



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2017

Prelude

Processional Hymn 616 (vv. 1-3) "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoegelein

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

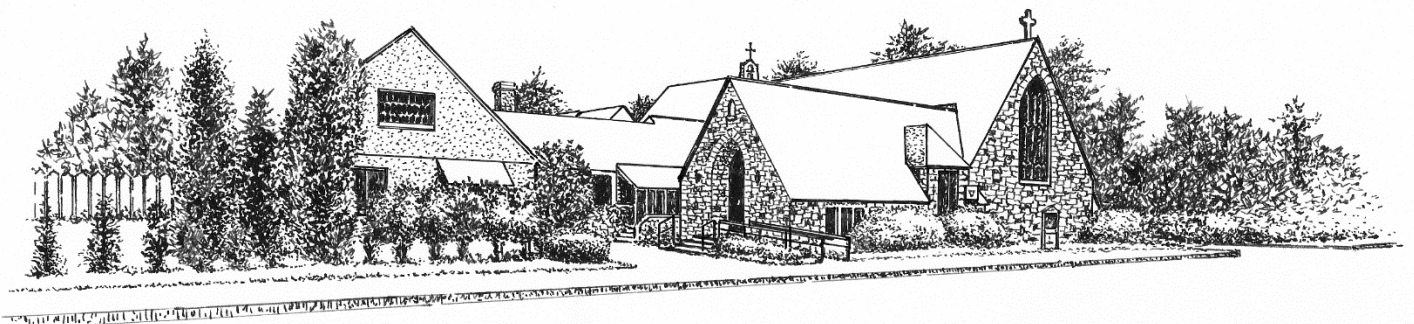
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*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:*

*have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*



Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler

over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people?
By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a
descendant of Abraham, a member of the
tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected
his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable. Just as you were once disobe-
dient to God but have now received

mercy because of their disobedience, so
they have now been disobedient in order
that, by the mercy shown to you, they too
may now receive mercy. For God has im-
prisoned all in disobedience so that he
may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 488 "Be thou my vision"

Slane

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the
district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Ca-
naanite woman from that region came out
and started shouting, "Have mercy on me,
Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tor-
mented by a demon." But he did not an-
swer her at all. And his disciples came

and urged him, saying, "Send her away,
for she keeps shouting after us." He an-
swered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep
of the house of Israel." But she came and
knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."
He answered, "It is not fair to take the
children's food and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman,

great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *Borders and Boundaries*

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Senior Minister, Hills Church

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

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

Confession

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Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 535 "Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim"

Paderborn

Presentation of Bread and Wine

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

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Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus S 125

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*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 686 "Come thou fount of every blessing"

Nettleton

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service.

**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Marguerite Bradford Tarrío, and Edward C. & Margaret B. Thayer.**

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Barbara Bergstrom, Nancy Echlov,
Erica Gelser, Pam Henrikson, Debbie Lorenz, Debbie Monti,
Linda Reineman, Ellen Staelin, Laura Stettner, and Jill Whiting,

Flower Guild Anne Manners and Frances Antonelli

Greeter Nancy Hancock

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Debbie Lorenz

Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Chalice Bearers Al Bornemann and Joanna Horobin

Lay Readers Paul Merry and Paul Shackford

Ushers David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Alan Joachim, David Osborn,
Ryan Osborn, Terri Rawson, and Larry Scott

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery

St. Anne's Church, (North) Billerica

All Saints' Church, West Newbury

St. Mark's Church, Westford

Congregations: Organists, Choirs, and other Church Musicians
Society for the Relief of Aged or Disabled Episcopal Clergy



About the Readings

From *Preparing for Sunday* http://standrewswellesley.org/worship_reading.html

Genesis 45:1-15 Today's reading describes Joseph's revelation of his identity to his brothers. Joseph, who had recognized his brothers, had planted a silver cup in his youngest brother Benjamin's food bag (Benjamin was Rachel's other son). When the cup is conveniently "found," Joseph demands that the boy remain as a slave in Egypt. The brothers are filled with sadness because they know that if anything happens to Benjamin, the aged Jacob will certainly die of sorrow. Joseph is so overcome with emotion when he perceives the repentance of his brothers that he reveals to them that he is their long lost brother. He also explains that he knows that his enslavement in Egypt was God's way of ensuring their survival from the famine and thus also making sure that God's promises would be fulfilled.

