

The Last Sunday after Epiphany February 19, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude "Tierce en Taille" from *Messe pour les Paroisses* François Couperin (1668-1733) Processional Hymn 137 "O wondrous type! O vision fair" Wareham

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 forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 236 Benedictus es Domine (front section of hymnal)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his

glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be

changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the

mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *

 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot to gether, *
 against the LORD and a gainst his A nointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
 "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; * the Lord has them in de rision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his rage fills them with terror.

- 6 "I myself have set my king * upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the de cree of the LORD: *
 he said to me, "You are my Son;
 this day have I be gotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in heritance * and the ends of the earth for your pos session.
- †9 You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
 be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *
 and with trembling bow be fore him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
 who take refuge in him!

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Gradual Hymn 129 "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Mowsley

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Reader

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a

voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 Anthem O nata lux

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

Doxology Hymn 380 v3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

S130 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S164 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.

Communion Anthem We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamba

We are marching in the light of God

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenknos'

Communion Hymn 133 "O Light of Light, Love given birth"

Elmhurst

The congregation is encouraged to sing the communion hymn.

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

Hyfrydol

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude Offertoire sur les Grands jeux

François Couperin

Join us for coffee hour in the parish hall, hosted by Harry Grey & Cam McCormick



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

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



About the Readings

Exodus 24:12-18 Many scholars today believe that Exodus, traditionally attributed to Moses, is a composite of the work of several different sources. The tablets God promises will record the commandments. Keeping these commandments was the condition of the covenant, under which God pledged providence and protection. Moses ascends a mountain top covered in cloud, a symbol of God's glory. His faithful vigil there brings the gift of the law to God's people.

Psalm 2 This psalm is a divine affirmation of the Jewish king. Amidst the rebellion of other kings (vv. 1-3), God reaffirms the choice (vv. 4-6) and adoption of the king as God's son (v. 7) in order to establish God's rule over the nations (vv. 8-9). The psalm ends with a warning to the kings of the nations to submit to God and "serve the Lord" or expect God's wrath (vv. 10-11). Christians have applied this psalm to Christ, the "anointed" one of God (v. 2).

2 Peter 1:16-21 The author writes in response to anxieties about different teachings in the community and about the delay of the second coming. He appeals to the tradition of apostolic testimony, particularly to his experience as a witness to the transfiguration. The

transfiguration manifests Christ in his power, confirming the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament and pointing toward his return in glory. Christian teaching is based upon real historical events, not mythic and timeless explanations of God's activity. Thus, the Church founds its beliefs upon the apostles' testimony and upon the Old Testament as interpreted, not individually, but within the community tradition. These beliefs will be confirmed when "the day" (v. 19) of the Lord dawns in the believer's own heart—the personal dimension of the cosmic last times—and in the climactic event of history.

Matthew 17:1-9 Matthew's account, marked by allusions to Moses' own mountain top encounter with God, links the transfiguration to the final coming of the Messiah as prefigured in the Church. As Matthew tells it, Jesus' transfiguration is primarily a manifestation of who Jesus really is. The promise of his return receives the beginning of its fulfillment in the event of Jesus' death, resurrection and appearance to the disciples. Peter, overwhelmed by the presence of those most intimately acquainted with God's ways—Moses and Elijah—wishes to enshrine the three and thus capture the

revelation. But the voice from heaven redirects their attention to a living, breathing, active person—Jesus. Relationship with God cannot be a static experience of localized worship, but must

be as dynamic as attending to the voice of One they love. Moses and Elijah vanish, for the law and the prophets have been fulfilled in what Jesus has done, and Jesus alone remains with them always.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of

Edward A. Stettner by Laura Stettner, and Bertha Orberg Danielson and Shirley A. Johnston by the Johnston Family

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Jennie Hunnewell Kaplan, Becky Hamlin, Linda McCammond, Libby McClintock, Debbi Monti, Caren Parker, and Liz Rogers Altar Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Eloise Svedlund; Torch, Alex Dehn; and Torch, Ben Dehn
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters David & Elizabeth Guydan
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sarah Dent and Sarah Harris
Readers Madison Riley and Megan Burns
Ushers David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Marie Dunell,
Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

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



Icon of the Week

J.R.R. Tolkien

1892-1973

John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was one of the world's great storytellers. He lost both his parents by the time he was twelve. His mother wished him to be a practicing Catholic and had a priest of the Birmingham Oratory become his guardian. As an orphan, he was forced to live in crowded cities. He could read by four and was fascinated by languages, mostly for their beautiful sounds. Surrounded by urban squalor, he took refuge in his imagination and began inventing new languages.

