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Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet (John 12)

From Father Douglas

Dear People of St Andrew's Parish,

I hope you are doing well and are observing a blessed and holy Lent.

This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Lent—the last 'numbered' Sunday before we enter Holy Week on Palm Sunday. Holy Week is the single most dramatic, most meaningful and most spiritual week of the Christian year: a week that encapsulates virtually everything our faith in Jesus Christ remembers, teaches and celebrates.

This year we will offer a full complement of Holy Week services that I hope you will plan to participate in:

- **Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion, 10 April, at 10:00 / 10:30 am** We will *begin at 10:00 am with a festive Palm Procession*—complete with trumpet!—from the *Kent Green* to the parish yard. After we enter the church for *our 10:30 Holy Eucharist*, the liturgical mood will shift. We will

hear a dramatic reading of the Passion narrative, this year from St Luke. (Please note, *we will not have an 8:30 Eucharist this day.*)

- **Holy Weekday Eucharist, Monday & Tuesday, 11 & 12 April, at 6:00 pm** Simple, quiet Eucharists, at 6:00 pm.
- **A Service of *Tenebrae*, 13 April, at 6:00 pm** An ancient service, with origins in monastic practices, of readings and psalms, accompanied by growing darkness as candle after candle is extinguished until only the Christ Candle is left burning ... until it, too, disappears.
- **Maundy Thursday, 14 April, at 7:30 pm** After the return of our *annual parish potluck at 6:00 pm*, we will gather for the traditional Maundy Thursday liturgy, which focuses on Jesus' commandment for us to love one another and His institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion. There will be ritual foot washing available for all who wish to partake, and we will also bless the sneakers and socks we've collected for Abraham House in the South Bronx. This service concludes with the Stripping of the Altar, in anticipation of Good Friday.
- **Good Friday, 15 April, at 7:30 pm** (*please note the new time this year*) The Triduum—the unitary three-day liturgy that begins Thursday evening and concludes Sunday morning—continues with a stark, somber service that commemorates Jesus' Passion, Death and Burial ... but also underscores what we know to be true: Jesus defeats death forever and gladly shares this victory with us. Communion will be distributed from Bread and Wine consecrated the previous evening.
- **Holy Saturday, 16 April, at 11:00 am** A quiet, brief, said service that contemplates Jesus' lying in the tomb.
- **The Great Vigil of Easter, 16 April, at 7:30 pm** The single greatest liturgy of the entire year! We first mark the Resurrection by kindling the New Fire of the Light of the World on the parish lawn and then use it to illumine the Nave. Then we hear readings that trace God's abiding love—and our longing for God's promised salvation—across the history of God's People, from the moment of creation itself. Next, we remember our own personal salvation in and through the Light as we renew our baptismal vows. And finally, with the return of the Alleluia and shouts of "He is risen, indeed!" we joyously celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Especially if you have never experienced the Vigil of Easter, I heartily invite you to begin the annual Paschal Celebration with this unique and ancient liturgy of the Resurrection!
- **Easter Day, 17 April, at 8:30 & 10:30 am** We gather to continue our celebration of Christ's rising from the dead and thus securing our eternal life in two joyful Holy Eucharists. At 8:30, we will sing hymns, and at 10:30, our wonderful Choir will add still more musical dimension to our celebration. A Grand Coffee Hour and Family Egg Hunt will follow the 10:30 service.

We would not be Christians without the events of Holy Week and Easter, and it would not be fitting to celebrate the Easter Rising without recalling all that led up to it. Please consider joining us for some or all of these varied and vital

liturgies as we complete our Lenten journey and prepare to make our way, once again, to the Empty Tomb.

Take good care, and may God continue to bless the work of the Kingdom you are doing.

