

Third Sunday after Pentecost June 10, 2018

Prelude

Processional Hymn 620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"

Land of Rest

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.

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Gloria S 277 David Hurd

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we

may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen

to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly

warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take

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

Psalm 138

- I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, * that great is the glory of the Lord.

your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
 O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 621 "Light's abode, celestial Salem"

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Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is

divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him;

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Catherine Healy
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and mother."

and they said to him, "Your mother and

for you." And he replied, "Who are my

mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here

are my mother and my brothers! Whoever

does the will of God is my brother and sister

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your brothers and sisters are outside, asking

Prayers of the People

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

Confession

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn 209 "We walk by faith, and not by sight" St. Botolph

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

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Sanctus S 124 David Hurd

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.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 445 "Praise to the Holiest in the height" Gerontius

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild DD Alexander, Dell Beggs, Terri Burnell, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Jean Childs, Elizabeth Clarke, Cynthia Scott, Carol Sullivan, and Liz Tecca

Flower Guild Anne Benning

Greeters Steve & Christine Beach

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Nancy Echlov Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Elizabeth Robbins-Cole, Drew Manning, Scott Sawyer,
Miles Olivetti, and Annika Svedlund
Chalice Bearers Adams Carroll, David Hamlin, Meg Harris, and Margaret Zusky
Lay Readers Joe Hamilton, Adams Carroll, and Madison Riley
Ushers David Boghosian, Giles Boland, Tim Phillips,
Calvin Place, Bill Wiberg, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery
Brooks School Chapel, North Andover
St. Anne's Church, (North) Billerica
All Saints' Church, West Newbury
St. Mark's Church, Westford
Episcopal City Mission



About the Readings

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

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15 1 and 2 Samuel, originally one book, tell of the transition in Israel's leadership from a system of charismatically appointed judges who appeared in times of crisis to a monarchy that would imitate the governing systems of the neighboring nations. Samuel, the last and greatest judge, grudgingly anoints Saul as the first king. After a chaotic reign ending in civil war, Saul dies violently and the tribes of Israel unite in their support of David as their new king. The rest of the book recounts the turbulent story of David's kingship. The author highlights his attempt to build a royal dynasty by centralizing government and worship in Ierusalem and the threats to dissolve the dynasty through family problems. First Samuel focuses on the man who ushered Israel through the political transition from judges to kings. Samuel united in himself many of the roles of the tribal confederacy period of Israel's history. He was a Nazirite dedicated to the Lord, a judge, a prophet, a priest and the reluctant leader of the movement to place a king over Israel.

Psalm 138 This psalm of thanksgiving has many parallels with the later parts of Isaiah, and was probably written

sometime after the return from exile. The "gods" of verse 1 may be the members of the heavenly council or the rulers and gods of other nations. Verses 1-4 give praise for the Lord's help, and verses 5-7 describe the effect of God's majesty and mercy upon the kings of the earth. The psalm concludes with an expression of the psalmist's trust that God will personally care for him. Although all creation is under God's care, the Lord's intimate love is available to each individual.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Paul's continues to explain the nature of his ministry. Despite his suffering, his faith will not let him keep silent, he must bear witness as he illustrated by quoting Psalm 116:10 (quoted according to the Septuagint, the Greek Old Testament). His preaching, his suffering and his faith are all for the Corinthians' sake so that the gift of grace may call forth the response of gratitude. For the believer, life in Jesus is both present (4:11-12) and future (4:14). Paul combines static images drawn from Hellenistic dualism—outer/inner, seen/unseen-with a dynamic Hebraic eschatological outlook—present/future, old/new, transient/eternal. God's work of salvation and the Christian experience of it are both 'now' and also 'not yet'. In verse 17, Paul plays with the sense of the Hebrew word for glory, which also means heavy. Literally, 'the present lightness of affliction' prepares believers for "an eternal weight of glory," not as a compensation for suffering but as a product, a fruit, of it (Rom. 8:17).

Mark 3:20-35 Today's reading recounts the further build up of opposition to Jesus' ministry. The issue is now not questions of religious observance, but the very source and nature of Jesus' authority and power. Jesus is judged (psychologically) as "beside himself" by his friends. This is tantamount to a charge of demonpossession (John 10:20). He is accused (theologically) as "beside himself" by the scribes. Their charge against him may be

two-fold: possession by a particular demon, Beelzebul (2 Kings 1:2), and use of Satan's power to cast out demons. In response to the blindness of family and authorities, Jesus uses a parable to draw his listeners toward a decision. He refutes the charge of collusion with Satan and shows that instead, through him, Satan himself is bound by a stronger power (Isaiah 49:24-25; Revelation 20:2-3), the sign of the coming of the kingdom. He then turns the charge against the scribes all sins and blasphemies will be forgiven, except setting one's self against the very source of forgiveness by believing that the Spirit active in Jesus is satanic. Doing the will of God, on the other hand, brings one into intimate familial relationship with Jesus (Matthew 25:40; John 15:14; Hebrews 2:11-13).



