

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

5th Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025

Rev. Tripp Brogdon, Pastor

Elder Bob Martin, Liturgist

Mavis Stephens, Choir Director

Dr. Jeff Gilbreath, Pianist

Prelude

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

Dr. Gilbreath

We Gather in God’s Presence

Welcome

Rev. Tripp Brogdon

Call to Worship:

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

All: Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

One: Then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

One: Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

All: Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy. Let us worship God!

*Hymn

“Fight the Good Fight”

#846

Gathering Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored?

Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don’t count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love. Amen. (Silent Confession)

Hymn of Response

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” refrain

#835

Assurance of Pardon:

One: The apostle Paul reminds us that we do not make ourselves righteous. Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, who has made us his own. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.

All: Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Passing of the Peace

*Gloria Patri

#581

We Listen for God’s Word

Prayer for Illumination

Elder Bob Martin

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Elder Bob Martin

*Hymn

“A Prophet-Women Broke A Jar”

#201

Scripture Reading

John 12:1-8

Rev. Brogdon

Sermon

“God Moves Us...to Empty Ourselves”

Rev. Brogdon

We Respond to God’s Word

Call for the Offering

(The offering plate is not passed, but is located on a stand outside the sanctuary doors.)

Offertory

“Broken and Spilled Out”

Dr. Gilbreath

*Doxology

#606

*Prayer of Dedication

Communion Anthem

“Born to Be the Bread”

Choir

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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One: Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

One: ... joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son.

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Rev. Brogdon continues.

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer After Communion

Giving God, living Lord, you have fed us with your body. You have poured out your life that we might live. We thank you, for we have tasted your goodness in this meal. Fed, we are strengthened; filled, we are renewed to share the abundance of your love with a hungry world. Amen.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Hymn	“Take My Life”	#697
*Benediction		Rev. Brogdon
Postlude	“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”	Dr. Gilbreath

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Bold and italic type indicates our shared response.

Calendar:

Mon., April 7	11:30 AM -12:30 PM Chat “N” Chew
Wed., April 9	4:30 PM Choir
	5:30 PM CONNECT w/Ceil Hydrick
	6:30 PM pack Easter dinners
Sun., April 13	Last day for Easter flower donations.
Mon., April 14	HAD Lunch

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Scripture Reading, Bob Martin: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Scripture Reading, Rev. Brogdon: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."