In the peace and love of Christ,
Douglas+

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This Week at St Andrew's

Friday, 01 April	Prayer & Meditation	5:30 pm
Saturday, 02 April	Vestry Retreat at Camp Washington	8:30 am
Sunday, 03 April	<i>Holy Eucharist: Lent 5 (in person only)</i>	8:30 am
Sunday, 03 April	Choir Rehearsal	9:15 am
Sunday, 03 April	<i>Holy Eucharist: Lent 5 (in person and live-streamed)</i>	10:30 am
Sunday, 03 April	<i>Adult Forum: An Introduction to the Liturgies of Holy Week, Part 1</i>	12:00 noon
Sunday, 03 April	<i>Bricks & Books: A Dramatized History of the Kent Memorial Library</i>	2:00 pm
Monday, 04 April	<i>Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke</i>	11:00 am
Tuesday, 05 April	<i>Small Group: The Way of Love</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 06 April	Rite of Reconciliation (private Confession)	5:00 pm
Wednesday, 06 April	<i>The Way of the Cross</i>	5:30 pm
Wednesday, 06 April	<i>Mid-week Eucharist</i>	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 06 April	<i>A.A. for Women (Zoom meeting; email us for info)</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, 07 April	Officers Meeting	4:00 pm

Thursday, 07 April	A.A. Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:30 am
Thursday, 07 April	A.A. Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)	7:00 pm
Thursday, 07 April	Al-Anon Meeting	7:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars for These Events...

Details about each of these events can be found later in this issue of the *Epistle*

Sunday, 10 April	Palm Procession at Kent Green	10:00 am
Sunday, 10 April	Adult Forum: <i>An Introduction to the Liturgies of Holy Week, Part 2</i>	12:00 noon
Thursday, 14 April	Parish Pot Luck	6:00 pm
Saturday, 16 April	Family Egg-dyeing and Pizza Party	11:00 am
Sunday, 17 April	Grand Coffee Hour and Family Egg Hunt	11:45 am
Sunday, 17 April	Evening Prayer and Benediction (every Sunday in Eastertide)	4:30 pm

See the full worship and event schedule for Holy Week and Easter Week, below

Starts This Sunday: Adult Forums on the Liturgies of Holy Week



Holy Week

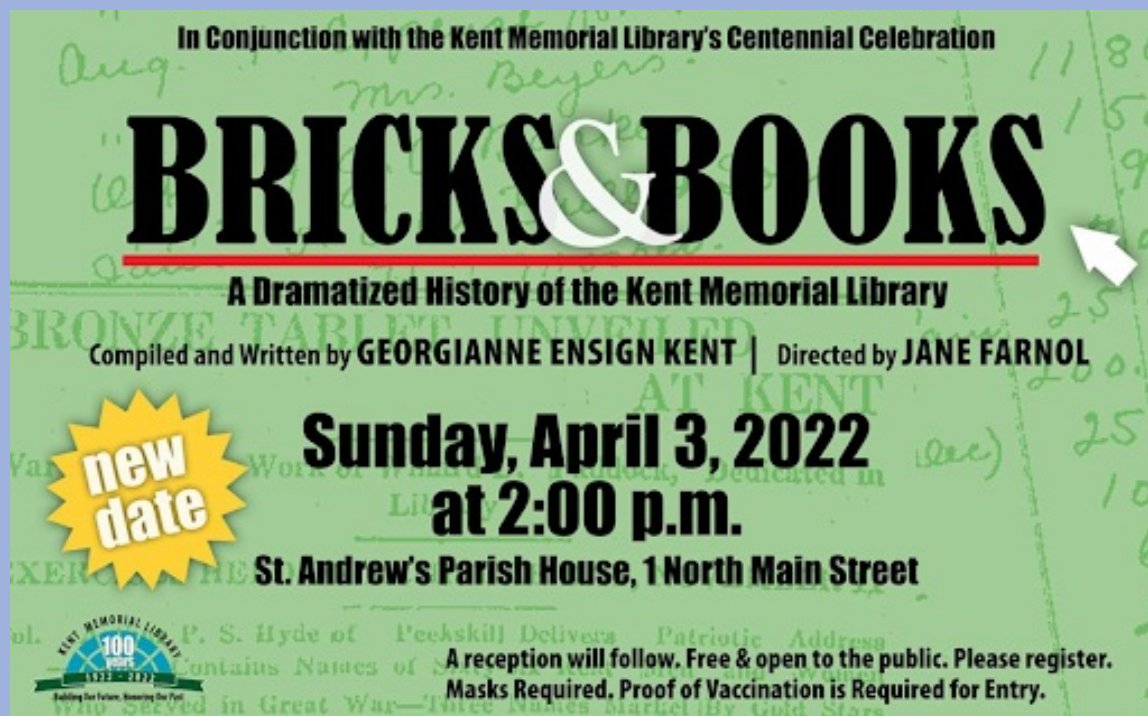
Have you ever suffered liturgical whiplash on Palm Sunday, as we experience both Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the Passion narrative on a single day? Do you find Maundy Thursday's ritual foot washing off-putting? Is visual veneration of the Cross on Good Friday a new experience for you? And

