

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Third Sunday after Pentecost June 26, 2022

Masks are optional at St. Andrew's. We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 550 vss. 1-3 "Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult"

### The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. BCP p. 355 William Mathias

Chester

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

PeopleAlmighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the<br/>apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone:<br/>Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we<br/>may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our<br/>Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever<br/>and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said,

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"Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

#### The psalm is said responsively by verse.

- 1 I will cry aloud to God; \* I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; \* my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord, \* and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts \* and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; \* who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders \* and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, \* the children of Jacob and Joseph.
- 16 The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; \* the very depths were shaken.
- 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; \* your arrows flashed to and fro;
- 18 The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; \* the earth trembled and shook.
- 19 Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, \* yet your footsteps were not seen.
- 20 You led your people like a flock \* by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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Gradual Hymn 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

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Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you

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wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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 of Sin BCP p. 360 Peace Announcements The Holy Communion Presentation of Bread and Wine Offertory Hymn 458 vss. 1, 2, 6, 7 "My song is love unknown Love Unknown Doxology Hymn 380 v 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. BCP p. 361 Eucharistic Prayer A S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) **Richard Proulx** Breaking of the Bread Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Celebrant Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! People All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365 Blessing Recessional Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation" Westminster Abbey Dismissal Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia! Postlude

Please join us for coffee hour.



**Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in Memory of** Gertrude G. Cronk, given by Carol C. Cole and Caspar Cronk

Serving St. Andrew's this week

*Altar Guild* the Altar Guild *Flowers* the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am Lay Eucharistic Minister Cam McCormick

Serving at 10am

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt Lay Eucharistic Ministers Elspeth Grant Pruett and Meg Harris Lay Readers Anne Johnson and Paul Shackford

> Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Parishes of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery Grace Church, New Bedford St. Andrew's Church, New Bedford

St. Martin's Church, New Bedford

Society for the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Orphans of Episcopal Clergy Society for the Relief of Aged or Disabled Episcopal Clergy



## About the Readings

**2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14** This reading describes the final moments of the life of the prophet Elijah. Elisha is eager to inherit Elijah's prophetic office and does not hesitate to make his wishes known. Then instead of a normal death, Elijah is taken to heaven by a whirlwind in a chariot of fire. Elisha retrieves the cloak left behind by Elijah. After testing the power of the cloak, Elisha is assured that God will now be with him for his prophetic work.

**Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20** In this community lament, the psalmist cries out in anguish because God is silent. With the existence of the people at stake, the psalmist recalls how God created the people. Will God let this precious creation now be destroyed?

**Galatians 5:1, 13-25** In today's reading Paul looks at the practical, ethical implycations of Christian freedom. This freedom is both a present reality, a gift the Christian has already received, and also a future goal, its fulfillment to be found in living it out. Paul points out that Christian freedom requires being led by the Spirit. It is the opposite of both the Jewish law and non-Jewish license. Christian freedom leads to mutual service. God's Holy Spirit is the source of the Christian activity that goes against our natural human tendencies (what Paul meant by "flesh") to produce "fruits" in those who live and walk by the Spirit.

Luke 9:51-62 Today's reading begins a large section of Luke's gospel, the great travel narrative (9:51-18:14) telling of Jesus' journey from Galilee through Samaria towards Jerusalem. Today's selection, which is filled with explicit and implicit references to Elijah, continues to broaden the sense in which Jesus was perceived as a prophet. The shortest, but also the more dangerous, way to journey from Galilee to Jerusalem in Judaea was through Samaria. The Samaritans, who were regarded by Jews as ethnically halfbreed and religiously outcast, were often hostile to pilgrims on the way to Jerusalem. Jesus' rejection by them harks back to his rejection at Nazareth at the beginning of his Galilean ministry (4:16) and looks forward to the passion. Yet Jesus rejects his disciples' suggestion that he follow Elijah's example (2 Kings 1:9-16) and allow them to call down fire upon the village. To bury one's father was for Jews the most important of filial duties, but for the disciple-to-be such responsibilities must take second place. Disposing of the physically dead may be left to those who are spiritually dead, those who do not

choose to follow Jesus. Even permission such as that granted by Elijah to Elisha in the first reading is now withheld, for anyone who relaxes his concentration upon the path of the plough, by looking back to the past, will make a crooked furrow.



