

First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016

Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake! A voice astounds us"

Wachet auf

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are our light and our salvation.

People

Blessed be God for ever.

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

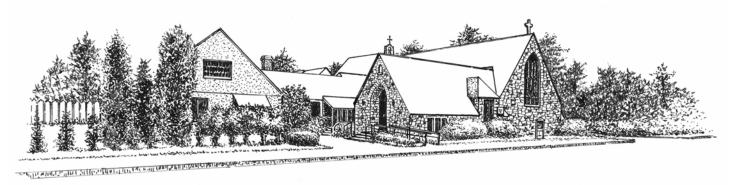
BCP p. 355

Trisagion S 102

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us. Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.



Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put

on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go

forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 Richard Clark

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 "Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing within your gätes, O Je rusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with it self;

- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, * the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- †5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Je rusalem: *
 "May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be with in your walls * and quietness with in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com panions' sake, *
 I pray for your pros perity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good."

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion"

Bereden väg för Herran

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Clergy

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then

two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Philip Ledger (1937-2012)

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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 Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem Adam lay ybounden

Adam lay ybounden, Ne had the apple taken been,

Bounden in a bond; The apple taken been,
Four thousand winter Ne had never our ladie,
Thought he not too long. Abeen heav'ne queen.

And all was for an apple,

An apple that he took.

Blessed be the time

That apple taken was;

As clerkes finden, Therefore we moun singen:

Written in their book. Deo gratias! Deo gratias! Deo gratias!

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Sanctus S 131 Gerald Near

Fraction Anthem S 151 David Hurd

Breaking of the Bread

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 Remember, O thou man T

Thomas Ravenscroft (1582-1635)

Remember, O thou man, Remember God's goodness,

Thy time is spent: O thou man,

How thou art dead and gone, And promise made!

And I did what I can, How he sent his Son, doubtless

Therefore repent! Our sins for to redress:

Remember Adam's fall,

Be not afraid!

O thou man, The angels all did sing,

From heav'n to hell! O thou man,

How we were condemned all On heav'n's high hill;

In hell perpetual, Praise to our heav'nly King,
There for to dwell. And peace to man living,

With a good will.

Communion Hymn 542 "Christ is the world's true Light"

St. Joan

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 68 "Rejoice! rejoice, believers"

Llangloffan

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Johann & Magdalena Hoefler, John R. Rand, and Anna Marie Schmid.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Jo Dermer, Linda Gallo, Blair Glennon, Wendy Haering-Engels, Pam Henrikson, Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, Linda Reineman, and Beverly Wood Flower Guild Debbie Lorenz and Ruth Wilson Greeters Elizabeth & Stephen Clarke

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Donna Kell Ushers Janet Flett and Charlie Zabriskie

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lily Curtis, Caroline Grape, Miles Olivetti, and Ben Clarke
Chalice Bearers Paul Criswell, David Hamlin, Meg Harris,
Jeanne Johnsen, Debbie Lorenz, and Mary Scanlon
Lay Readers Adams Carroll and Margaret Zusky
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter,
Scott Jones, Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Alewife Deanery
Church of Our Saviour, Arlington
St. John's Church, Arlington
Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington
Standing Committee



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!

Advent Wreath Making

Join us today, November 27, after the 10am service in the parish hall to help us transform our greens into beautiful Advent wreaths. Wreath frames and candles will be available for purchase but please feel free to bring your own. — Christine Beach

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Advent Wreath Potluck

Please join us in the parish hall after the 5pm service tonight, November 27, for a potluck dinner and another opportunity for Advent wreath making. Supplies will be available for purchase, but please feel free to bring your own. The main course will be provided by St. Andrew's. Feel free to bring a salad, side, or dessert to share.

- Jennifer Sawyer
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Stewardship Update: Keeping St. Andrew's Strong!

As of November 21, we have 222 pledges for almost \$812,000. Thank you so much to all who have pledged! We are approaching our goals of 300+ pledges for at least \$900,000. We need everyone's support, and we need

pledges and gifts large and small to sustain our programs and momentum for 2017. If you haven't yet done so, please give thanks for our vibrant parish and our missions, and make a generous pledge this Thanksgiving week! As I stated on Commitment Sunday, in baseball terms, it's not just the home runs and triples we need, we also need many doubles, and singles, as well as bunts, hit-bypitches, walks, and even steals! Please be as generous as you are able, and show your support for St. Andrew's!

- Herb Manning • https://hemanning78@gmail.com

Say Cheese for the Directory!

If you missed the formal photo shoots, don't worry—you can still be included! Drop in for a make-up session at St. Andrew's today, November 27, and Sunday, December 4, we will be taking photographs (first come, first served) in the Rite-13 room after the 10am service. — Nancy Hancock

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Mitten Tree

The St. Andrew's mitten tree is in the parish hall. Please bring new hats, gloves, and mittens for those in need this winter.

