

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 29, 2017

Prelude Canzona in D minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

Ton-y-Botel

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

Gloria S 278 (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias (b. 1934)

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: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the

city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's

command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Edwin George Monk (1819-1900)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
 from one gene ration to a nother.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, * from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
 "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past * and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us a way like a dream; *
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.

- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you af flicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
 and your splendor to their children.
- †17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be up on us; *
 prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our handwork.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts.

As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 517 "How lovely is thy dwelling-place"

Brother James' Air

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked

him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love

the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah?

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

Sermon Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The

son of David." He said to them, "How is it

then that David by the Spirit calls him

mies under your feet""?

Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord,

"Sit at my right hand, until I put your ene-

If David thus calls him Lord, how can

he be his son?" No one was able to give

him an answer, nor from that day did an-

yone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem Set me as a seal upon thine heart William Walton (1902-1983) Words from the Song of Solomon

Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.

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

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 129 (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S 151 (front section of hymnal)

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 Ave verum corpus

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffering,

Sacrificed on the cross for mankind, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood:

May it be for us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet in the trial of death.

Oh dear Jesus, oh merciful Jesus, oh Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Communion Hymn 602 "Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love"

Chereponi

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 610 "Lord, whose love through humble service"

Blaenhafren

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Alle Menschen müssen sterben

J.S. Bach



Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the lives of Alice Bradford and Horton Winter Reed.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Margaret Blackwell, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Terri Burnell, Heidi Harper, Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, Liz Parsons, and Cynthia Scott

Flower Guild Dell Beggs and Jill Whiting

Greeters Llynda McFarlane and Sandra Rigney

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Paul Criswell Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lily Nystrom, Gale Bennett, James Bennett, Hazel Nystrom, and Dillon Salvin Chalice Bearers Adams Carroll, Joe Hamilton, Jeanne Johnsen, and Margaret Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the South Shore Deanery
Christ Church, Quincy
Parish of St. Chrysostom, Quincy
Episcopal Quincy Chinese Center, Quincy
Asiamerican Ministries
Trinity Church, Randolph



About the Readings

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

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Today's reading describes several transitions. The reading itself is the ending of the book of Deuteronomy, which describes the people's pause at the Jordan to rededicate themselves to their covenant obligations before entering the promised land. A second transition is the death of Moses. Though God had forbidden the original exodus generation from entering the new land, God does allow Moses a peek at the land before he dies. The final words sum up the special character of Moses and his unique relationship with God. The final transition is that of the leadership of the community. With Moses' death, the leadership passes to Joshua who will take

the people across the Jordan and oversee their settlement in the land.

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 This psalm faces squarely the dark realities of the human condition within the context of faith. Verses 1-2 serve as a preface, introducing the psalmist's unshakable conviction of God's sovereignty. The psalmist confesses the painfulness of life's brevity (vv. 3-6) and the dreadfulness of enduring this fleeting life in the heat of God's righteous anger at our iniquities (vv. 7-11). These reflections culminate in the closing prayer (vv. 12-17), in which the psalmist pleads for God's merciful compassion. In this psalm, attributed to Moses, the shortness

of human life is lamented, and God's presence is sought so that the people may rejoice in all their days.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the circumstances of his mission among them. He distinguishes himself from the common itinerant religious and philosophical teachers. Paul does not promote heresy or immorality, use trickery or flattery, nor seek self-aggrandizement. He could have presumed on his apostolic authority, but instead, like a nursing mother, he supported their new life by sharing his very self.

Matthew 22:34-46 Today's reading contains the third of the controversy stories that show Jesus' ability to confute his opponents. The law of Moses as set forth in the first five books of the Bible had, over the passage of centuries, been codified into 613 commandments. The question

was often raised whether they were all of equal weight. The first part of Jesus' answer quotes Deuteronomy 6:5, which began the Jewish morning prayer called the Shema (from the first word in the quote, "hear"). The inclusion of "mind" (v. 37) may be an alternate translation for Gentiles of "heart," which, in Jewish understanding, was the core of a person, the center of thought and will and emotion. The second part of Jesus' answer quotes Leviticus 19:18b. The conjunction of the two Old Testament texts occurs, but infrequently, in rabbinical writing. It may have been original with Jesus. Each commandment is to be understood in the light of the other. Paul quotes the second as the fulfillment of the law, an assertion echoed by other New Testament writers. Matthew has prepared for its importance by stressing it earlier (5:43-48; 19:16-19).

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!