## **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.

Summer Hours and Contact Info The building is open Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm, (June summer hours) and on Saturday until noon. Friday the office is closed. Staff is working in the office in the mornings, and remotely in the afternoons Monday through Thursday. If you would like to meet with a staff person, please check with the individual you want to meet directly. If you'd like to come into the building in the afternoons, you can depend on the church being open on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but if you want to come on another day of the week, you should call first.

Currently, **the clergy work Sunday through Thursday**; their "weekends" are Friday and Saturday. If you would like to contact a clergy person please feel free to contact them on their cell numbers.

### Heading off for the summer?

You can continue to support our *common cathedral* neighbors by donating digitally to their wish-lists

- BostonWarm Wishlist
- <u>common art Wishlist</u>
- Blick Art Material Gift Cards

### Morning Prayer Online

**For the summer**, we will be offering Morning Prayer **Monday through Thursday**. There will be no Morning Prayer on Fridays until after Labor Day.

# Summer/Fall Read: The Language of God by Francis Collins

Our adult formation committee is excited to offer a summer read that is written in a breezy style but packs a wallop. In this book, the head of the Human Genome Project and recent Director of the National Institutes of Health talks about his life as a scientist and an active Christian. The subtitle says it all: *A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief.* 

Collins uses C.S. Lewis as his guide but also says some fresh things about living a life of science and faith. We will explore this book in our **October 9am** Christian learning classes. To purchase a book, email Lorna Ruby at Wellesley Books at <u>lorna@wellesleybooks.com</u> and mail a check for \$14.50 made out to St. Andrew's to Margaret at St. Andrew's. Please write "science book" in the memo. Lorna will email you and tell you when you can pick up the book at the bookstore. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

# Food Insecurity Doesn't Take a Break in the Summer!

Our friends at St. Stephen's Church in Boston's South End continue to rely on donations of non-perishable groceries. Our B-Love collections are vital to alleviating food insecurity among the families served by the church and by the St. Stephen's Youth Programs. Many are still not recovered from pandemic job losses and grocery prices are climbing. Could you purchase some items from this list and deposit them in the large box in our parish hall?

- Honey Nut Cheerios
- fruit in individual cups
- applesauce in individual cups
- peanut butter
- rice
- box of macaroni and cheese
- marinara sauce, no glass
- pasta
- black beans
- crackers

<u>Please use this link for details on dates and</u> <u>sizes/containers.</u> They will be so appreciative of these valuable outreach efforts.

## Our Transept Icon

Each Sunday morning, we have candles lit on our transept altar and an icon resting nearby. This icon, a depiction of Jesus' sacrificial love for us, is dedicated to the Ukrainian people and their courageous stand against the brutal invasion staged against them. You are welcome to pray at the altar rail before or after our Sunday services. We remember Ukraine and all the sacrificial love in the world taken on for a higher purpose.

## Database/Directory Changes

We are excited to announce St. Andrew's will be upgrading our current database technology! It's called Realm, and it is specifically designed for churches—to serve the administrative needs of our clergy and staff, and to offer some wonderful opportunities to support the many ways each of our parishioners are involved with St. Andrew's.

## Vestry

Adult Formation Ansley Martin	Property Stephen Mahoney
Clerk Peter Lull	Stewardship Hugh MacArthur
<b>Communications</b> Holly Anza	Treasurer Harry Condon
Fellowship Ginny Snow	Wardens Will Nystrom
Finance Justin Wahls	Megan Burns
Human Resources Lisa Howe	Worship Laura Brown MacKinnon
Membership Elizabeth Clarke	Youth Formation Coryell Urban
Outreach Joanna Horobin	

## 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.

Rector Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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### Associate Rector for Adult Formation and Membership

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Assistant Sexton Bill Clover	

# Weekly Calendar

• The Holy Eucharist is currently celebrated on Sundays at 8am and 10am (*also online*). Morning Prayer online is offered Monday through Thursday 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*), and on Facebook, unless otherwise noted.



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- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am.

Sunday, June 26 11am Coffee Hour 5pm Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday, June 28** 7:30pm Vestry Meeting Sunday, July 3 11am Coffee Hour

Monday, July 4 Parish Office Closed





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