

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 2020

Prelude Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Processional Hymn 7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Ratisbon

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 "Glory to God in the highest"

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced

righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve

your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break

every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9 David Hurd

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



1 Hallelujah!

- I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, 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 en dures 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 com mandments are sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
 because they are done in truth and equity.
- + 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
 By keeping to your words.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.

None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Reader 7

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 488 "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"

Slane

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Clergy

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter,

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

will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Sermon Rev. Jay Sidebotham

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 This little light of mine

Spiritual

arranged by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine.

My Lord gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, children

In my home,

All over the world.

Let it shine, shine, shine,

Let it shine.

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. Healing prayer is offered, if you desire, at the transept rail after you take communion.

Communion Anthem If ye love me

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

If ye love me

Keep my commandments

And I will pray the Father

And he shall give you another comforter

That he may 'bide with you forever

E'en the spirit of truth

Communion Hymn 419 "Lord of all being, throned afar"

Mendon

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Junior Choir Anthem Angels Watching

Spiritual

arranged by Sally Albrecht and Jay Althouse

I keep hoping I will catch my angel.

All night, all day

Angels watching over me, my Lord.

All night, all day

Angels watching over me.

Now I lay me down to sleep.

Angels watching over me, my Lord.

Pray the Lord my soul to keep.

Angels watching over me.

Angels watching over me, my Lord. I keep hoping I will catch my angel. Angels watching over me.

Sleep comes over me. Oh my Lord Pray, watch over me. Oh my Lord.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 492 "Sing, ye faithful"

Finnian

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude O Gott, du frommer Gott

Johannes Brahms

Please join us for fellowship immediately following the service,

hosted today by Karen & Tom Melican



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of Glenis Mollegen.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild D.D. Alexander, Dell Beggs, Terri Burnell, Kim Carlson, Jean Childs, Elizabeth Clarke, Caren Parker, Cynthia Scott, Carol Sullivan, and Liz Tecca Flowers Dell Beggs and Jill Whiting

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Margaret Blackwell Ushers Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Emma Barry; Torch, Sterling Williams; Torch, Miles Olivetti;
Gospel, Ben Clarke; Banner, Charlie Denomme

Chalice Bearers Al Bornemann, Adams Carroll, Joe Hamilton, and David Hamlin

Lay Readers Adams Carroll, Randy Parker, and Karen Pekowitz

Ushers David Boghosian, Giles Boland, Tim Phillips, Larry Scott, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston

The Crossing

MANNA Community

The Cathedral Chapter

Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry

Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders



About the Readings

Isaiah 58:1-9a In today's verses, God redefines the role of fasting. An expression of humility, fasting offers the people an opportunity to do for others what God has already done for them. God had chosen to free the captives (52:1-3), feed the hungry (55:1-2), and bring Israel's homeless back to their homeland (49:8-12). True spiritual maturity results in a new exodus. Verse 8 is reminiscent of Israel's deliverance from Egypt. Then a pillar of cloud guided them by day and a pillar of fire guarded them by night. So it will be for those who keep the Lord's fast. The Lord will deliver them from all the exiles into which they have been driven by their own hardheartedness. The attitude of the heart and use of the tongue must also reflect charity. The people must give more than food, clothing, or shelter: they must give themselves. Instead of seeking their own pleasure, they must first satisfy the desires of the needy, finding their own desires satisfied by God (58:11).

Psalm 112:1-9 This is an acrostic psalm, each line beginning with a successive letter of the 22 letter Hebrew alphabet. It highlights the many blessing that come to those who remain faithful to God's law.

The blessings are not only spiritual, but include children (v. 2) and wealth that can be used to help others (vv. 3, 5, 9).

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 Paul now develops the principle that "God's weakness is stronger than human strength" (1:18-25) by using himself as an example. Both his presentation and his physical unimpressiveness (2 Corinthians 10:10) show that the "demonstration of the Spirit and of power" was not his doing, but resulted from God's power. Yet, despite the negative meanings of wisdom that Paul has argued against—that is, wisdom as oratorical technique (1:20, 2:4) or as human standards of judgment (1:21-26) he can speak of a wisdom for the "mature" or perfect. This wisdom is the full significance of "Christ...the wisdom of God" (1:24) in the plan of salvation hidden for ages but not revealed. This knowledge was hidden from "the rulers of this age," perhaps the political authorities, but more likely spiritual forces. This wisdom is not an esoteric teaching reserved for the few, for it is made known to all who possess the Spirit (2:12-13, 6:11, 12:13). The process of coming to maturity is a lifelong one, but

the Corinthians' behavior shows that they are still mere infants in the Christian way.