Psalms 133 The psalmist offers a blessing for the covenant people that is also appropriate for families trying to live in unity.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 In chapters 9–11 Paul has been wrestling with the problem of the rejection of Jesus by those whose whole history and relationship with God

was a preparation for the Messiah. On the surface this looked like a frustration of God's purpose, but Paul establishes God's sovereignty in the working out of salvation history. Israel, not God, is responsible for its own rejection of the gospel, for Israel has failed to understand the meaning of its own tradition. Paul sees Israel's history as fulfilled in Christ (10:4, 9), but Israel has insisted on righteousness by works (9:31-32). Nonetheless God has foreseen and provided for this, too. Israel's failure is partial, for a remnant has believed (11:5); and it is temporary, for it is not irremediable (11:11). Because of the Jews' resistance, the gospel has been taken to the Gentiles, but this mission's success will lead to the Jews' restoration (11:25-26). For both Jews and Gentiles, "disobedience" will be seen to have been a stage on the way to faith (11:30-32). Paul as usual speaks corporately, that is, of the destiny of groups as a whole rather than of individuals. God's intent is to "be merciful to all" without distinction, for all are in need of mercy.

Matthew 15:21-28 Jesus elevates the importance of behavioral standards that transcend Jewish-Gentile differences. In this way, his teaching sets the stage for the story that follows: Jesus' encounter with a Canaanite woman (vv. 21-28) foreshadows the offer of salvation beyond Israel to the Gentiles. The center of interest is not the miracle but Jesus' attitude toward Gentiles. A distinction is made between Jesus' mission and his response to individual faith wherever found. Matthew emphasizes for his Jewish Christian audience that God has been faithful to Israel but that Gentile faith cannot be denied. The incident exemplifies the form of argument that was common in Jesus' day. The argument was carried on by citing proverbs. The person who cited the best proverb was recognized as the winner. In Matthew's gospel, the focus of

Jesus' mission has 'til now been only to Israel (10:5). So when this woman comes and kneels before him requesting help for her daughter, he first refuses her request by appealing to the commonsense wisdom of a proverb: should the children's bread, one of the essentials of life and thus a symbol for salvation (14:15-21) be given to the dogs? The woman's quick-witted reply exemplifies the kind of verbal acumen admired in the Middle East. She is not satisfied with his reply and responds with another proverb, reinforcing her request by citing a different proverb that re-frames the whole situation: even the puppies get the scraps that are leftovers. Jesus, realizing that in this argument her proverb outdoes his, recognizes her triumph by acclaiming her faith and healing her daughter as she had requested.



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!

September Homecoming 2017

The fall season begins. Things to look forward to:

Thursday, September 7

- Senior Choir

Friday, September 8

- Youth Group Camping Trip

Saturday, September 9

- Mens Bible Study

Sunday, September 10

- Confirmation Parents Meeting
- Junior Choir
- Kids Place, Church School, Rite-13
- Confirmation Prep

Monday, September 11

- Reading Mavens Book Group

Wednesday, September 13

- Mens Book Club

Thursday, September 14

- Altar Guild Meeting
- Flower Guild Meeting

Friday, September 15

- Confirmation Overnight Lock-in
- Acolyte Trainings

Sunday, September 17

- Parish Picnic
- Back-to-School Blessing
- Church School Teacher Training
- Rite-13 Parents' Coffee Hour

Friday, September 22

- Rite-13 Overnight Lock-in

Sunday, September 24

- 5pm Informal Service & Potluck
- Acolyte Trainings
- High School Youth Group

Parish Picnic

Please plan to attend the St. Andrew's annual All-Parish Picnic at the home of Luisa Hunnewell **after the 10am service on Sunday, September 17!**

As always, we count on many volunteers to make this event a success. Please consider signing up for a shift or donating a baked good or both! Look for sign-up information next week. — Jenny Sawyer

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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.

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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 8:50am. The Sunday 5pm service will resume on September 10.
- **Parish Office** hours for August are Monday through 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, August 20

See service schedule above

No 5pm Service

Sunday, August 27

See service schedule above

No 5pm Service

Tuesday, August 22

5:15pm Service at the Salvation Army
Miracle Kitchen



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