

Third Sunday in Lent March 20, 2022

We are livestreaming the 10am service. Please note, new COVID guidelines listed after the liturgy.

Prelude Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 149 "Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church"

Old 124th

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Penitential Order

p. 351

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his fatherin-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and

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

honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
 as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
 that I might be hold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life it self; * my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I'live * and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, * and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you up on my bed, * and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
 and under the shadow of your wings I will re joice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
 your right hand holds me fast.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was

not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and

twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of

the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 439 "What wondrous love is this"

Wondrous Love

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless

you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.""

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Mia Kano
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.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem Sicut cervus

Giovanni Palestrina (1525-1594)

Text: Psalm 42:1

As the deer longs for the water springs, so longs my soul for thee, O God.

Doxology Hymn 380 v 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus S128 (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

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. You have the choice of receiving a wafer or a packaged container of bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. Healing prayer is offered, if you desire, at the transept altar rail after you take communion.

Communion Anthem "If with All Your Hearts" from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Words: Julius Schubring (1806–1889)

If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me, thus saith our God.

Communion Hymn 309 "O Food to pilgrims given"

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Final Blessing

Recessional Hymn 344 "Lord dismiss us with thy blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in G major

J.S. Bach

Join us for a simplified coffee hour hosted by Hilary Madge.



If this is your first time at St. Andrew's — Welcome!

We're glad you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* which may also be found in the narthex or with a member of our Membership committee so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



In-person guidelines and COVID-19

Following the CDC's lifting of emergency order mandating face masks in indoor public spaces in counties with low COVID transmission rates, *masks will no longer be required at St. Andrew's.* Our new mask policy is:

- Adults not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a mask when indoors to help prevent spreading COVID.
- We remain a mask-friendly organization—we fully support those who choose to wear a mask.
- While in the building, please remain mindful of both our members who are immunocompromised, and the children in our community who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, by maintaining your distance and wearing a mask when you feel it is appropriate.
- We ask all members and guests to continue to practice one of our core Christian values articulated by Christ in the Golden Rule: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you."

If you have any questions, please speak to one of the clergy or the wardens. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our church community safe and healthy.

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Barbara Bergstrom, Becky Hamlin, Jennie Hunnewell Kaplan, Linda McCammond, Libby McClintock, Debbi Monti, Caren Parker, Liz Rogers, and Ellen Staelin

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Sterling Williams; Torch, Caroline Martin; and Torch, Rebecca Martin

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Peter Lull

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joanna Horobin and Paul Shackford

Lay Readers Madison Riley and Lisa Howe

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Charles River Deanery
All Saints Parish, Brookline
Church of Our Saviour, Brookline
St. Paul's Church, Brookline
Episcopal Chaplaincy at Boston University, Brookline
The Church Home Society



About the Readings

Exodus 3:1-15 This passage records Moses' life-changing encounter with God. Here God's name and character are revealed as Moses is commissioned as God's agent. The fiery bush signifies God's presence and activity. In response to God's presence, Moses hides his face, for in Hebrew thought it was fatal to see the Lord directly. God is revealed as the transcendent Other who chooses to be in a relationship of commitment and even intimacy with God's people. God is One who sees, hears, knows and has come down to deliver. God's transcendent holiness does not preclude divine immanence and compassion. God sums up the mysterious, divine character by revealing it in a personal name, YHWH. As a form of "to be" it can be understood as present ("I am"), future ("I will be [with you]") or the causative ("I cause [things] to be"). When speaking, God says simply "I am." When speaking of God, we use this verb form as God's proper name. This suggests a dynamic and outgoing concept of God, reflecting God's activity in history rather than simply describing God's eternal being as self-contained and changeless.

Psalm 63:1-8 This psalm expresses the psalmist's intense personal yearning for God in a time of separation. Recalling times of joyful worship in the temple, the

psalmist praises and blesses God throughout the long nights of isolation and is sustained by God's steadfast love.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 By reviewing the exodus and interpreting it as an example of God's ways, Paul warns the Corinthians against idolatry and overconfidence in their own strength. The exodus is a foretaste of the salvation completed in Christ—baptism in the sea and eucharist in the manna and water. The story of water from the rock gave rise to the rabbinic legend of a Rock that traveled with the Israelites. That Rock was identified with God's wisdom and also a description for Yahweh. Paul identifies the Rock as the preexistent Christ.

Luke 13:1-9 This passage addresses inclusion in or exclusion from the kingdom. Jesus rejects the then common idea that accidental death indicates the sinfulness of the victim. He turns the attention of his hearers from the moral state of others to their own. Both the vineyard and the fig tree are probably figures for Israel, and the cutting down of a tree with bad or no fruit suggests judgment. Through the figure of the gardener, Jesus' ministry is presented as a time that postpones judgment to allow for repentance.



Notices & Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

Teen Community Bonfire

Wellesley faith youth groups (Village UCC, St. John-St. Paul's Collaborative, Hills UCC, and Temple Beth Elohim) will be gathering on Sunday, March 20, at 7pm at the St.

Andrew's parking lot to mark two years since the pandemic turned our lives upside down. Come to reflect, relax, and release around a roaring bonfire with our Wellesley community teens. Bring your own chair and park in the Weston Road parking lot.

