

Holy Eucharist- Rite II  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 14, 2021

10:30 am Service

# The Word of God

Prelude-Composition on a Plainsong-J. Dunstable (~1370-1453)

Wendi Gustafson - Organ

Opening Hymn- *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* (v. 1&3)

Hymnal 690



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed, be, I, me, thou, will, now, still, ev - er, and, my, er, ev - er, strength, give, and, to, shield, more, thee.

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* ***His mercy endures forever.***

*Celebrant* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

**Decalogue: Contemporary**

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*Celebrant* Hear the commandments of God to his People: I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* You shall not make for yourself any idol.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* Honor your father and your mother.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* You shall not commit murder.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* You shall not commit adultery.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* You shall not steal.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* You shall not be a false witness.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

*Celebrant* You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*People* ***Amen. Lord have mercy.***

**Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*A moment of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Kyrie**

Hymnal S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*All are seated.*

## **The Readings**

### **The First Reading**

*Reader* A reading from the book of Numbers (21:4-9)

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Psalm Appointed**

*Reader* The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 107 verses 1-3 and 17-22. Let us read in unison.

***Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.***

***Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.***

***He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.***

***Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.***

***They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.***

*Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.*

*He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.*

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.*

*Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.*

### The Epistle

*Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians (2:1-10)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

### Sequence Hymn *Jerusalem, my happy home (v. 1)*

Hymnal 620

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's  
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.  
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

*All stand*

**The Holy Gospel**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (3:14-21).

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Fr. Stephen Shortess

## The Nicene Creed

*All stand*

***We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

*After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.*

### Prayers of the People: Form II

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*Reader* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; and David our bishop and his wife, Patti; for this gathering;



for Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer and all ministers and people. Pray for the Church, especially St. James', Fort McKavett; and St. Andrew's, Brackettville.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially Tony Price, Curley Gilmore, Cooki Blevins, Henry, Gary, John Matocha, Russel Gustafson, Carolyn Lehman, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus. For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Bob Blevins, Kenneth Minter, Ann Benham, Audrey Herron, Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, and Patsy Creager.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

*Reader* I ask your prayers and thanksgivings for the Mission and Ministry in Southeast Mexico and for our Vestry and staff.

*Silence*

*Reader* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**Peace**

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

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

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday Prayers**

*Celebrant and People*

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Gary Bethel, Susan Balderas, Houston Moore, Margaret Mueller, and Aaryn Perry, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## Anniversary Prayers

*Celebrant and People*

*O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon your servants, David & Linda Hannasch, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem-*Just as I am*

Leo Garcia- Soloist

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sursum Corda-

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

*Celebrant* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S 124

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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***After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.***

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*Celebrant* On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* After supper, he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Celebrant and People Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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*Celebrant* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

***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.***

## Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*


*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## Fraction Anthem

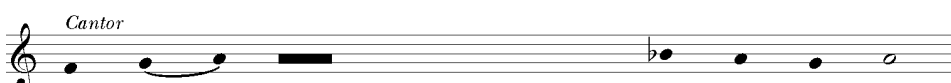
Hymnal S170

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*



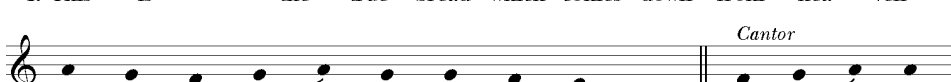
Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

*Cantor*

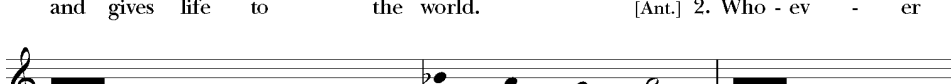


1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

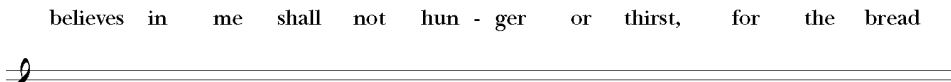
*Cantor*



and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er



believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread



which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

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*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians of any tradition are welcome to receive Communion. If you are not baptized, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will know to give you a blessing. If you would like to be baptized, please speak with Fr. Stephen!*

## Spiritual Communion

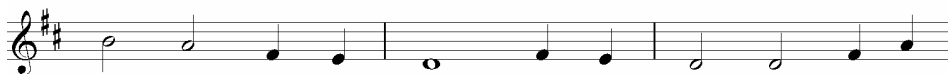
***In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.***

Communion Hymn—*Come thou fount of every blessing*

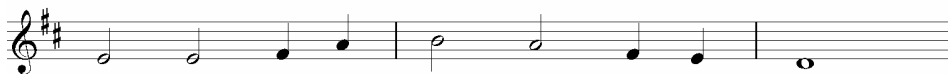
Hymnal 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



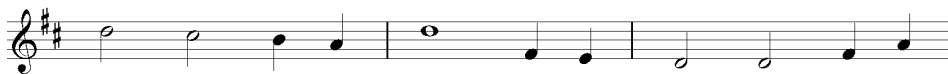
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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**Postcommunion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All*

***Almighty and everliving God,  
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
 of the most precious Body and Blood  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;***

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*and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.*

*And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Blessing

#### Postcommunion Hymn- *Lift High the Cross* (v. 1-2)

Hymnal 473

*Descant*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con- quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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**Dismissal**

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*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude-***Variations- G.F. Handel*

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

**Ministers in the Lord's Service**

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Robin Walker

Altar Guild- Dorothy Bauer, Martha Bruns, Marty Keil, Linda Williams, Jackie Ball

Ushers- Carlotta Coffman, Margaret Taylor & Jackie Ball

Offertory Tellers- Margaret Taylor & Syd Bauer

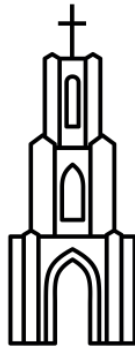
Musicians- Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ

Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor, Ellie Follis- Soloist

Camerasmen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson,

Will Follis, Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson



## Announcements

Holy Week is approaching fast, and we have a few great opportunities for you to get involved! We need **at least 3 more people who are willing to be readers in the Passion Narrative at the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, March 28**. Interested? Call Kelly Follis at 830.305.1534 or email her at [kdfoll123@yahoo.com](mailto:kdfoll123@yahoo.com).

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**Parish Happy Hour – Sunday, March 14 at 5:00 PM:** St. Andrew's adults are invited to attend a "virtual happy hour" this evening from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

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Did you know that St. Patrick loves Irish beef stew? It's true... So much in fact, that to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** we are going to have an **Irish beef stew dinner in the garden!** Come join us **March 17th at 5:30 pm** for a heaping bowl of beef stew, a bonfire, and some much-needed fellowship.

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**The Brotherhood of St. Andrew's, the Men's Bible study group, has been reestablished!** They will meet weekly for bible study and prayer. The first meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8 am** in **McKeogh Hall** beginning with the study of Ephesians.

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### **Downtown History Walk – Saturday, April 10 at 10 AM**

St. Andrew's members of all ages are invited to meet at the garden for a downtown history walk on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. Our own Marty Keil will lead the walk to teach us about nearby historical site after Dorothy Bauer gives us a history lesson on our own Chapel.

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In response to Governor Abbott's press release Tuesday, Bishop Reed released a statement announcing the Diocese of West Texas' decision to uphold pandemic guidelines. You can find a copy of his statement at <https://www.dwtx.org/blog/dwtx-upholds-pandemic-guidelines>.