Soon after his marriage, he was sent to France to fight during World War I, and contracted trench fever. After convalescing in England, he taught languages at Oxford most of the rest of his life. He specialized in Old and Middle English. Twice Professor of Anglo-Saxon (Old English), he wrote a number of stories, including most famously "The Hobbit" (1937) and "The Lord of the Rings" (1954–1955), which are set in a pre-historic era in an invented version of the world which he called by the Middle English name of Middle-earth. This was peopled by Men (and women), Elves, Dwarves, Trolls, Orcs (or Goblins) and of course Hobbits. These stories began as entertainment for his two young sons but developed into a vast work of mythology. As a devout Catholic intellectual, he felt that such creative use of our imagination was a reflection of God's own creative activity, and eloquent proof that man is made in God's image. He died in a rest home at the age of eighty-one.

His feast day is September 2.

O praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth for ever.

-Laudate Dominum, Psalm 112, one of Tolkien's favorite prayers.



Notices and 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.

Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Partner with Episcopal Relief & Development to provide support to people affected by the deadly earthquake along the border between Turkey and Syria. Visit episcopalre-lief.org today to make a contribution to the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Response Fund.

The Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS), a United States-based humanitarian group that supplies medical care in Syria and nearby countries, has a 100% rating from Charity Navigator. SAMS is collecting donations to deliver emergency aid https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/EarthquakeSyria —Joanna Horobin, for outreach

No Church School Today

Although Kids' Place is open for childcare, there is no church school today because of the holiday weekend. Classes resume next Sunday.

Spring Youth Musical

Youth of all ages and experience levels are invited to participate in the spring youth musical, which will take place at the 10am service on Sunday, March 26. This program will be a retelling of the biblical story of Mary and Martha in the form of a musical theatre revue. Rehearsal starts promptly after the 10 am service.

If you think that you might like to contribute to the stage management team or have any other questions about participation, please contact Ciara Cheli.

9am Christian Learning

Join us today, February 19, in the parish **hall** for the third class in a series, Who is the Holy Spirit? led by Margaret. Next Sunday, February 26, we begin our study of the fall of Rome, and the role Ireland played in building saints and saving Western spirituality and culture. We are reading Chapters 1 & 2 in *How The Irish Saved Civilization*. If you want to learn about the history of Christianity in the dark ages, join us, whether or not you have read the book. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is provided for parents with young children. These classes are hybrid: the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle. The full schedule of spring classes will be available $soon. - Rev. \, Margaret \, Schwarzer$

Lent Book

During Lent, our 9am Christian learning series will be reading and discussing Thomas Cahill's *How The Irish Saved Civilization*. After Rome fell, the Celts shone a light in the darkness and preserved the wisdom of the West. Augustine and Saint Patrick's contributions are highlighted. Email me to buy the book: I

will confirm when Wellesley Books has your book on hold. Pleases send a check to St. Andrew's for \$14.40 with "Lenten Book" in the memo.—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Shrove Tuesday

Please join us **Tuesday**, **February 21 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the parish hall** to observe Shrove Tuesday with a traditional pancake supper. Rite-13 and the fellowship committee are teaming up to serve a meal that will prepare you for the Lenten season. Suggested donation is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. **At 6:30pm** children and parents are invited to process to the children's chapel for their own Ash Wednesday Service. —Ginny Snow • ginnysnow@me.com

Ash Wednesday Services

We strongly encourage you to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent with ashes. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. We hope to see you at one of the Ash Wednesday services at church at 7:30am, noon, and 7pm, the last of which will be with music. Margaret will also be doing "Ashes—to-Go" at the Wellesley Square train station starting at 7:30am.

-Adrian Robbins-Cole

Kids' Place Reminder

Kids' Place is open Sunday morning at 8:55am for parents who would like to attend 9am Christian learning or senior choir.

Teen Happiness Retreat

Teens are invited to take part in a happiness experiment. I am looking for eight to twelve teens to participate in a retreat that would take place on **Sunday**, **February 26 from 3pm to 5pm in the Youth Room.** During that time, I will be discussing what brings true happiness. I will be teaching them a daily evening practice which is based on St. Ignatius' Examen. They will be asked to practice the Examen each night on their own, or with their families. We will then meet up a month later to talk about the effect of the Examen on their levels of happiness. Please contact Sarah to find out more and also to sign up.

common cathedral

We need a few more volunteers for **Sunday**, **February 26** to make sandwiches. Please consider signing up on the SignUp Genius.

Lenten Evensong

St. Andrew's senior choir will be resuming our Lenten Evensong after a COVID hiatus of three years. So mark your calendars for an extraordinary event **on Sunday, February 26, at 5pm**. We will be singing Ola Gjeilo's *Northern Lights* and Susan LaBarr's *Grace Before Sleep* from a poem by Sara Teasdale as well as Stanford's *Mag and Nunc in G major*. Thomas Handel will be our guest organist. A candlelight reception will follow. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite neighbors and friends.

Pick up Sticks for Evensong

Please think of what tasty morsels you could put on a stick, skewer, or toothpick—easy to pick up (sticks). We are looking to you for what you'd like to add to the reception table after **Evensong on Sunday**,

February 26.

A few ideas to get you thinking:

- olives and cheese,
- kielbasa and pickles,
- tortellini with cheese and sun-dried tomato,
- fruit kabobs,
- marinated mushrooms or shrimp.