- Debbie Osborn
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Little Angels' Gift Shop

All children are invited to do their Christmas shopping at the Little Angels' Gift Shop! The parishioner-run shop sells 25-cent gifts and offers a gift-wrapping station. It will run on Friday, December 2, from 6pm to 7pm in Room 2, and is followed by Family Cookies & Carols. Pizza will be served in the parish hall during this time. — Rev. Catherine Healy • catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Family Cookies & Carols

All ages are invited to share treats and sing Christmas songs on **Friday**, **December 2**, from **7pm to 8pm** in the **parish hall**. Bring cookies to share! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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9am Christian Learning Series

Join us this **Sunday at 9am** to learn more about our patron saint, *St. Andrew*. **On December 11, at 9am** Spiritual Directors from Bethany House of Prayer will lead us in an Advent Meditation: *A Graceful Silence*. Join us in **Room 2**.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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St. Stephen's Holiday Dinners

In today's leaflet, you will find an envelope labeled "Holiday Dinners." Your contributions to this collection brighten the holidays of those at St. Stephen's Church with Thanksgiving meal bags and with Christmas gift boxes for seniors. Please make checks payable to St. Andrew's, with "Holiday Dinners" in the memo. Many thanks!

- Debbie Osborn
- <u>debbieosborn@verizon.net</u>

Advent Taizé-Style Service

If you are longing for mystery, silence, and flickering candles in Advent, please join us on **Sunday, December 4** from **5:45 to 6:30pm** in the Children's Chapel. This service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé, France.

Please go to www.taize.fr to learn more

about their chanting and their ecumenical work on reconciliation. All are welcome.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Holiday Alternative Gift Fair

On Sunday, December 4, after the 10am service, St. Andrew's will hold its Alternative Gift Fair. The fair benefits programs at our outreach ministries. You can support many ministries, including El Hogar, Heifer International, the St. Andrew's Knitting Ministry, St. Stephen's Youth Programs, the Wellesley Food Pantry, Family Promise Metrowest, and the Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen.

— Ann Johnson • <u>aegjohnson@aol.com</u>

Thanksgiving: Faith in Action

As we pass the Thanksgiving holiday, the outreach committee invites you to continuing supporting two of the parish's major outreach partners who help local people in need: the Wellesley Food Pantry and Health Care Without Walls. We ask you to bring socks and food to the church on any Sunday. There is a basket in the administrative hallway and a box in the narthex of the church where your gifts can be left.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Why Socks?

Winter is fast upon us. While we here at St. Andrew's are warm and well-fed, our marginalized brothers and sisters are not. I once again humbly appeal to your generosity and request SOCKS—new, white, men's cotton crew socks, size L or XL. Please let me remind you *why* these socks are so important.

Many of the homeless are on their feet constantly, and most have old shoes which harbor infection. Since changing shoes is not an option for them, changing socks is one of the few ways to help protect their feet. These socks will be distributed by Roseanna Means, M.D., President and Founder of Health Care Without Walls, to seven shelters in the Greater Boston area.

Please consider making a difference by contributing to this vital ministry which has been an important part of our ministry to the homeless since 2007. You may do this by:

- Placing socks in the SOX BOX located outside the library.
- Sending a check to St. Andrew's for any

- amount—memo "SOX BOX"—this will be included in your church statement and I'll happily purchase the socks.
- Purchasing socks in honor of your loved ones at the Alternative Gift Fair held on December 4.

Remember, as we pull on our woolly socks and warm dry boots, our sisters and brothers in Christ pound the pavement; most wearing inadequate foot covering. — Donna Kell

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Christmas Pageant Signups

All children and youth are invited to join in the 2016 St. Andrew's Christmas pageant! Auditions and rehearsals are as follows:

- Sunday, December 4, 11:15am:
 Auditions for speaking roles
- Sunday, December 11, 11:15am: Rehearsal for speaking roles
- Saturday, December 17, 9:40am to 12pm: Rehearsal for all participants
- Sunday, December 18, 9am: Participants gather for 10am pageant!
- Amanda Kern
- <u>amanda@standrewswellesley.org</u>

Prayer Request Cards

In your pew, you will find yellow cards that you can use to make a public or private prayer request. Please place these cards in the offering plate or give them to a member of the clergy. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Christmas Memorial Flowers

We hope that you will contribute to our Christmas worship by offering flowers in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, people you love. Please submit or resubmit your names by **Wednesday**, **December 7**, along with a contribution made payable to St. Andrew's Church, with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. You may leave a note in the "Flower Memorial" box in the mail room, or with your weekly offering in the plate. Thank you. — Margarethe Kulke

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Advent Lessons & Carols

Join us for Advent Lessons & Carols, **Sunday, December 11 at 5pm**. It is a time to contemplate the great mystery of the season we have entered into, a time to still our busy minds and bodies as we listen to Bible readings and anthems of hope and faith in a candlelight service. There will be a reception immediately following. Come and bring your friends and neighbors. — Wardie Mannix