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!

Adrian away at Preaching Course

Adrian will be away today, Sunday, June 10, and for the rest of the week at a preaching course at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria. Adrian is part of a small delegation from the Diocese of Massachusetts who have been accepted to participate in this new course being offered by the seminary, and funded by the Lilly Endowment.

- Katharine Clark
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Rescheduled Firearm Safety Task Force Meeting

In light of the celebration of Adrian's anniversary, the Firearm Safety Task Force meeting has been rescheduled for today, Sunday June 10, at 11:30am in the Harvey Room. This task force will discuss and decide on concrete measures to undertake. We will discuss possible next steps in our process following the March forum on gun violence. Bring your thoughts about the most effective ways we can work to end the stream of tragedies. — Paul Merry

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Book Circle

Book Circle is the second Monday of every month. The next date is Monday, June 11 at 7pm. We will be reading: Stars Between the Sun and Moon: One Woman's Life in North Korea and Escape to Freedom by Susan McClelland. We meet in the Harvey Room. All are welcome—even those who have not read the book! — Betsy Millane

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Family Promise Metrowest Hosting Week Begins June 17

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 Wellesley. Our next hosting week runs from Sunday, June 17, to Sunday, June 24. Volunteers who have completed the training may sign up by going to St. Andrew's website under signups. If you or your family is interested in joining this flexible out-reach ministry, please contact us. -Heidi Harper • heidiharper73@gmail.com

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Bible Circle

Bible Circle will meet **Tuesday**, **June 12**, at **10:30am** in the **Harvey Room**, and **Wednesday**, **June 13**, at **7pm** in **Room 2**. Each class is an hour. The theme is *The Gospel of John: A Cosmic Perspective*. We will read and discuss Chapter 21:1-25. We also will take time for concluding reflections and to discuss plans for next year. — Margarethe Kulke

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B-SAFE July 2018

We need lots of volunteers to shop, prepare meals, serve at St. Stephen's, read with the kids, and accompany an awesome outdoor field trip to nearby Lake Cochituate. The Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment program (B-SAFE) is where 150 kids and teen counselors get a safe and nurturing summer program. This year St. Andrew's week to support B-SAFE is **Monday**, **July 9 through Friday**, **July 13**: won't you join the fun and support this outreach ministry? Visit the St. Andrew's website and click SERVE, then SIGN-UP. — Karen Pekowitz

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Parent Survey

All parents of children in infancy through high school are encouraged to take a brief survey on St. Andrew's ministries with children and youth. We want to hear your opinion and implement your advice! To take the survey, check your email or contact Rev. Catherine Healy.

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Are You Interested in Being Confirmed?

Bishop Gates will join us in October to confirm and receive teens and adults. Do you feel called to claim confirmation, renew your confirmation, or be received into our Episcopal Church? We will have four classes to prepare for this important milestone. Please contact Rev. Margaret Schwarzer.

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Sox Box

Through the generosity of St. Andrew's parishioners, 7,951 pairs of socks have been donated to Health Care Without Walls since 2007. Our first annual donation this year will be mid-June. I, once again, humbly appeal to your generosity and 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. Summer is just around the corner and as we begin to think of sandals and sand, please consider making a difference by participating in this 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 purchase the socks. Thank you for your continuing generosity. — Donna Kell

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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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From the Treasurer's Office

As you plan for your summer holiday, please remember to keep your pledge payments current over the next three months. Our expenses continue in the summer, and we rely on pledge income to pay our bills promptly. Thanks and best wishes for a refreshing summer! — Ruth Hubert

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Gratitude

25th Ordination Anniversary Celebration

Adrian would like to thank the parish for the wonderful celebration of the 25th anniversary of his ordination. The warmth and support expressed at the party, by the beautiful Simon Pearce engraved bowl, and in the very generous purse meant a great deal to him. He said that the memory of the celebration will be one that he will treasure for many years to come.

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Weekly 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 go on summer vacation after Father's Day.
- Parish Office hours for June and July are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm, 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, June 10

See service schedule above 11:30am Firearm Safety Task Force

Monday, June 11

11am Jay Strzetelski Service and Reception7pm Book Circle

Tuesday, June 12

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting10:30am Bible Circle7:30pm Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, June 13

7pm Bible Circle

Sunday, June 17

See service schedule above