Matthew 5:13-20 Matthew follows the Beatitudes with two sayings, one on salt and one on light. Salt was used as a purifier of sacrifices (Ezekiel 43:24). The images of both salt and light also described the law. Light also referred to God and to the restored Israel after the exile. Verses 17-20 explain Jesus' relationship to the law. Because of the destruction of the temple, the central authority for Judaism during the period

in which Matthew was written was the law, and Jesus was to be evaluated in relationship to it. Matthew asserts that a great reversal has taken place: The law is no longer to be the center about which everything revolves. Jesus is the new center, and the law and the prophets must be evaluated in relation to him. That relationship is one not of abolition, but of fulfillment. Matthew sees the law and prophecy as fulfilled in Jesus (11:13). The law pointed forward to, and now finds its meaning in, Jesus.



Notices & Announcements

Guest Preacher, Sunday, February 9

We welcome Rev. Jay Sidebotham as our preacher at the 8am and 10am services to-day. Jay is a nationally known figure in the Episcopal Church. He is has gained attention in the church as an initiative for deepening the faith of congregations. Jay will be speaking about RenewalWorks which we will be using at St. Andrew's this year to help us grow in our spiritual lives.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Ruth's Retirement

Most of you will be aware that Ruth Hubert, who has been on the St. Andrew's staff as the financial secretary for almost 20 years, will be retiring at the end of March. Ruth has been an important member of the staff team and we will miss her a lot. She has brought dedication, commitment to accuracy, as well as a gentle pastoral manner in her interaction with parishioners about pledges and other church related finance matters. We send Ruth and her husband Jim good wishes for their retirement.

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Introducing Joanne Butler, Our New Financial Administrator

After a search process by the St. Andrew's human resources committee with the help of an outside recruitment consultant, we have found someone to take over from Ruth. Her name is Joanne Butler and she has extensive relevant financial work experience. An Episcopalian, Joanne is a member of St, Paul's Episcopal Church in Natick where she has served on the vestry in the finance and stewardship areas. We feel the combination of her work experience, "insider" knowledge of the Episcopal Church, and strong interpersonal skills will make her well suited to the position. Joanne started working at St. Andrew's Monday, February 3, giving her a two-month overlap with Ruth to become more familiar with the work.

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Cooking Night @ Youth Group

We're back in the kitchen! Come hungry and ready to cook, **Sunday**, **February 9 at 6:45pm**. — Rev. Mia Kano

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9am Christian Learning

On Sunday, February 9, at 9am in Room 2, Penn Young will lead a class called *This Isn't Kids' Stuff: Christian Theology in C. S. Lewis's Narnia Series*. All are welcome.

Sunday, February 16, Peter Fergusson will lead our third class on Religion & The Arts. Join us for *Angelic Visitations*, an artist overview of how angels have been portrayed in paintings and icons through the ages. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Bible Circle: Gospel of Matthew Bible Circle will meet Tuesday, February 11, at 10:30am in the Harvey Room and Wednesday, February 12, at 7pm in Room

- **2**. Our topic is the *Gospel of Matthew: A Witness to Jewish Christians*. At our February meeting, we will read and discuss Chapter 18. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.
- Margarethe Kulke
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Lenten Book: Meeting God in Mark

Meeting God in Mark by former Archbishop Rowan Williams, is an insightful reflection on the power of the Gospel of Mark. This book brings new depths to Mark's spare 16 chapters. Packed into 74 succinct pages, it will be an excellent companion in Lent. We will discuss this book at our 9am Christian learning classes in March. You can buy a copy from me for the discounted price of \$10. Please make out a check to "St. Andrew's" with "Lenten Book" in the memo. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Presidents' Day All-Parish Eucharist

All ages are invited to celebrate Holy Baptism and Eucharist with an all-ages sermon on **Sunday**, **February 16**, **at 10am**. There will not be church school or Rite-13: see you in church! — The Rev. Mia Kano

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Faith & Practice

Scripture Says, Your Body is a Temple, What does that look like in 2020? How do you honor your body in your daily life? It is more than a fleshy vehicle, carrying your soul and mind around. Come reflect on the holiness of our bodies and how we can honor them. Join us on **Sunday**, **March 1**. We will meet in the **Harvey Room** from **11:30am to 12:15pm**. All are welcome.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Kids' Place Family Coffee

Kids' Place (preschool and younger) children and their parents are invited to a special coffee hour on **Sunday, March 1, after the 10am service** in the Kids' Place rooms. Come meet and get to know your fellow parents. — Rev. Mia Kano

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B-READY

Our next date to cook for the St. Stephen's after school program will be **Sunday, March 1**. Please join us right after church in the St. Andrew's kitchen to prepare an easy casserole recipe. Enjoy good camaraderie while doing a meaningful outreach effort! Contact Cam McCormick if you can help: cammccormick@earthlink.net