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Blue Christmas

Sometimes, Advent and Christmas are full of peace and soulful satisfaction; in other years, we may find ourselves in the midst of loss, disappointment, worry, or illness. If you or someone you love has had hardships this year, or if you are longing for a chance to make room for the Spirit of God at a time of struggle or loss, please join us on **Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30pm** for a Blue Christmas Service. We will gather with solemn, gentle silence, a spoken service, and the

opportunity for each of us to silently light candles and kindle a prayer or a hope for the year that is past, and the year that is ahead. We will rest in the promise of Christmas, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace can find us and support us. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir

The Intergenerational Choir is an opportunity to make your Christmas Eve at St. Andrew's even more special by singing in the choir with your family and friends! To participate, please come by the choir room today, November 27, after the 10am service to sign up and pick up music, or email Amanda Kern

- <u>amanda@standrewswellesley.org</u>. Important dates below:
- Friday, December 2: 7-8pm
 Family Cookies & Carols in the parish hall for an informal and fun seasonal gathering, where we sing both sacred and secular Christmas carols and get in the Christmas spirit!
- Thursday, December 22: 6-7:30pm
 Intergenerational Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary. Pizza supper after rehearsal!
- Saturday, December 24: 4pm

 Meet in the choir room for warm-ups and a final rehearsal. The choir sings at the 5pm service.

Advent Book Drive: Support St. Stephen's

This year, our Advent church school outreach project is a book drive for the Blackstone Elementary School library, which is run by volunteers from St. Stephen's in Boston, our sister parish. The Blackstone library has a specific wish list of new, hardcover titles to stock its shelves—check the e-Pistle for a link to the Amazon list or visit www.tinyURL.com/BlackstoneLibrary2016. Books can be delivered to my office.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Donate Winter Coats

Coats for Kids, our annual collection of gently used winter coats for children and adults, has begun. All sizes are needed, but especially Pre-K and adult XL sizes. Drop them off in the red bin marked "Coats for Kids" in the corridor outside the parish offices.

- Joanna Horobin
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Revised Parish By-Laws Approved

The Standing Committee has approved a revised set of our parish by-laws. Three provisions were added/deleted in the approved version:

- Added language that would prevent two or more members of the same household or family to serve concurrently on the vestry.
- Deleted language that would allow the rector to name a non-voting, ex-officio member to the vestry for a one year term.
 Since all vestry meetings are open to the

- parish, this language was not necessary to allow the rector to ask a parishioner to participate in vestry discussions for a year.
- Added language that all formal organizations that are connected to the parish (e.g., a St. Andrew's food pantry serving the community) must have a charter declaring its purposes, defining its members, and describing their scope of action. While we currently do not have any such organizations, it was prudent to add this language in case there are any changes in the future.

We will need to re-approve our revised parish by-laws at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2017. Please contact me with any questions. — Lynda Sperry

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Online Giving Now Available

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.

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

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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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.

Weekly Deadlines

Announcements and anything else to be added to the leaflet or e-Pistle are due by **Tuesday at noon**. Please consider limiting your announcement to 50 to 100 words.

- Katharine Clark
- kate@standrewswellesley.org



Gratitude

St. Andrew's Day Flowers

Thank you to the flower guild for their creative skills and hard work arranging the beautiful flowers to decorate the church for the celebration of St. Andrew's Day. Many parishioners commented on how wonderful they found the flower arrangements.

St. Stephen's Thanksgiving Dinners

Many thanks to Jack & Jill Whiting, who coordinated the effort to provide 70+ bags of Thanksgiving meal fixings for families at our sister parish, St. Stephen's in Boston.

Rite-13 Pie Baking for Wellesley Food Pantry

The Rite-13 class prepared a record-breaking 30 apple pies on Sunday for the Wellesley Food Pantry. Thanks to Wendy Barry, John Breedis, Ingrid Houghton, and Ansley Martin for organizing and leading, Denise Stephenson and Jessica Young for chaperoning, and the 22 Rite-13 youth who contributed time, talent, and apples!

Youth Group Meal Prep for Wellesley Food Pantry

The high school youth group members spent their Sunday evening chopping vegetables, grating cheese, and boiling pasta to prepare 20 freezer meals for the Wellesley Food Pantry. These meals will help ensure that no one in Wellesley goes hungry during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thanks to Marie Dunell for shopping and organizing, and to the 19 high school youth who did the cooking!

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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, November 27

Family Promise hosting week

9am Christian Learning Series

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
and Rite-13

11am Advent Wreath Making

11:15am Directory Photos

11:15am Intergenerational Choir
Sign-up

6pm Advent Wreath Making Potluck

Thursday, December 1

10:30am Church School Committee Meeting

Friday, December 2

6pm Little Angel's Gift Shop 7pm Family Cookies & Carols

Saturday, December 3

8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, December 4

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, and Rite-13
11:15am Directory Photos
11:15am Pageant Auditions
11:30am Alternative Gift Fair
5pm Confirmation Prep
5:45pm Taizé-style Service
6:45pm High School Youth Group



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