

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany January 28, 2018

Prelude Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 731

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Westminster Abbey

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 S278 (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on

earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in

my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

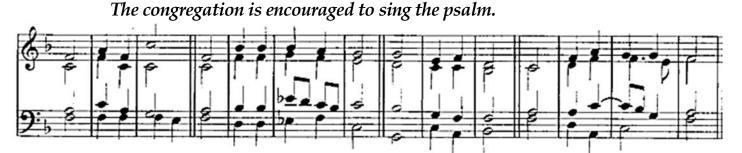
Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111 David Hurd



- 1 Hallelujah!
 - I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, a in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *
 they are studied by all who de light in them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, and his righteousness endures for ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be re membered; *
 the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He gives food to those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of his works * in giving them the lands of the nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
 all his commandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
 because they are done in truth and equity.

- 9 He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; * holy and awesome is his Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the be¹ginning of wisdom; * those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise en dures for ever.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 453 "As Jacob with travel was weary one day"

Jacob's Ladder

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked

him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Sermon 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 BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "Behold a star from Jacob shining" from Christus

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Behold a star from Jacob shining, And a scepter from Israel rising, To reign in glory over the nations.

Like some bright morning star is he, The promise of the coming day, Beyond the night of sorrow. Break forth, 0 Light! We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving, Hail the brightness of Thy rising. Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

Sanctus S130 (front section of hymnal) Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S164 (front section of hymnal)

Franz Schubert

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 Panis angelicus

Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921)

May the Bread of Angels You God, Three In One,

Become bread for humankind; we beseech;

The Bread of Heaven puts

All foreshadowings to an end;

That You visit us,

As we worship You.

Oh, thing miraculous! By Your ways,

The body of the Lord will nourish lead us where we are heading, the poor, the poor, to the light that You inhabitest.

the servile, and the humble. Amen.

Communion Hymn 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness" Schmücke dich

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing" Azmon

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Please join us today for the annual meeting following the 10am service.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of Norman Dorian.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Jo Dermer, Linda Gallo, Blair Glennon, Wendy Haering,
Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, and Linda Reineman
Flower Guild Cynthia Ballantyne and Melissa Bradley
Greeters Nancy Hancock and Michael Vanin

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Nancy Echlov Ushers Janet Flett and Charlie Zabriskie

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lily Curtis, Christiaan Eikeboom, Caroline Grape,
Ben Clarke, and Emma Barry

Chalice Bearers Al Bornemann, David Hamlin, Joanna Horobin, and Jeanne Johnsen

Lay Readers Becky Hamlin and Mary Scanlon

Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter,

Scott Jones, Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery
St. John's Church, Charlestown
St. Mark's Church, Dorchester
St. Mary's Church, Dorchester
Epiphany School, Dorchester
The Diocesan Council

About the Readings

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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Today's passage describes the role of the prophet to make known God's will, a role distinct from the fortune telling, communication with the dead and divination practiced by pagans. This passage validates prophetic practice by telling of the establishment by Moses of a succession of prophets to mediate as he did between God and the people. A criterion is established to aid in distinguishing the true prophet from the false. In the postexilic period, when prophetic activity ceased, the statement about the raising of "a prophet like me" (v. 15) was interpreted as the promise of a "prophet like Moses" to come in the last days. The early Church saw this fulfilled in Jesus.

Psalm 111 Psalm 111 is a psalm of praise, celebrating God's presence in the history of God's covenant relationship with Israel. The psalmist recites a brief history of God's actions as clues to God's character.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 In this reading, Paul discusses the guiding principle for resolving misunderstandings among Christians about participation in non-Christian cul-

ture. Most of the meat sold in the marketplace came from animals offered for sacrifice in pagan temples, and many social groups met for dinner in pagan shrines, though this did not necessarily involve recognition of the god. Christians in Corinth were divided on the issues of eating such meat or going to such dinners. Some felt that there was no harm in it. Paul quotes several of their slogans with which he in theory agrees. They claim a knowledge that justifies their freedom from constraint. The "weak" (v. 9), however, avoid such meat and such occasions out of a fierce desire to follow the law. They are upset by the actions of their fellow-Christians. They may be Jewish Christians still influenced by the prohibition of such meat, or they may be Greek Christians still influenced by their pagan past. Paul claims that the "strong" are correct in their knowledge of the issue, but deficient in their love for fellow believers. For Paul the gospel means freedom from servitude to the law, the world and Satan, but freedom exercised in love. Charity to one's fellow-Christians takes first place.

