

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016

Prelude Toccata Avanti la Messa degli Apostoli

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1684)

Processional Hymn 637 "How firm a foundation"

Lyons

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Benedictus es, Domine S 236

John Rutter

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the



early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your

daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65 William Best



- 1 You are to be praised, O'God, in'Zion; *
 to you shall'vows be per'formed in Je'rusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * be cause of their trans gressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
 they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
 O God of our sal vation, *
 O Hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the seas that are far a way.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
 they are girded a bout with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
 the roaring of their waves,
 and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
 you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; *
 the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You pre pare the grain, *
 for so you pro vide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths over flow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them selves with grain; *
 let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but

also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might

hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his

heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 314 "Humbly I adore thee"

Adoro devote

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth

of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy. The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of the Bread and the Wine

Offertory Anthem Jubilate deo

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

text: Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord, he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting:

And his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: World without end, Amen.

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 127 Calvin Hampton

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S 151

David Hurd

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Anthem Locus iste

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

Communion Hymn 428 "O all ye works of God, now come"

Irish

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 506 "Praise the Spirit in creation"

Finnian

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Toccata Quinta

Girolamo Frescobaldi



Please join us for coffee hour following the 10am service,

hosted by Mark & Jenny Sawyer.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Wendy Haering-Engels, Blair Glennon, Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, Pat MacKinnon, Linda Reineman, Cynthia Scott, Ellen Staelin, and Beverly Wood Flower Guild Cynthia Ballantyne and Anne Manners

Greeters The Aitken Family

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Margaret Blackwell Ushers Janet Flett and Charlie Zabriskie

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lily Curtis, James Bennett, Caroline Grape, Miles Olivetti, and Ben Clarke
Chalice Bearers Nancy Echlov, Joe Hamilton, Jeanne Johnsen, Suzy Littlefield,
Debbie Lorenz, and Paige Manning
Lay Readers Wendy Haering-Engels and Marissa Caldwell
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter,
Scott Jones, Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley All Saints' Church, West Newbury Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury Taunton River Deanery



About the Readings

From Preparing for Sunday http://standrewswellesley.org/worship reading.html

Joel 2:23-32 Most scholars consider the book of Joel to be a post-exilic collection. Joel has a knack for using everyday situations—a locust plague and drought to illustrate his message of hope amidst devastation. No matter how bad things might seem, God does not abandon the people. Their fortunes will be reversed, and disaster will turn to vindication. In today's reading, after the severe drought that has devastated the land, God's gift of rain changes scarcity into abundance, hunger into satisfaction, shame into honor. God then promises to pour out the divine spirit upon us to ensure that we survive the terrors of the day of the Lord's judgment.

Psalm 65 This psalm of thanksgiving rejoices because of the blessings that occur when God's creative power is unleashed during the agricultural year. God visits the earth with life-giving water so that crops and flocks can prosper and provide for our sustenance.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 In Paul's final farewell, he speaks of himself as one whose life is ebbing away, "poured out as a libation" (v. 6). Like a boxer or runner, he has completed his event; he has guarded the deposit entrusted to him. In Jewish tradition, wreaths and crowns were worn as a sign of honor and joy at feasts and weddings; in Greek tradition, they were awarded to victorious athletes. The "lion's mouth" (v. 17) is a common Old Testament metaphor for violent death, and thus, figuratively, for the imperial power. Verse 18 seems to echo the Lord's Prayer. Paul acknowledges that his work is finished, and he looks forward both to God's reward and Jesus' return.

Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee in today's story seems truly thankful. According to the beliefs of the times, he shows an honest and laudable desire to contribute to the coming of the kingdom by fulfilling the law. Indeed, he exceeds the demands

of the law. Fasting was required only once a year, on the Day of Atonement. The Pharisee, however, fasts twice weekly, on Mondays and Thursdays. Likewise, the law required a tithe of all produce of grain, fruit, and herd. The Pharisee extends his tithe to include all his income. The tax collector, whose occupation brands him as an extortioner and traitor, knows he has no merits of his own. Using the language of Psalm 51, he throws himself on God's mercy. It is he who is "justified" (v. 14), that is, accepted, made right with God. This is the only place this verb appears in the Gospels using the familiar Pauline meaning.



Notices & Announcements

Newcomers and visitors: We extend a warm welcome to those who are new in our community. Please fill out one of the welcome cards in the narthex (foyer) and hand it to a greeter for a fuller welcome!