have you ever wondered what, exactly, takes place at the Great Vigil on the evening before Easter Day?

Holy Week offers the richest, most textured and nuanced liturgies of the entire Church year. While they echo, to a degree, the pattern of the Holy Eucharist we're all accustomed to, they have additional rites and ceremonies (and omit others) that we experience only once-a-year. This celebration of the great Paschal Mystery—of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection—is the summit of the Christian calendar, and yet it can feel unfamiliar (perhaps even a little uncomfortable) to some.

If this is true for you, please plan to attend our **Adult Forums on Sunday, 03 April (Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday), and Sunday, 10 April (Good Friday and the Great Vigil)**. Father Douglas will give a brief overview and explanation of these liturgies and answer all (hopefully!) of your questions. Both sessions will be at 12:00 noon, following coffee hour.

This Sunday: Kent Memorial Library Celebration at St Andrew's



In Conjunction with the Kent Memorial Library's Centennial Celebration

BRICKS & BOOKS

A Dramatized History of the Kent Memorial Library

Compiled and Written by **GEORGIANNE ENSIGN KENT** | Directed by **JANE FARNOL**

new date

**Sunday, April 3, 2022
at 2:00 p.m.**

St. Andrew's Parish House, 1 North Main Street

**A reception will follow. Free & open to the public. Please register.
Masks Required. Proof of Vaccination is Required for Entry.**

Kent Memorial Library 100 Years 1922-2022 Building Our Future. Honoring Our Past.

The readers for this event are all members of the St Andrew's family: Katherine Almquist, Herman Compton, Ryan Foote, Joanna Tucker, Lyra Wilder and Fr Douglas. Please let the Library know if you are planning to come! You may reach them at 860.927.3761 or kmlinfo@biblio.org.

For Maundy Thursday: The Sneaker Collection Returns!



Many of you will recall that during Lent last year, we collected more than 130 pairs of new sneakers and bushels of new socks to donate to Abraham House, a community in the South Bronx that offers extensive services—and hope—to many in that neighborhood who are living at the very margins of society. We were introduced to Abraham House by Sr Mary Lanning just before she died, unexpectedly, a year ago.

We've been in touch with Abraham House, and they will only too gladly welcome another sneaker drive this year. Althea Brooks, their executive director, recently told us that the shoes, sneakers and socks we sent them last Eastertide, "went to those in need in our community, many who were beaming as they tried them on. In fact, we were able to share this blessing by donating I believe seven pairs of shoes/sneakers and some socks to a women's shelter in the Grand Central area of NYC, that I was introduced to through Catholic Charities."

So, once again, **we are now collecting new shoes, sneakers and socks, for women, men and children.** Before we donate them, we will **bless and ritually 'wash' them, during our Maundy Thursday liturgy** ... a symbolic act of our washing the feet of those who are poor, hungry and without a home. The wisdom Sr Mary shared with us last year still applies: "SNEAKERS (colorful, diverse, sparkling new) are much more needed than business or dress shoes, although a 'lending library of dress shoes' would indeed be welcome for special occasions such as job interviews. Most of our people are not yet equipped to apply for jobs where shoes are a prerequisite; clean dress sneakers and trousers with a crease in them are the mark of readiness."

