

Lent 2015

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
10 N. Main Ave, Albany

Weekly Worship Opportunities

**Sundays: 8am Holy Eucharist &
10am Holy Eucharist with Choir**

Tuesdays: 6:30pm Holy Eucharist
The church will be open on Tuesdays at 5pm
for quiet reflection and prayer.

Weekly Study Opportunities

Sundays: 9am & 11:15am Lenten Study Group

Pick the time that is best for you, beginning Sunday February 15th. Holy Week & Easter come alive in these challenging video commentaries by academic luminaries, coupled with masterpiece illustrations by John August Swanson. The accompanying DVD presents key scripture passages and events in the biblical story of Holy Week—the last days of Jesus' ministry, his death, and his resurrection. Each biblical text is illustrated and interpreted by the beautiful artwork of John August Swanson. The folk hymn "What Wondrous Love is This?" serves as the accompanying musical theme.

**Shrove
Tuesday**

Tuesday February 17 5:30pm

Pancake Supper

Join us for the annual Pancake Supper as we prepare to begin our Lenten journey the next day, Ash Wednesday. Come and enjoy delicious pancakes, sausage, and other goodies.

**Ash
Wednesday**

Wednesday February 18 7am, 12noon, 7pm

Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Walk with us through the Dark this
Lent & Rejoice in the Light of Easter

Special Events During Lent

Sunday February 22 at 6pm Solemn Choral Evensong for Lent I

Evensong offers to us the opportunity to gather and spend time in prayer while listening and participating in music that is especially selected to bring us into deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Musicians from The College of Saint Rose will join our Chancel Choir as we begin our journey through Lent.

Saturday March 28 at 9am

Spring Spruce-up to prepare for Easter. Join the Altar Guild to polish and clean brass and silver, as well as helping the Flower Guild strip and ready the palms for Palm Sunday. We'll be wiping down the pews and woodwork, too, so we look our best for Easter! Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome.

Sunday March 29 at 5:30pm Stations of the Cross for Today

We have much to celebrate in our lives of faith, but also much to grieve. The commemoration of Christ's Passion is our opportunity each year to consider that many ways we have broken

covenant with God as individuals and even more globally. It is our opportunity to confront and then pray for change, pray for peace, and pray for God's presence in all of our lives. We will retrace Christ's step by following the biblical record of his Passion in nine Stations. Each station will frame of Christ's crucifixion into our own time. In praying each station, it is our hope that we may find the courage and the power to become agents of healing throughout our world.

Friday April 3 at 7pm Tenebrae

Tenebrae is Latin for "darkness." The gradual extinction of all lights in the church throughout the service symbolizes the temporary triumph of the prince of darkness over the Light of the World. The loud taps on the pews at the conclusion of the service suggests the earthquake described in the Passion narratives. The single candle left burning is the symbol and promise of Christ's triumph over death and darkness. Our music, readings, prayers, and meditation will lead us closer to the cross.

"But the darkness will always return, often unexpectedly. That is why I need Lent, because it bears witness to the reality of darkness, of doubt, of fear, of pain. And it carries me through those real places, real experiences into one that is more fully and truly Real: the Reality of Resurrection, of Light, of Life."

Kimberlee Conway Ireton

Holy Week & Easter

Sunday March 29

8:00am Blessing of the Palms & Holy Eucharist

10:00am Palms Procession & Holy Eucharist

5:30pm Stations of the Cross for Today

Tuesday March 31

6:30pm Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday April 2

6:00pm Holy Eucharist & Agape Supper

8-10:00pm Prayer Vigil in Chapel

Good Friday April 3

12noon The Liturgy for Good Friday

7:00pm Tenebrae Service of Candles and Readings

Holy Saturday April 4

9:00am Prayers, followed by decorating the church

Easter Sunday April 5

8:00am Holy Eucharist

9:00am Easter Brunch

10:00am Festival Eucharist