

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

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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.

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: 25:19-34

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These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of

Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:105-112

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet * and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined * to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; * preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, * and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, * yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, * but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; * truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes * for ever and to the end.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 505 "O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God"

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Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole

other thirty."

for a while, and when trouble or persecu-

son immediately falls away. As for what

was sown among thorns, this is the one

who hears the word, but the cares of the

world and the lure of wealth choke the

word, and it yields nothing. But as for what

was sown on good soil, this is the one who

hears the word and understands it, who in-

deed bears fruit and yields, in one case a

hundredfold, in another sixty, and in an-

tion arises on account of the word, that per-

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 508 "Breathe on me, Breath of God" Nova Vita

Doxology Hymn 380 v3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer C BCP p. 369

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 637 "How firm a foundation"

Lyons

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for refreshments in the courtyard.



Icon of the Week St. Kateri Tekakwitha of the Iroquois

See the e-Pistle for the text.





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* so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov

Serving at 10am

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Lynda Sperry
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sarah Dent and Meg Harris
Readers Nora Tracy Phillips and Meg Harris

We also thank the ushers, altar guild members, and flower guild members who are serving during the summer.

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Mystic Valley Deanery
St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield
St. Paul's Church, Malden
Grace Church, Medford
Trinity Parish, Melrose
Deputies and Alternate Deputies to General Convention

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, and 10am** which is broadcast on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.



- **The 5pm Sunday service** is suspended for the summer and will resume on Sunday, September 10. **The online Morning Prayer** series is also on summer holiday until Tuesday, September 5.
- Generally, parish office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm, unless otherwise noted or announced. Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials 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, July 1611am Refreshments on the Patio

Sunday, July 23
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