Christian Learning Series

Today, at 9am in Room 2: East and West's Major Theological Differences: Mary, Baptism, and Icons. Next week, Dr. Shannon Monaghan will teach the third class in the series, Many Eastern Cousins: The Larger Eastern Church. Dr. Monaghan teaches at Harvard University; she, her husband, and daughter are members of St. Andrew's.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Parents' Circle

All parents with children up to age 18 are invited to this adults-only gathering on **Saturday**, **October 29**, **from 6 to 8pm** at the home of Megan & Sam Burns, 52 Mill Street, Sherborn. Bring a beverage to share and get to know your fellow parents at St. Andrew's!

- Rev. Catherine Healy
- <u>catherine@standrewswellesley.org</u>

Stewardship Campaign

Our annual stewardship campaign began Sunday, October 16, and we are asking all parishioners to pledge their financial support for St. Andrew's in 2017 by Commitment Sunday, November 13.

Our theme for this fall, Strengthening our Spiritual Home, reflects our goal of raising sufficient funds to maintain the progress we have been making since the restoration of the third clergy position, building upon the new energy and initiatives that Margaret and Cat have brought to our parish. You should have in hand your Stewardship 2017 packet, including a brochure and other informative materials along with your pledge card. Please examine them carefully, be as generous as you can, and return your pledge card (or pledge online) by November 13. Thank you!

— Herb Manning • hmanning78@gmail.com

Deadlines for Weekly Leaflets and e-Pistles

Announcements and gratitudes (and anything else to be printed in the leaflet) for inclusion in the next leaflet or e-Pistle are due to me by **Tuesday at noon**. Please consider limiting your announcement to less than 100 words. Thank you. — Katharine Clark

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All Hallows' Eve Service & Potluck

All ages are welcome at this special service on **Sunday**, **October 30**, **at 5pm**. We will read some of the Bible's spookiest stories and honor the thinning of the veil between this world and the next before sharing a meal in the parish hall. Halloween costumes are encouraged. A main dish will be provided; bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Youth Group Haunted House Trip

All high school students are invited to join in a trip to the Factory of Terror haunted house in Worcester, MA, on Friday, October 28, departing St. Andrew's at 5pm. RSVP by Tuesday, October 25 to be guaranteed transportation to and from St. Andrew's. (Last-minute additions are invited, but may have to provide their own rides.)

- Rev. Catherine Healy
- <u>catherine@standrewswellesley.org</u>

Men's Book Club

Our next meeting is **Wednesday**, **November 2 in the Harvey Room at 7:30pm**, We'll discuss *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the*

Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America, by Gilbert King. On **Wednesday**, **December 7**, we will discuss *Shadow of the Silk Road*, by Colin Thubron. Join us for one session or for the whole season. Snacks are served. — Michael Vanin

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Faith & Practice: How to Visit a Sick Friend

Our second class, *How to Visit a Sick Friend*, will be held in the **Harvey Room on November 6 from 11:30-12:15pm**. Reverend Karen Vickers Budney and I will facilitate our class. Please join us to strengthen your ministry of Christian compassion and pastoral care. We will all learn from each other.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Men's Bible Study: Date Change

Due to the diocesan convention, the date of the next men's Bible study has been moved from Saturday, November 5, to Saturday, November 12, at 8am in Room 2. After this, future meetings will be on the first Saturday of each month at 8am. At the November meeting our theme will be Sermon on the Mount: Spiritual Values For Us to Live By. We will be looking at chapters 5 through 7, the Sermon on the Mount, in Matthew's Gospel. Please feel free to drop into the session. Coffee and doughnuts are served. RSVP.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole 603/831-4938
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Thanksgiving-Faith in Action

As our minds turn towards the Thanksgiving holiday, the St. Andrew's outreach committee invites you to show your thanksgiving in a practical way—putting your faith into action—by supporting the Wellesley Food Pantry. The Wellesley Food Pantry is one of our major outreach partners, and they have provided us with a short list of much needed items: coffee, sardines, beef stew, vegetable oil, canned salmon, and canned pineapple, as well as laundry detergent, diapers, and feminine care items (not food, but these items can't be purchased with food stamps and are always in demand).

