Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2018

Prelude  *Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott* BWV 721  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 401  “The God of Abraham praise”  
Leoni

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation  
Book of Common Prayer p. 355

*Celebrant*  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People*  God’s mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue  
BCP p. 350

The Confession  
p. 352

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal)  
William Mathias

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*  Together we pray.  
*People*  O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God
said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30 Richard Farrant

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.

22 Praise the LORD, O you that fear him; *
    stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
    all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
    neither does he hide his face from them; *
    but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
    I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
    and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
    “May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
    and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
    he rules over the nations.
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; *  
they shall be known as the LORD’s forever.

†30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *  
the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Gradual Hymn 455 “O love of God, how strong and true” Dunedin

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Clergy The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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.

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine
Offertory Anthem Stabat Mater Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)
Laura Cervinsky, soprano; Johanna Bronk, alto

Stabat Mater dolorosa iuxta crucem lacrimosa dum pendebat Filius
The grieving Mother stood weeping beside the cross where her Son was hanging

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” Old 100th
Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361
Sanctus S 128 (front section of hymnal) William Mathias
Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal) Mason Martens

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 Thou knowest, Lord Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
Shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray’rs;
But spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
Thou most worthy Judge eternal,
Suffer us not, at our last hour,
For any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Communion Hymn 572 “Weary of all trumpeting” Distler

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional 473 “Lift high the cross” Crucifer

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Christus, der uns selig macht BWV 620 J.S. Bach
Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service, hosted today by Amanda Curtis and Anne Grape.

Serving St. Andrew’s this week

*Altar Guild*  Margaret Blackwell, Jo Dermer, Linda Gallo, Blair Glennon, Wendy Haering, Pam Henrikson, Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, Linda McCammon, and Beverly Wood

*Flower Guild*  Katie Barrack

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer*  Nancy Echlov

*Usher*  Janet Flett

**Serving at 10am**

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

*Chalice Bearers*  Margaret Blackwell, David Hamlin, Meg Harris, and Ann Johnson

*Greeters*  Mary-Laura Greeley and Lisa Howe

*Lay Readers*  Nora Tracy Phillips and Karen Pekowitz

*Ushers*  Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter, Scott Jones, Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery*

St. Barnabas’ Church, Falmouth

Christ Church, Harwich Port

St. Andrew’s Chapel, Hyannis Port

St. Paul’s Church, Nantucket

Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers, and Clerks
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!

Lenten Choral Evensong
A special collection will be taken up for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) during our Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 4, at 5pm. The senior choir is singing Samuel Barber’s “Agnus Dei,” adapted from his Adagio for Strings. The guest organist will be L. Frederick Jodry. Please set aside the time to come and deepen your worship through this beautiful service. Candlelight reception following.
— Wardie Mannix
• wardie@standrewswellesley.org

Easter Flowers
We hope that you will contribute to our Easter worship by offering flowers in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, people you love. Please use the form that you received by email or regular mail to submit or resubmit your names by Monday, March 5, along with your contribution to St. Andrew’s Church (“Easter flowers” in the memo line). Extra forms are in the narthex. Leave the form and contribution in the “Flower Memorial” box in the mail room or in the collection plate.
— Margarethe Kulke
• mnbkulke@verizon.net

Lenten Meditation Guide
The St. Andrew’s Lenten Meditation Guides, authored by members of our parish, are available in the narthex, the church, and the administrative hall. Please pick up a copy of this daily devotional. To obtain a large-print copy or sign up for daily Lenten meditation emails, please email Rev. Catherine Healy
• catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Our Lenten Outreach Project
During Lent, we are raising funds and collecting toiletries for the Salvation Army. The collection will support ministries with poor and homeless families in the Framingham area. Mite boxes are available in the narthex.
— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
• adrian@standrewswellesley.org

9am Christian Learning Series
Today, February 25, we will continue our study with Dr. Elkins, Professor of Religion at Wellesley College, reflecting on Modern Marian Devotion: Mary’s Legacy. All are welcome in Room 2.
— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
• margaret@standrewswellesley.org
Lenten Program & Potluck
Mark your calendars for *Forgiveness: The Way to New Life*. Five different speakers will offer us perspectives on forgiveness and how it shapes and frees us for new lives. On **Wednesday, February 28**, parishioner Dr. Joe Jankowski speaks on forgiveness from a psychological perspective. On **Wednesday, March 7**, Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole speaks about Archbishop Rowan Williams’ insights on forgiveness. We provide the entrée and you bring a salad or dessert. Our potluck starts at **6pm**, and the program is from **6:45pm to 7:30pm**. Join us also on **Wednesdays, March 14, and 21**.
— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
• margaret@standrewswellesley.org