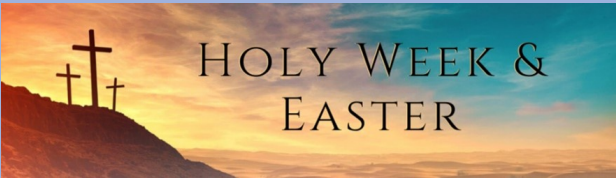
Please bring your donations with you to worship on any **Sunday between now and 10 April**, or you can drop them off in the Parish Office or the breezeway behind the rectory before **5:00 pm on Maundy Thursday, 14 April**. If you would like to place a short message of hope or love or happiness or inspiration in the shoes or socks you give, it will make your gift that much more personal. And feel free to spread the word to any family members, friends and neighbors who might wish to donate, too. Together we can top last year's bumper crop!

The War in Ukraine: An Ecumenical Prayer Service & Fund-raiser



Thank you to everyone who came to our Prayer Service for Ukraine, held jointly with the First Congregational Church last Sunday. More than 30 were there, and we raised over \$2,000, all of which will be donated directly to ongoing relief efforts in Ukraine and for refugees in surrounding countries. Thank you, especially, to **George-Ann Gowan** and **George Potts** for arranging a fabulous fund-raising reception!

St Andrew's Holy Week and Easter Week Worship Schedule



Sunday, 10 April	Palm Procession (beginning at Kent Green)	10:00 am
Sunday, 10 April	Holy Eucharist: Palm/ Passion Sunday	10:30 am (no 8:30 service this week)
Monday, 11 April	Holy Week Daily Eucharist	6:00 pm
Tuesday, 12 April	Holy Week Daily Eucharist	6:00 pm
Wednesday, 13 April	Rite of Reconciliation (Confession)	5:00 pm
Wednesday, 13 April	The Way of the Cross	5:30 pm
Wednesday, 13 April	Service of Tenebrae	6:00 pm
Thursday, 14 April	Maundy Thursday Parish Potluck	6:00 pm
Thursday, 14 April	Maundy Thursday Liturgy (&	7:30 pm

	Stripping of the Altar)	
Friday, 15 April	Good Friday Liturgy	7:30 pm
Saturday, 16 April	Holy Saturday Liturgy	11:00 am
Saturday, 16 April	The Great Vigil of Easter	7:30 pm
Sunday, 17 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day (with hymns)	8:30 am
Sunday, 17 April	Holy Eucharist: Easter Day (with hymns and choir)	10:30 am
Sunday, 17 April	Family Easter Egg Hunt and Grand Coffee Hour	11:40 am
Sunday, 17 April	Eastertide Evening Prayer and Benediction	4:30 pm
Monday, 18 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	9:00 am
Tuesday, 19 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	9:00 am
Wednesday, 20 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	6:00 pm
Thursday, 21 April	Easter Week Daily Eucharist	9:00 am
Friday, 22 April	Holy Eucharist: <i>Easter 2</i>	9:00 am
Saturday, 23 April	Eastertide Evening Prayer and Benediction	9:00 am
Sunday, 24 April		8:30 & 10:30 am
Sunday, 24 April		4:30 pm

**On Maundy Thursday:
The Parish Potluck Returns**



The Maundy Thursday Parish Potluck returns on 14 April at 6:00 pm! Everyone is invited to this beautiful celebration of *agape* love, which recalls the Last Supper Jesus shared with His disciples on this night. Please plan to bring a dish to share, either savory or sweet.

Start Spreading the Word: The Great Family Easter Egg Hunt Returns!



Please start spreading the word to friends, neighbors, grandchildren, etc: Once again, St Andrew's will be having a **Great Family Easter Egg Hunt**. Parents and children will gather at 11:00 on Saturday to dye dozens of eggs and feast on pizza. And then, on Easter Day, **following the 10:30 Eucharist on Easter Day**, they'll search the parish yard for them. There will *also* be a wonderful Easter Coffee Hour for those who may be a little past the age (or the spryness) to hunt for colored eggs under bushes and in flower beds.