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus' teaching in the synagogue and freeing a person possessed by a demon in the synagogue illustrate the nature of Jesus' message. Mark emphasizes Jesus' activity as teacher, but in contrast to Matthew and Luke, he gives less of the content of Jesus' teaching. Rather, he stresses Jesus' effective, powerful authority. One manifestation of this authority is Jesus' exorcism of an unclean spirit. Mark does not tell miracle stories for the sake of arousing awe. He tells them to give witness to the meaning of Jesus' presence. In the Old Testament, the title Holy One is used preeminently of God, but the same

words are also applied to humans. As applied to Jesus, the term takes on the meaning of one who uniquely reveals the power of God. In the first half of this gospel (1:1–8:26), Jesus teaches in veiled language (4:11), through action and parable. The authority of his "new teaching" (v. 27) is seen in its effect upon others. The description Matthew gives of the crowd's reaction to the Sermon on the Mount (see Matthew 7:28) is in Mark their response to Jesus' total self-presentation. Jesus' authority is manifested in his deeds and words. His destiny is one of obedience to his Father, not one of status.



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!

Annual Meeting

The 125th annual meeting will be held from **11am to 12:30pm today, January 28.** New parish leaders will be elected, reports will be given on the work accomplished in 2017, and a budget for 2018 will be presented.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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9am Christian Learning Series

Join us **today**, **January 28**, for *Episcopalians* and *Lutherans*: 500 Years of Engagement in **Room 2**. We will consider current ecumenical work and some significant Lutheran influences in our BCP's liturgy. The work of reconciliation continues in 2018. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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5pm Informal Service

Our next informal service will be today, January 28 at 5pm in the parish hall. It will be followed by a potluck supper. Following on from Martin Luther King Day, the theme of the service will be *Exploring Modern Day Saints of the Church*. The service includes an informal liturgy, more contemporary music, a discussion instead of a sermon and

Holy Communion. The service is about 45 minutes long. The service is aimed at both young and old. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Potluck Dinner

Start your Super Bowl celebration a week early this year! Please join us on **today**, **January 28**, following the 5pm informal service, for a pre-Super Bowl tailgate potluck. We will have all the basics of a great tailgate party (wings, hotdogs on the griddle, sausage/pepper/onion subs), and ask that you bring your favorite tailgate recipe. No need to be a football fan, just a fan of good fun! — Jenny Sawyer

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- Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

Confirmation prep and youth group will meet **today**, **January 28**. 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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Parents' Circle

All parents of children ages 0-18 are invited to an adults-only gathering on **Friday**, **February 2**, at **7pm** at the home of Bettina & Arnout Eikeboom, 19 Wynnewood Road in Wellesley. Bring a beverage to share and get to know your fellow parents from St. Andrew's. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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SOUPer Bowl Food Drive

The Wellesley Food Pantry always needs our help! We are having a special brown bag *SOUPer Bowl Drive* on **Sunday, February 4,** to help fill the shelves of the food pantry so that families can secure food for these cold winter nights. The pantry currently serves about 420 individuals, one third of whom are children and one third seniors. St. Andrew's has a long tradition of supplying food for hearty healthy meals.

The most needed items right now, in keeping with the soup theme are: dried beans in plastic bags: black beans, red kidney, etc., other than lentils; (no canned beans); low salt/no salt chicken broth or bouillon; cream of mushroom soup; New England clam chowder (white, not red). Please no candy or expired items.

