



St. Andrew's Tidings

Message from Margaret...

Rejoice! You are about to begin a great adventure and a journey of transformation which holds the power to change and radically enrich your way of thinking, loving, and believing. Know that as you prepare to make the first step of the journey, you are doing so in the company of many other pilgrims. The walk to a Holy Easter, beginning with Palm Sunday, is like walking a labyrinth. The labyrinth has many layers and expounds on our spirituality. The entrance is the same as the exit, and once you reach the center, there in the very heart of God, God will reveal to you the nature of the Crucified Christ. Rest in the Center. Rest in love. Rest in God.

Think of the entrance to the labyrinth as the triumphant entry to Jerusalem. Go with Jesus on Palm Sunday, as he rides a donkey, a beast of burden. Jesus takes our burdens and frees us to really live-to live in the presence. The parade is joyous, the people shout hosannas to this Son of David who they think will rescue them from the rulers of the day. He will rescue them...but not from the rulers. Then half way around the first side of the labyrinth, the day turns stark, as Jesus sets his face towards Jerusalem, and what will be his final hours.

As we reach the center of the labyrinth, we reach the center of our liturgy-the Great Meal, which Jesus established for us on that night. In a humble act of role reversal, Jesus then washes the disciples feet. Jesus desired to teach them the greatest lesson on love. Imagine there, in the center, how it must have felt for him to touch their feet. Then Jesus added a message to his disciples: "Love one another. Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for one another."

It's hard to leave the center. The paradox of life's labyrinthian journey is that while it is uniquely personal, it is also a corporate journey. We never walk alone. So we corporately stand at the foot of the cross on Good Friday, waiting and watching with Jesus' mother. It seems to her, that things are too broken to mend. This becomes the dark night of the soul. But as my friend, and author, Dr. Gerald May suggests, the Dark Night of the Soul is really that time just before dawn, when the world becomes pure again, and we see the sun come up.

As we move through the last paces of the labyrinth, we realize it takes us out into the world of the Resurrection, to that place of joy and light. As we raise our arms in joy, we realize God is forever giving us good gifts. In giving us Jesus, God has given us God's very self, so that God's gifts are available to us. The more open we come to God, the more open we come to other people. The interesting thing is, that once we start the labyrinth, we can't get out until we finish it. This is symbolic of the fact that we cannot go straight from Palm Sunday to Easter. We must

walk the whole way through all the events to get to the Resurrection. I look forward to seeing each of you on the path.

Blessings and love,

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY: MARCH 24TH 10 A.M.

THE LITURGY OF THE BLESSING OF THE PALMS AND PASSION NARRATIVE

MAUNDY THURSDAY: MARCH 28 7:00 P.M.

FOOT WASHING AND STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

GOOD FRIDAY: MARCH 29

***CROSS WALK-GATHER AT OAKS BY THE BAY PARK IN ST. ANDREW'S AT
11:15; SERVICE :NOON***

EASTER VIGIL: MARCH 30 6:30 P.M.

EASTER DAY: MARCH 31 10 A.M.



PALM SUNDAY

The Holy Walk to Easter begins with Palm Sunday-Sunday, March 24th. We will gather in the Memorial Garden for the Liturgy of the Blessing of the Palms. We then will proceed, as a congregation, into the church singing “All Glory, laud and honor.” Following the Passion Narrative, we, along with Jesus, set our faces to Jerusalem, and the day becomes somber,

We will decorate for Palm Sunday on Saturday, March 23 at 10. If you have palms, please cut them Saturday and bring them by 9:30 a.m.

FAREWELL & SAFE TRAVELS

Next Sunday following the service we will have a farewell reception for Mike and Chris Howk. They are leaving St. Andrew's to move closer to family in Indiana. For several years Mike and Chris have been supportive members of our church family serving as building and grounds caretakers, the vestry, the choir and willing outreach volunteers. There is a sign up sheet in Byrne Hall for refreshments- if you can help, please put your name on the list. Please join us for entertainment, fellowship and to wish the Howk's Godspeed

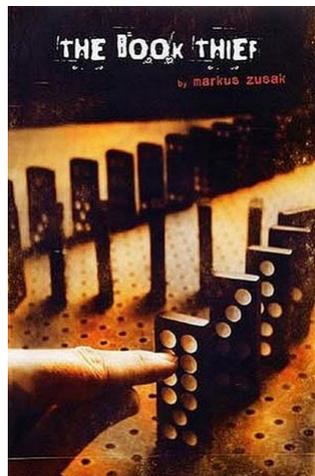
A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ST. ANDREW'S BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH, 10:00 A.M.

Teri Floore's home, 2701 W. 27th St.

Panama City FL 32405

Presented by Visiting Veteran Book Club Leader, Joan Hoar, Tulsa OK



The Book Thief

by [Markus Zusak](#) (Goodreads Author)

★★★★☆4.35

It's just a small story really, about among other things: a girl, some words, an accordionist, some fanatical Germans, a Jewish fist-fighter, and quite a lot of thievery....

Narrated by Death, Markus Zusak's groundbreaking new novel is the story of Liesel Meminger, a young foster girl living outside of Munich in Nazi Germany. Liesel scratches out a meager

existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist – books. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever they are to be found. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, Liesel learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids, as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul.[\(less\)](#)

Hardcover, 550 pages

Please keep the following in your prayers; Lee, June, Brenda, Grant, Parker Scott, Billie Kay, Savanna, Terry, Koreina, Kaitlynn, Kloie, Connie, Jonathan, Lisa, Tina, Jessica, Lora, Peter, Heather, Dee, Jewel, Sarah, Wendy, Keith, Hannah, Jazlea, Ann, Bruce, Judy, Amanda, Danal, Edward, Jarad, Kay, Joe, Jessica, Payton, Mia, Middy, MacKenzie, Emma, Irene, Maureen, Joey, Annette, Jay, Doris, Gail, Mary, Barbara, Travis, David, Dee, Bobbie, Cheryl, Alan, Pat, Maggie, Joan, Chris, Mike, Debbie, Hilary, Ava, Nan, Charlie, Fax, Toni, Jane, Elaine, Bobbi, Bobbie, Janet, David, JD, Rita

We pray for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad; Jeff, Bowe, James, Andrew, Kenneth, Evan, Ryan, Joe, Nate, Richard, David, Brian, Jason, Billy, Mike, Joseph, Colin, Todd, Brett