St Andrew's Current COVID Status

THE PARISH IS OPEN.

We have now resumed all of our usual pre-COVID practices except the sharing of the Common Cup; we distribute the Wine in individual portions.

We will continue to livestream our 10:30 liturgy on Sundays and our mid-week services.

Worship During Lent: Wednesday Evenings



On **Wednesday evenings during Lent**, our customary 6:00 pm Eucharist will be preceded by an opportunity for the Rite of Reconciliation (more popularly known as "Confession"; *Book of Common Prayer*, p 447), in private, at 5:00 pm; and, at 5:30 pm, by the *Way of the Cross*, a liturgy of 14 very short lessons that lead us to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and death ... and our need of the forgiveness He's already given us. (You may come for one, two or all three of these offerings. They are separate rites, and you needn't be present for all of them.)

If you have never attended a mid-week Eucharist ... or if you're interested in exploring Confession or the Way of the Cross ... Lent is an excellent time to 'try on' one of these new liturgical practices and reflect on how it draws you closer to God. Please come!

A Pastoral Letter from the House of Bishops: Jerusalem



The Episcopal Church's House of Bishops issued a Pastoral Letter during their 15 – 21 March meeting at Camp Allen in Navasota, Texas. This was in response to [resolution 2018-B003](#) which was passed by the 79th General Convention. [Click here](#) to download a copy of the letter.

Help Support the Kent Food Bank



Please help our parish family continue to support of the Kent Food Bank by sending a check in any amount to:

Kent Community Fund
P O Box 262
Kent, CT 06757
memo: Food Bank

These funds will be used to purchase vouchers for local families in need, under the direction of Kent's Social Services Director. In addition, it is useful for the Director to have IGA gift cards to give to families who are in need. Please consider purchasing a card, for \$25 or \$50, and taking it to Town Hall or dropping it in the donations basket in the Narthex. (You can also place it in the offering plate, marked for the Food Bank.)

The Kent Food Bank also accepts food donations. They are especially in need of staples such as **beans, rice, tea, coffee, sugar, nuts, hot & cold breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jellies, jams and tuna**. Make certain that the 'Best by ...' dates are not past! Please remember that the Food Bank accepts pet foods as well!

You may drop off food items on Fridays from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon in the back of the Community House on Main Street. You may also place donations in the basket in the church Narthex or in the bin in the breezeway at the rear of the Rectory.

Lectons for this Week

The Fifth Sunday in Lent
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Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8



Past Services and Homilies

Please click on the link below in order to view past services on YouTube and to read homilies from previous Sundays located on our website.

[Homilies and Past Services](#)

Worship Services

-Sunday-

Holy Eucharist

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Rite I at 8.30, First Sundays;

Healing Service at 8.30,

Third Sunday

In person

8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

(10.30 a.m. available live stream on YouTube)



-Wednesday-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.

-Friday-

Prayer & Meditation

5.30 p.m.

-Holy Days-

Holy Eucharist

6.00 p.m.



12 Step Meetings

Mondays

Narcotics Anonymous - **new**
(Parish House)

Wednesdays

A.A. for Women 7:00 p.m.

Zoom meeting
email us for info.

Thursdays

A.A. at 7.30 a.m.
(Parish House)

resumed

Al-Anon. at 7.00 p.m.
(Old Vestry Room)

A.A. at 7:00 pm - **new**
(Parish House)

Fridays

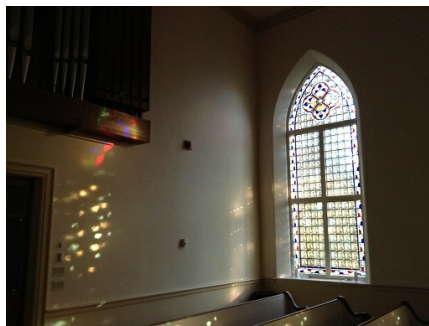
A.A. at 8 p.m.
(Great Room)

temporarily until First Church opens
resumed



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