Stewardship Campaign

Our 2018 stewardship campaign is underway and we ask parishioners to make their financial pledge to St. Andrew's by Commitment Sunday, November 19. Our theme, Stepping Up in Faith, reflects our hope that parishioners will faithfully step up their pledges in order to meet our goals of broadening our pledge base and reducing our reliance on a few generous members and families. We also need to: reduce our dependence on an annual draw from our endowment (the markets have been kind recently but we know this will not continue forever); maintain our staffing levels; expand our digital presence; fully fund the 5pm informal service; and increase our outreach expenditure.

You should have your 2018 Stewardship packet, including informative materials and your pledge card. Please examine them carefully, be as generous as you can, and return your pledge card (or pledge online) by **November 19.** Thank you! — Allen Jones

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Online Giving Available

Electronic giving is offered on our website under the GIVE tab to make pledge pay-

ments (one-time or recurring) and special contributions (e.g., memorial flowers, outreach). You may use your checking account, savings account, or credit card to make payments. 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. We hope you will take advantage of this convenient feature on our website.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Stewardship Educational Workshop

Are you interested in knowing how to give more to St. Andrew's but take less out of your pocket? Please join us in **room 2** after the **10am service today** to learn more about donor-advisored Funds and gifting with appreciated stock. You'll be entertained and educated ... in about 30 minutes!

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

- Michael Vanin • <u>mvanin@gxtgreen.com</u>

No Church School Today!

There will be no church school for grades K-5 today—sleep in and come to the 5pm All Hallows' Eve service instead! Kids' Place and Rite-13 will meet as usual.

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

9am Christian Learning Series:
Being Disciples by Rowan Williams
Today and on Sunday, November 12, our
rector will lead the 9am Christian Learning
Series classes on Archbishop Rowan Williams' book on discipleship. This book is one
of Adrian's favorites, and it is already a classic. Copies of the book Being Disciples are
\$10. Please contact me if you would like to
purchase one. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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All Hallows' Eve Service & Potluck

Celebrate All Hallows' Eve with us **tonight**. Come to the **parish hall** for face painting at **4:30pm**, or join us in the sanctuary for the service at **5pm**. We will read some of the Bible's spookiest stories before sharing a meal. Halloween costumes are encouraged! Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. This service will emphasize children's participation; all ages are welcome.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Museum Trip: Protest in Print

Today 25 of us will go to the Davis Museum at Wellesley College to tour Protest in Print, an exhibit centering on Martin Luther and the 500th anniversary of the Protestant

Reformation. Luther tacked 95 theses onto a church door in Germany on October 31, 1517, and the world has never been the same. At **11:45am** we will host a German-inspired lunch in the Harvey Room. We will depart for the museum at **12:30pm**. At **1pm**, we will meet with Dr. Meredith Fluke, the exhibit's curator, who will guide us on a tour. Please email me if you want to be on our waiting list.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Coffee Hour Needs You

The fellowship committee is looking for parishioners to host a coffee hour, either individually, as a family, or with a friend. It's easy and fun: whether you bake or buy, make it elaborate or simple, serve donuts or fruit, the congregation will thank you: Really! And the best part is that you don't even have to make the coffee. So, make someone's day and sign up on the St. Andrew's website by clicking on the SERVE tab and then on VOL-UNTEER SIGN-UP. You will also find complete instructions on how to host there. THANK YOU SO MUCH! — Hillary Madge

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Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

Confirmation prep and youth group will next meet on **Sunday, November 5**. Confirmation prep meets from **5 to 6:30pm**, and high school youth group from **6:45 to 8pm**. All youth are welcome.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Rite-13 Pie Baking

All Rite-13 (sixth- and seventh-grade) youth are invited to bake apple pies for the Wellesley Food Pantry on Sunday, November 19, from 3 to 5pm in the parish hall. Please bring a bag of apples, a package of two pie crusts, a disposable aluminum pan, and corers, peelers, or paring knives to share.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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Emergency Procedures

We are going to be evaluating and updating our emergency procedures at St Andrew's. We are seeking a volunteer with interest in or experience with emergency procedures to help us with this project. It would involve helping us to evaluate our current procedures and researching with local police, fire, EMT and other places of worship about current recommended protocols. If you are interested please speak to or email me.

- Nancy Hancock
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Our Annual Coats for Kids (and Adults too) Collection

This collection will continue **through December 31**. In these hard economic times there are thousands of individuals in our very own community who are without a warm winter coat. Gently used warm coats of all sizes—infant through adult XXL—are accepted. Donated coats will be cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners. Once collected and cleaned, the coats will be distributed through the Coats for Kids Distribution

Partners network, which includes organizations such as Massachusetts Community Action Programs (MASSCAP), Salvation Army, Middlesex Human Service Agency, Women's Lunch Place, BU Medical Center Outreach Van Project, Wish Project, Community Giving Tree, Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell, Strafford County Community Action, and Catholic Charities, to name just a few! Please check your closets and drop your unwanted coats in the collection box in the office corridor. — Joanna Horobin • joannahorobin@gmail.com

Socks, Socks!