In keeping with the theme—how about smoked salmon or herring or little Swedish meatballs? Be imaginative! Your treats can be sweet or savory, they just need to be on sticks! *Note*: if you plan to bring something best served warm, plan on how you will make that happen.

Please send a YES note to Wendy Haering • wendy.haering@gmail.com

Lenten Program & Potluck Growing in Christ: Claiming Resilience

Our Wednesday programs start with a potluck supper at 6:30pm. (The church provides the main dish; you bring a salad or dessert.) From 7:10pm to 8pm we will offer a program on the theme: *Growing in Christ: Claiming Resilience*.

- March 1 *God's Gym*: Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
- March 8 Six Steps to a Compassionate Life: Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
- **March 15** "Tikkun olam" Repairing the World: Rabbi Rachel Saphire

- March 22 Trauma and Resilience: psychologist Pam Alexander
- March 29 Happiness and the Christian Life: Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole

It's Baaaaack! Bargain Haul 2023

That's right, Bargain Haul 2023 is back in full swing including the public sale! Mark your calendar NOW for: drop-off Sunday, April 30; work week, May 1-4; parish night, May 5; and the public sale, Saturday, May 6.

As St. Andrew's comes together to serve our community, there are many ways YOU can be part of making Bargain Haul successful. Start thinking about what YOU can donate and how YOU can volunteer your time. We look forward to working with ALL of YOU! We are still looking for chairs for the following departments: boys, housewares, layaway, and the workers sale.

For more details, please contact Becky Hamlin • <u>dbhamlin@comcast.net</u> or Wendy Barry • <u>wendybarry@comcast.net</u>.

Families with Youth

Please mark your calendars to help with Bargain Haul. We need youth to help on both **Sunday, April 30** drop-off day, and to staff layaway during Bargain Haul and clean-up afterwards on **Saturday, May 6**.

Confirmation Lent Service Project

The confirmation class has chosen a dual service project of supporting both Human Relations Service (HRS) and Easter Seals. HRS is a private, non-profit mental health agency serving families and children in Wellesley, Weston, and Wayland. Their mission is to heal lives and strengthen our communities by treating, reducing, and preventing mental illness and to support the well-being of children, families, and institutions in our towns. https://www.hrshelps.org/

Easter Seals provides essential programs and services to children and adults ensuring that people with disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. https://www.easterseals.com/ma/about-us/

Please be on the lookout for ways that you can support this service project.

Pilgrimage to England

Twenty-two members of St. Andrew's will be taking a pilgrimage together to "Discover our Anglican Roots." If you signed up for the trip, you will be getting an email from us soon confirming our pre-trip meetings together. We are looking forward to growing in our faith and having a adventure with you. – Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole & Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Photos for Parish Directory

We are working on putting together our parish photograph directory, after delays due to the pandemic, with Realm, our new online community. We need photographs of each parishioner family unit, as well as photos of individuals. We encourage you to add your own photos assuming you already have a sign in. (Contact Kate for an invite to Realm if you need.)

If you would prefer, we can facilitate your photos upload through the office. Peter Lull, our unofficial parish photographer, will be available to take your photograph between 9am and 9:40am or after the 10am service on the following Sundays: February 26, March 5, March 26, and April 2. Or you can send your own high-quality photograph to Kate. The deadline for getting your photograph to us is Easter Sunday, April 9. If you have any questions about this process, please speak to Adrian or Kate Clark.



Gratitude

Super Souper Bowl offerings

Thank you for your Super Souper Bowl offerings! There were well over 50 bags of hearty soups in the narthex—hundreds of cans to stock the Wellesley Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Vestry

Adult Formation Carrie Hawley

Clerk Peter Lull

Communications Holly Anza

Fellowship Ginny Snow

Finance Justin Wahls

Human Resources Lisa Howe

Membership Elizabeth Clarke

Outreach Joanna Horobin

Property Sam Schaefer

Stewardship Madison Riley

Treasurer Harry Condon

Wardens Will Nystrom

Megan Burns

Worship Laura Brown MacKinnon

Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- 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 the clergy 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** (*also online*) **and 5pm**. **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*), and on Facebook.



- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm** unless otherwise noted.
- Staff is working some hours remotely. Generally, **parish office hours** are **Monday** through **Thursday**, **9am to 4pm**, and **Friday**, **9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise noted or announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.

Sunday, February 19

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery 9am Christian Learning Series 9:45am No Church School & Rite-13 11am Coffee Hour 11am Youth Music Rehearsal

Monday, February 20

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

10am Pastoral Care Team Meeting5:30pm Shrove Tuesday PancakeSupper

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday
7:30am Ash Wednesday Service
12pm Ash Wednesday Service
7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 26

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery
9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshippers
9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Church School & Rite-13
11am Coffee Hour
11am Youth Music Rehearsal
5pm Lenten Choral Evensong
6pm Confirmation Class



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