus Pastor Ekama Eni*

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Lent & Holy Week

Palm Sunday (today)

After today's service, all are invited to the parsonage for a potluck lunch, hosted by K & Charlene. Bring something or just bring yourself!

Maundy Thursday (March 28)

At 6:00pm, to commemorate the Last Supper, we'll gather in the sanctuary for a light meal, followed by a time of meditation, communion, and silent reflection.

Good Friday (March 29)

At 5:00pm, join Pastor K and other pilgrims, as they process through the Central Park and the Upper West Side carrying the cross. This reflective and embodied ritual is a modern-day interpretation of the stations of the cross. The pilgrimage ends with participants carrying the cross into our sanctuary in the midst of our service. *Meet at the SW corner of 59th Street and 5th Ave, look for the folks with the 11 foot cross*

At 7:00pm, you are invited to join us in-person or on the livestream for a powerful worship service on Good Friday. Our focus turns, on this day, to the mystery and awe of the passion, as we follow Jesus on the journey to his death on the cross. We will listen for God's voice from Golgotha together, guided by reflection, reading, song, and prayer.

Easter Sunday (March 31)

At 6:30am, we'll have our annual Sunrise Service at Belvedere Castle in Central Park. Or join by Zoom, from your own patch of the world, sharing your sunrise with others who join from afar. Meet at W 81st St and Central Park West at 6:15am to walk in together.

Zoom meeting: 885 0799 7676 Passcode: Easter

At 11am, we'll join together for a Celebration of the Resurrection. Minister of Music Frank Glass will make sure to greet us all with a joyful noise! Pastor K will offer the Easter message and immediately after service, the kids can hunt for treats left by the Easter bunny.