Faith & Practice: Practicing Hope
Hope is a Christian virtue that could save your life. Come discover what scripture and spiritual practice teach us about hope. Join us **March 4**, from **11:30am to 12:15pm** in the Harvey Room to engage each other in conversation, reflection, and short spiritual exercises about hope.
— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
• margaret@standrewswellesley.org

Welcome Major Walter Rivers, Jr.
Walter Rivers will be visiting St. Andrew’s on **Sunday, March 4** to share the many ways Salvation Army and Pearl Street Cupboard & Café assist our neighbors in need. Major Walter and his wife, Major Lynann Rivers, operate the Salvation Army in Framingham. Our outreach partnership includes a monthly volunteer opportunity at the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café serving a meal. For more information: https://massachusetts.salvationarmy.org/MA/Framingham
— Tim Phillips
• timphillips59@yahoo.com

Read Across America
A wonderful opportunity to show our support for St. Stephen’s Youth Programs: Join St. Stephen’s Youth Programs, City Year, and our partners for our **8th Annual Read Across America Day Celebration on Friday, March 9**! Please join us for DEAR Time (Drop Everything And Read) as we read aloud to children in classrooms at The Blackstone Innovation School (380 Shawmut Ave) on **March 9** from **1 to 2:30pm**. — Cam McCormick • cammccormick@earthlink.net

Family Promise Metrowest Hosting Week Begins March 4
Four times a year, St. Andrew’s volunteers of all ages help to feed and host homeless families as they spend evenings and overnights at Village Church for a week. Our next hosting week runs from **Sunday, March 4, to Sunday March 11** Volunteers who have completed the required training may sign up by going to the St. Andrew’s website and click on SERVE and then VOLUNTEEER SIGN-UP.

If you or your family might be interested in joining this flexible outreach ministry, please contact Heidi Harper
• heidiharper73@gmail.com
Blue Heron
Blue Heron, 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). Blue Heron is directed by Scott Metcalfe. More information and tickets are available at blue-heron.org or you can call 617/960-7956.
—John Yannis • jy@blueheron.org

Need a Babysitter or Odd Job-Doer?
Consider hiring a teen or young adult from St. Andrew’s. The list can be obtained in church on Sunday or by emailing Catherine Healy • catherine@standrewswellesley.org

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.
— Suzanne Nystrom
• nystromsuzanne@gmail.com

Book Circle
The Book Circle will meet on Monday, March 12, at 7pm, in the Harvey Room. We will discuss Reservoir 13 by Jon McGregor. All are welcome to join us! —Betsy Millane
• betsymillane@gmail.com

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
• adrian@standrewswellesley.org

Partnering with God
2018 Global Mission Summit: workshops, speakers, music, worship, and networking opportunities. Ground your missional relationship in God’s Mission. Hear and share stories of answering God’s call, and of including God in your mission relationship. Learn and share in best practices on the ground. Learn ways to invite others to join your partnership, spreading the “Good News” happening in the world. Saturday, April 21, 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 138 Tremont St. Boston. Early registration rates end on March 17. www.diomassglobalmission.org/register

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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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.

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**Sunday, February 25**

*See service schedule above*

- 9am Christian Learning Series
- 9:45am Kids’ Place and Church School, Rite-13
- 5pm Confirmation Prep
- 6:45pm Youth Group

**Tuesday, February 27**

- 5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street Cupboard & Café
- 7:30pm Vestry Meeting

**Thursday, March 1**

- 9:30am Altar Guild Meeting
- 9:45 Church School Meeting
- 7pm Altar Guild Meeting

**Friday, March 2**

- 7:30pm Blue Heron Concert

**Saturday, March 3**

- 8am Men’s Bible Study
- 10am Senior Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 4**

*See service schedule above*

- 9am Coffee hour for 8am Worshipers
- 9:45am Kids’ Place and Church School, Rite-13
- 11:30am Faith & Practice
- 3:30pm Senior Choir Rehearsal
- 5pm Lenten Choral Evensong, Candlelight Reception following