7:30am Wednesday Holy Eucharist

The Wednesday 7:30am service has resumed. Please join us and stay for coffee.

Bargain Haul Bazaar 2022

Bargain Haul will return in 2022 as a "Parish Night Bargain Haul Bazaar" on Friday, May 6! The focus will be community building, fellowship, and shopping for treasures. To determine the size and scope of this beloved tradition, we need your help to anticipate the number of available volunteers. If you could kindly fill out the SignUp Genius, we can begin to plan!

- -Heather Schaefer and Jen Martin
- bargainhaul@standrewswellesley.org

Lent's Wednesday 7pm Program

Join us in person or on Zoom on five Wednesday evenings in Lent for our program *Living a Life of Faith, Hope, and Love.*Discover how we can walk through a Lenten wilderness with faith, hope, and love. On Wednesday, March 23, Rabbi Rachel Saphire of Temple Beth Elohim speaks on *Faith and Love from a Jewish Perspective.* Join us from 7 to 8pm in the parish hall or use this zoom link; the passcode for Zoom is StAndrews. All are welcome.

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

9am Christian Learning

Join us today, March 20, for our second class reflecting on our Lenten Book: *The Gifts of the Jews*. We will pay special attention to Chapter 4: *Sania: From Death to Life.*" Join us in person or use this Zoom Link, the passcode for Zoom is StAndrews. We are hybrid in format. Join us next Sunday, March 27, when Rev. Mia Kano and Susan Jackson will lead a program on our new children's church school classes: "*Celebrating Children: Godly Play and Love First Children's Formation.*" Everyone is welcome.

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Rector's Lent Bible Study: Thursdays at 12 noon

During Lent, Adrian will lead a weekly Bible study each Thursday at 12noon via Zoom. We will be reading John's Gospel and the theme will be: *John's Gospel: being born again and healed from spiritual blindness*. These sessions will run through Thursday, April 7. Please click here for the Zoom link. If you have any questions, please contact Adrian.

Donations for Ukraine

St. Andrew's will be collecting donations to provide relief aid to the people of Ukraine. Donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development who are coordinating the aid. To make a donation through our website click here. This will take you to our online giving page. Once you click on "Online giving," scroll to the Outreach section and find "Other Outreach" and write in "Ukraine." You can also send a check made out to St. Andrew's with "Ukraine" in the memo.

Healing Prayers

Our clergy will be offering healing prayers during communion at the 8am and 10am services. Please go to the transept chapel altar rail after you have received communion at the front rail. We are happy to answer any questions you might have about healing prayer!

Lenten Outreach Baking Party



High schoolers and middle schoolers are invited to a baking party on **Saturday**, **March**, **26 at 2pm**. We'll be making

items together to sell for our Lenten outreach project fundraisers, RIP Medical Debt. <u>Sign</u> <u>up to bake here</u>, or with this QR code.

Lenten Outreach Project



St. Andrew's children and youth programs invite you to donate to our *RIP Medical Debt* fundraising campaign. We'll be

holding a **bake sale at coffee hour on Youth Sunday, March 27**. Please give generously—every \$1 given wipes away \$100 of debt for struggling families. <u>You can donate here</u>, or with the QR code.

Youth and Scout Sunday, March 27



Children and youth will lead our service on **Sunday, March 27**. Each age will have a special role to play! <u>Sign up to lead</u>

<u>here</u>, or with this QR code. Scouts are invited to attend in uniform.

Buy our Lenten Book: Gifts of the Jews

We would like to deepen our appreciation of the Jewishness of Jesus and get a better understanding of how Judaism continues to impact our Western world. Join us on four Sundays in Lent to read and reflect upon *The Gifts of the Jews: How a Tribe of Nomads Changed the Way Everyone Thinks* by Thomas Cahill. Email Margaret to buy your copy at a discount (\$16.95). Make out your check to "St. Andrew's" and put "Lenten book" In the memo and mail to Margaret. Pick your book up at Wellesley Books after she confirms your order with an email back to you.

-Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Name tags

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

Outreach Save the Dates

- Friday, April 29 Roseanna Means Clinic
- May 13 to 15 Family Promise Walk

Vestry

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Finance Justin Wahls

Human Resources Lisa Howe

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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 currently celebrated on Sundays at 8am and 10am (also online) and every Wednesday at 7:30am; Morning Prayer online is also offered weekdays at 8:30am on our website, our YouTube Channel (use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel to watch the recording after the service), or on Facebook, unless otherwise noted.



- Senior Choir rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm. Staff is continuing to work some hours remotely.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am.

Sunday, March 20

9am Christian Learning
9am Senior Choir
9:30am Junior Choir
9:45am Church School & Rite-13
11am Coffee Hour
11:15am Youth Sunday Music and Drama—Final Rehearsal
7pm Teen Community Bonfire

Monday, March 21

7pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, March 21

7pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 17

7pm Lenten Program

Thursday, March 24

12pm Rector's Lent Weekly Bible Study

Saturday, March 26

Lenten Outreach Baking Party

Sunday, March 27

Youth Sunday

9am Christian Learning

9am Senior Choir

9am Junior Choir

11am Coffee Hour & Bake Sale

5:30pm Confirmation Class



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