Through the generosity of St. Andrew's parishioners, 6,756 pairs of socks have been donated to Health Care Without Walls since 2007. Our second yearly donation will occur in early **December**. Once again, I appeal to your generosity to request socks—new, white men's cotton crew socks, size L or XL. 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.

Winter is fast upon us. Please help make a difference by contributing to this vital ministry. You may do this by 1. Placing socks in the SOX BOX located outside the library or 2. Sending a check for any amount with "sox" in the memo which will be included in your church statement. I'll happily purchase the socks. Thank you for your continuing generosity. — Donna L. Kell

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Wellesley Turkey Trot

We are runinng a team from St. Andrew's again this fall, and you/your family are invited! Runners and walkers are welcome **Thanksgiving morning, November 23** (3 miles/5K for teens/adults, less than a mile for children). Adult registration is \$30; children are \$15. There is a registration link available from our website, or you can look for the link in the e-Pistle. Make sure to choose "Join a Team" and select St. Andrew's Church from the list. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Book Circle

Book Circle (formerly Reading Mavens) is open to all, and we hold meetings on Monday nights at 7pm in the Harvey Room. Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 13, and the book will be A *Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles. The book for December 4 will be *Out Stealing Horses*, by Per Petterson. No need to sign up, just come and join the discussion. We would love to see you! — Betsy Millane

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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 e-mail 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.
- 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.
- Peter Lull peter lull@verizon.net

Italian Pilgrimage

A subcommittee of adult formation and learning committee continues to meet to plan our pilgrimage. We will be traveling to Italy on **May 14** and returning **May 25, 2018**. We will be visiting Rome, Assisi, and Florence. We anticipate that parishioners will be able to sign up for the trip in early November. Please email me if you are considering joining the pilgrimage and haven't contacted me yet. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Nametags

Nametags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. St. Andrew's membership committee offers lovely reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact Becky Hamlin • dbhamlin@comcast.net

Deadlines for Weekly Leaflet and e-Pistle Announcements

Announcements and gratitudes (and anything else) for inclusion in the weekly leaflet or e-Pistle are due on Tuesdays at noon. Please limit your announcement to 50-100 words. — Katharine Clark

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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.

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

Day of Service

A special thanks to the many volunteers who helped make the Day of Service such a great success. The indoor team did a superb job cleaning and dusting the Sanctuary and the Harvey Room. The outdoor teams planted new plants and did tremendous work pruning trees and tidying flower beds. A team of volunteers undertook a "deep cleaning" of the Wellesley Food Pantry. Volunteers also helped with the Luau party. Thank you all very much.

Luau Party

Thanks so much to the fantastic fellowship committee and to all those who helped to make the Luau a very successful event! The Hawaiian shirts, the palm tree decorations, the tiki bar, the grass skirts, the colorful leis and the Hawaiian beer transformed the parish hall into a Hawaiian paradise! A special thank you to Christine Beach, Barbara Bergstrom, Rob Brandt, Sarah Dent, Joanna Horobin, Alan Joachim, Linda & Peter Lull, Betsy Millane, Jen Olivetti, David & Debbie Osborn, Elspeth Grant Pruett, George & Tim Raeke, Terri Rawson, Sandy Rigney, Cynthia Scott, Lynda Sperry, and Kris & Michael Vanin, the bubble man! It was truly a night to remember.

Choir

Thanks to the choir for their special song in celebration of Wardie's 10-year anniversay last Sunday. Some of you expressed curiousity about the meaning of the words in the song. The piece is the conclusion of Charles Gounod's 1855 *Messe Sollenelle*, written for Napoleon.

Domine, salvum fac conductora nostra, nostra conductora; et exaudi nos in die qua invocarerimus te.

Lord, keep safe our conductor, and hear us in the day when we call upon thee.

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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 rehearses most Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; Junior Choir has rehearsals 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 29

See service schedule above
9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kid's Place Only
11:15am Stewardship Educational
Workshop
11:45am Luther Lunch
1pm Protest in Print Field Trip
4:30pm Face Painting
5pm All Hallows' Eve Service and
Potluck

Wednesday, November 1

7:30pm Men's Book Club

Thursday, November 2

9:45am Church School Committee

Saturday, November 4

Diocesan convention

Sunday, November 5

See service schedule above
9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
11:30am Newcomers Brunch
5pm Confirmation Prep
6:45pm High School Youth Group