During November, we ask you to show your thanksgiving by purchasing these items and bringing them to the church on Sunday. There will be a special basket at the back of the church where your gifts can be left. Every Sunday during November, we will have a special prayer of thanks at the offertory for the gifts that have been brought.

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Field Trip to McMullen Museum: Stunning Manuscripts

This fall, 200 stunning medieval manuscripts are assembled in Boston for the first time in an exhibit called *Beyond Words*. **On Sunday**, **November 13**, **at 3pm**, we will gather for a private tour of the exhibit at Boston College's newly renovated McMullen Museum of Art. You can leave from St. Andrew's at 2 pm, or meet us at the museum at 3 pm. Dr. Lilian Armstrong, wife of Peter Fergusson, has

written ten entries and two essays for this exhibit. We want to have the right number of guides for this tour, so please email me if you want to come. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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St. Andrew's Forum on Race

The election of an African-American as president of our country has not had the hoped-for result of ending racism. Indeed, the issue of race relations has become more prominent, particularly in the wake of incidents involving police and people of color. Even in our own town, some public actions by high school students have raised concerns.

We are pleased to announce that Michelle Chalmers, president of the World of Wellesley (WOW), an organization that works to make Wellesley welcoming to people of diverse backgrounds, will join us for a forum on the issue of race, how we can work to improve relations between races, and how we can become more aware of how racism effects our daily lives. Please join us on **Sunday, November 13, at 11:30am in the Harvey Room** for a chance to discuss the issue and our response as Christians. — Paul Merry

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Online Giving Now Available

In response to our parish survey, electronic giving is now offered on our website under the GIVE tab. You may choose your checking account, savings account, or credit card to make pledge payments (one-time or recurring) or special contributions (e.g., memorial flowers, outreach). Creating a profile will only take a moment, and you will be able to make changes to your donations and view and print your online donation history. So, no need to worry if you forget your checkbook! We hope you will take advantage of this new convenient feature on our website.

- Lynda Sperry
- <u>lynda.sperry@verizon.net</u>

common cathedral—Boston Common Sunday, October 23: The St. Andrew's congregation is invited to partner with common cathedral on Boston Common to share hope, love, and Christian community with people experiencing homelessness in Boston. We will prepare lunch in the St. Andrew's kitchen 8 to 9:30am and leave immediately after the 10am service to head into Boston. We will head back home around 2:30pm. Sign up online by going to the St. Andrew's website, clicking on the SERVE tab and clicking on SIGN-UP, or notifying Joanna Horobin

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Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed the following in the fall of 2013:

- A policy not to identify anyone by name in website photos,
- a policy to ask permission via phone or email to use photos of individuals prominently featured in photos (though unidentified) on the website, and
- photo release language to be published in The Call, service leaflets, and annual report.
- This language is as follows:

 Occasionally, we may take photographs or videos of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including print and web usage), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.
- Nancy Hancock
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Coffee Hour Hosts

Please sign up to host coffee hour. You can host alone, with a friend, with your family, or we will set you up with a co-host, on a snack or a coffee-only day. The community will appreciate your efforts.

Sign up online by going to the St.

Andrew's website, clicking on the SERVE tab
and clicking on SIGN-UP, or notifying Hillary
Madge • hmadge@mandhgroup.com

Name Tags

Name tags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. The membership committee offers lovely, reusable magnetic name tags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact Jane Andrews at jmlandrews@gmail.com or at 781/431-1372.

Illness and Off-Hour Emergencies

The clergy are always available to assist you. Please email or call the clergy if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited. Also, please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list. Our prayers and concerns are with all those in need.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole 603/831-4938
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Gratitude

Confirmation Gathering

Many thanks to Nancy and Calvin Place for hosting a lovely gathering for the youth who were confirmed last weekend and their families. Congratulations, again, to all the recent confirmands!

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Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and 5pm. The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am. We offer healing prayer at this service. **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered weekdays at 8:45am.
- Senior Choir has rehearsal Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am;
 Junior Choir also has rehearsal Sundays at 9am.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, October 23

9am Christian Learning Series9:45am Church School & Rite-1311:30am common cathedral,Boston Common, Tremont St.

Tuesday, October 25

5:15pm Service at Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, October 28

5pm Youth Group Haunted House

Saturday, October 29

6pm Parents' Circle, Burns family home

Sunday, October 30

5pm All Hallows' Eve Vigil Service 6pm All Hallows' Eve Potluck