Please pick up a brown bag in the narthex and bring your donations **by Sunday, February 4**. — Margarethe Kulke

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Faith & Practice

Please join us on **February 4** from **11:30am to 12:15pm** for *How to Forgive: A Case Study.*Last year, 40 of us gathered to speak about forgiveness. This year we will reflect together on a staggering opportunity for forgiveness or despair. What would you do? If you are fifteen or older, join us in the **Harvey Room**. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Join us in the parish hall on Tuesday, February 13, anytime between 5:30 and 7:30pm. Members of the Rite-13 class will be serving pancakes (with choice of toppings), egg stratas, and sausage links. A donation of \$5 per family is suggested. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated! If you are interested in setup, cleanup, or flipping pancakes, please contact Terri Rawson

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Shrove Tuesday Talent Show

All ages are invited to perform in the talent show at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper **Tuesday**, **February 13!** The show will begin **at 6pm**. There will be an optional runthrough on **Sunday**, **February 10**, **after the 10am service** for all who would like to practice. Sign up online or on the board in the parish hall. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Lenten Meditation Guide

The St. Andrew's Lenten Meditation Guide will be available at church beginning on **Sunday, February 11**. Please pick up a copy of this daily devotional, authored by members of our parish. To obtain a large-print copy or sign up for daily Lenten meditation emails, please email Rev. Catherine Healy

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Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on **February 14** this year. We strongly encourage you to mark the beginning of this holy season with ashes. Ashesto-go will be at the train station and at Peet's Coffee on Main St. starting at 7:30am. We hope to see you there or at one of the Ash Wednesday Services at church which will be held at **7:30am**, **12pm**, **and 7:30pm**, the last of which will be with music.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Lenten Program & Potluck

Mark your calendars for *Forgiveness: The Way to New Life*. This year, five different speakers will offer us their perspectives on forgiveness and how it shapes us and frees us for new lives. Psychologists, priests, rabbis, and spiritual directors will lead us. Each Wednesday, we provide the entrée and you bring a salad or dessert. Our potluck starts at 6pm, and our program lasts from 6:45pm to 7:30pm. Join us on **Wednesdays, February 21 and 28**, as well as **March 7**, **14**, **and 21**. More details next week.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Social Media

Please follow us and tag us on your social media platforms. We are on **Instagram** @StAsWellesley, **Twitter** @StAsWellesley, and **Facebook** at "St. Andrew's Episcopal Church." Have fun. Spread the word. Post pics from your meetings and work here at church. We want to see what you are doing.

- Katharine Clark
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Blue Heron

Blue Heron, "one of the Boston music community's indispensables" (Boston Globe), comes to St. Andrew's on **Friday, March 2** with a program entitled *Missa Fors seullement & other music based on songs*. The concert begins **at 7:30pm**. It is the seventh in a series of 13 concerts in which the ensemble will perform the complete works of Johannes Ockeghem (c.1420-1497), one of the greatest composers in the entire Western classical tradition. Blue Heron is directed by Scott Metcalfe. More information and advance tickets are available at <u>blueheron.org</u> or you can call 617/960-7956. —John Yannis

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A Note from the Treasurer's Office

Offering envelopes for 2018 are available at the back of the church. If you would like envelopes and have not ordered them, please contact me in the treasurer's office.

- Ruth Hubert 781/235-7310
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Need a Babysitter or Odd Job-Doer?

Hire a teen or young adult from St.

Andrew's. The list can be obtained in church on Sunday or by emailing Catherine

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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 me.

— Becky Hamlin ● <u>dbhamlin@comcast.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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Weekly Deadline

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

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Gratitude

Financial Forum

Many thanks to Alan Joachim, head of the finance committee and Arnout Eikeboom, treasurer for hosting the financial forum about the parish budget for 2018. Thanks to both of them for their work preparing the budget and for answering questions from parishioners.

Kids' Place Thanks

Thanks to our membership committee, especially Nancy Braun and Ginny Snow, who organized our coffee for new families and their children. Thanks to Erica Gelser, who brought coffee for the adults in the room, too. Our youngest kids enjoyed juice and crackers.

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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, January 28

See service schedule above
9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place and Church
School, Rite-13
11am Annual Meeting
5pm Informal Service & Potluck
5pm Confirmation Prep
6:45pm Youth Group

Friday, February 2
7pm Parents' Circle

Sunday, February 4

See service schedule above
9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am Kids' Place and Church
School restarts
10am SOUPer Bowl Sunday/Holy
Eucharist & Vestry Commissioning
11:30am Faith & Practice Series