Family Promise Metrowest

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 March 1 to 8**. Volunteers who have completed the orientation may sign up on St. Andrew's website. If you are interested in learning more about Family Promise Metrowest, please contact Heidi Harper • heidiharper73@gmail.com or Debbie Osborn • debbieosborn@verizon.net

Grace Knight Babson

Come and support the Junior Choir at the 61st Annual Grace Knight Babson Fund for Religious Education Program, on Sunday, March 8, at 4pm in the Richard Knight Auditorium at Babson College. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend this special afternoon celebrating the rich content of the Holy Bible put on by the children of Wellesley's different faith communities. We hope to see you there! — Amanda Kern

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Rector's Sabbatical

Every 6-7 years, Episcopal clergy are given sabbaticals as a time of spiritual renewal and study. I will be taking a sabbatical from May 17 through August 16. I will be focusing my sabbatical on the RenewalWorks initiative, visiting parishes who have already undertaken the program and also spending time with Bob Logan, a spiritual adviser who has been helping churches craft their ongoing spiritual programs, once they have undertaken RenewalWorks.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Sanctuary Renovations

The sanctuary renovations funded by our recent capital campaign will take place this summer. Therefore, the sanctuary will be closed from Monday, May 11 through Sunday September 6. Worship services will take place in the parish hall during this period. The renovations include the installation of a new lighting system and sound system updates, the repair and maintenance of the pews, the complete painting of the sanctuary, a new credenza in the usher area, new wooden paneling by the rear emergency exit door onto Denton Road, a major refurbishment of the narthex, and painting and new flooring in the children's chapel. There will be further elaboration of the plans, including drawings, once plans are finalized.

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Bargain Haul: Save the Date

Our annual rummage sale, Bargain Haul, will be on **Saturday**, **May 2**. Drop-off days will be Sunday, April 26 through Tuesday, April 28. Parish Night will be Friday, May 1. Much more information to follow. Please remember to set aside items for Bargain Haul when cleaning out closets, attics, and basements. We are looking for clean, gently used clothing for all ages, some special treasures, books, jewelry, electronics, sporting goods, toys, linens, housewares, bric-a-brac, and small portable furniture. We also need your large shopping bags.

Want to join the Bargain Haul team? We would love your help! In the meantime, please mark your calendar.

Contact one of your Bargain Haul Co-Chairs Carolyn McCoy

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Nametags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a nametag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement nametag, contact Becky Hamlin • dbhamlin@comcast.net

Pledging for 2020

Thank you to all who have sent in pledges for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. The results are very encouraging, but we still have a way to go. If you have not pledged, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our budget. You can send in a pledge form by mail, put one in the plate, or pledge on the GIVE tab of our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me, a member of the stewardship campaign, the wardens, or the rector. — Allen Jones

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Gratitude

SOUPer Bowl

The outreach committee thanks all who returned SOUPer Bowl bags, generously filled with donations for the Food Pantry. Special thanks also go to Peter & Linda Lull, Debbie Osborn, and Jack Whiting, who delivered the bags to the Food Pantry; and to Peter, Ben and Thomas Mahoney and other church school members who helped carry the bags to the cars. And a huge thank you to Margarethe Kulke for once again organizing the event!

Health Care Without Walls

Thank you to all the St. Andrew's stitchers for the beautiful hand knit items that support Health Care Without Walls that were so beautifully displayed in church on Sunday, February 2, and to Donna Kell for organizing and speaking on behalf of Health Care Without Walls.

B-READY

Many thanks to the volunteers who stayed after church on Sunday to prepare and deliver a hearty meal for our friends at the St. Stephen's B-READY after school program: Bonnie Akins, Heidi Harper, Cam McCormick, Bonny Nothern, and Christy West.

Vestry

Adult Formation Ansley Martin

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Fellowship Linda Lull

Finance David Osborn

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Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone: 603/831-4938.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am and 5pm**, and every **Wednesday at 7:30am**—we offer healing prayer at these services; **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is also offered weekdays **at 8:50am**, unless otherwise noted.
- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; Junior Choir rehearsal is on 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; Step Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, February 9

9am Christian Learning
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
& Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Vestry
Commissioning
4pm Confirmation Worship Meeting
5pm Confirmation Class
6:45pm High School Youth Group

Tuesday, February 11

9:15am Pastoral Care Team Meeting10:30am Bible Circle7pm Adult Formation Meeting7:30pm Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, February 12

5pm Communication Meeting 7pm Bible Circle

Sunday, February 16

9am Christian Learning 10am Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist

