



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Christus, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam (Christ, our Lord, came to the Jordan)*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Processional Hymn 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

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 highly exalt you. Glory to you!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they

have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because

you are precious in my sight, honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Ascribe to the¹LORD, you¹gods, *
ascribe to the¹LÖRD¹glory and¹strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory¹due his¹Name; *
worship the¹LORD in the¹beauty of¹holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of¹glory¹thunders; *
the LORD is up¹on the¹mighty¹waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a¹powerful¹voice; *
the voice of the¹LORD is a¹voice of¹splendor.

- 5 The voice of the LORD ¹breaks the ¹cedar trees; *
the LORD ¹breaks the ¹cedars of ¹Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon ¹skip like a ¹calf, *
and Mount Hermon ¹like a ¹young wild ¹ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD ¹shakes the ¹wilderness; *
the LORD ¹shakes the ¹wilderness of ¹Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the ¹oak trees ¹writhe *
and ¹strips the ¹forests ¹bare.
- †9 And in the ¹temple of the ¹LORD *
— ¹all are ¹crying, ¹“Glory!”
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned a ¹bove the ¹flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as ¹King for ¹ever ¹more.
- 11 The LORD shall give ¹strength to his ¹people; *
the LORD shall give his ¹people the ¹blessing of ¹peace.

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the

Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 76 “On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry”

Winchester New

Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying,

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and

fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was

praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 *The Baptism of Christ*

Peter Hallock (1924-2014)
medieval text

Today Jesus returned from the Jordan (Jesus autem hodie regressus est a Jordane)

When Jesus Christ baptized was, the Holy Ghost descended with grace;

the Father voice was heard in the place.

This is my son, listen to him. (Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende)

There were Three Persons and one Lord, the Son baptized with one accord,

the Father said this blessed word:

This is my son, listen to him. (Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende)

Now, Jesus, as thou art both God and man, and were baptized in from Jordan,

at our last end, we pray thee, say then:

This is my son, listen to him. (Hic est filius meus, ipsum intende)

Doxology Hymn 380 "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.

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.

You may sip from the chalice or dip your wafer in the intinction cup.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem *Asperges me*

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

You will sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed.

You will wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

Communion Hymn 294 "Baptized in water"

Point Loma

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

Deus tuorum militum

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in C major*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us for coffee after the service.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



We recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *Listen Everywhere* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how to connect your app to the church system.





Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Dell Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Kim Francour,
Erica Gelser, Peter Mahoney, Heather Schaefer, and Liz J. Tecca

Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Harriet Thompson

Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Jason Lowe; Torch, Emmy Svedlund;
and Torch, Katherine Svedlund

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Margaret Zusky, Elizabeth Clarke,
Harry Condon, and Keileigh McReynolds

Readers Karen Pekowitz and Paul Merry

Ushers Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, Dave Boghosian,
Justin Wahls, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery

St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury

Ecclesia Ministries and *common cathedral*, Boston

Hospitality Homes

The Diocesan Staff

The Massachusetts Council of Churches



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.



Icon of the Week

Christ Enthroned

This icon depicts Christ in eschatological glory. (Eschatological refers to a branch of theology concerned with the final events in the history of the world or humankind.) The blue spheres around Him, with no beginning or end, represent eternity, while the red squares symbolize time. The Greek letters in His halo signify “I am who I am.” As both God and human, Christ bridges the realms of time and eternity.

The Old Testament prophets had extraordinary visions of God in glory, and their imagery is echoed in the New Testament. Six-winged seraphim surround Christ’s throne, while Ezekiel’s winged beasts emerge from the four directions, now symbolizing the four evangelists. All figures, except Christ, are painted as though transparent, emphasizing that they are spirits. Christ, however, is painted with bold colors because He is enfleshed. Material creation is enthroned in the highest heavens. The Hebrew word for “enthroned” means “to dwell in or inhabit.” From the cross, Jesus was both reminding and assuring those around Him that God was still on His throne, still with them, and still present in their lives. The disciples would soon realize that Jesus was revealing Himself as the holy presence of God.

After the Ascension, sometime in the ten days before Pentecost, Jesus was enthroned in Heaven on the throne of David, at the right hand of the Father. Enthronement did not mean that Jesus replaced God on the throne, but rather that He co-reigns with Him in Heaven in the highest position, “at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that Jesus would occupy the throne of David: “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” —Luke 1:32-33 NKJV



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.

Guest Preacher

We are pleased to welcome the Very Rev. Dominic Barrington, Dean of York Minster, England, to preach **at the 8 and 10am services on Sunday, January 19**. York Minster, where Dominic serves as dean, is England's second most important cathedral after Canterbury. Parishioners who joined the 2023 pilgrimage to England met Dominic, who organized our trip. He will also help us organize the St. Andrew's pilgrimage to Scotland and Northern England in June 2026.

Church School Classes Today

- **Godly Play I** Pre-K to first grade, in the **children's chapel** adjacent to the sanctuary.
- **Godly Play II** grades two and three, in **Room 203** (second floor).
- **Upper School/Way of Love** grades four and five, in **Room 204** (second floor).
- **Rite-13** grades six and seven, in **Room 202** (second floor).

Inspiration in the Dead of Winter: *The Amen Effect*

Today, January 12 at 9am Christian learning we will reflect on *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts* by Sharon Brous. If you want to buy this spiritual and hopeful book, send Margaret Schwarzer an

email. The book's discount price for us is \$23. After Margaret emails you to pick up your book at Wellesley Books, please send her a check made out to "St. Andrew's" and write "The Amen Effect" in the memo line.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, January 12, we will hold a special class on *The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend our Broken Hearts*, by Sharon Brou. Pam Alexander and David Guydan will be our teachers (see previous announcement about the book). Regular classes will resume on **Sunday, January 26**. Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle). Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Confirmation Class

Dates for the remaining confirmation classes are **Mondays, January 13, and 27**.

Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes are now available at the back of the church for those who ordered them. If you don't see your name but would like envelopes, please email me. — [Joanne Butler](#)

Youth Group

This winter and spring we will have our regular schedule of fellowship, fun, and service projects. In addition to these programs, at the request of the youth group, we will be incorporating monthly awareness themes that are recognized nationally and sometimes internationally. January is recognized by many to be Mental Wellness Month and we will be launching our teen wellness program.

- **Today, January 12, 6pm to 7:30pm** Intro to [Wellness through the Living Compass Teen Faith and Wellness curriculum](#)
- **Sunday, January 19** No youth group
- **Sunday, January 26, 6pm to 7:30pm** Financial Wellness led by Dan McCarthy
- **Sunday, February 2 10am** All Parish Eucharist
- **Sunday, February 2 6pm** Introduction to social wellness

Bible Studies

- **Men's Bible Study** Join us [online the first and third Saturday of every month at 8am](#) for the study of the Gospel of Luke. The Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.
- **Beginner's Bible Study** Join us [online every Thursday at noon](#) for the study of John's Gospel. The Zoom link is also in the e-Pistle.— [Adrian Robbins-Cole](#)
- **Open Bible Study** This month, we study *The Epistle of James, Chapter 5: Faith & God.*

Bring your Bible or use one of ours. No homework. We will meet on [Tuesday, January 14 at 11am](#) and on [Wednesday, January 15 at 7pm](#). The Zoom links are in the e-Pistle. — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Soul Sisters Meeting

Join us for the next Soul Sisters meeting on **Thursday, January 16, from 6 to 8pm**. The topic will be "Caregiving and Caregivers," with a presentation and discussion. We'll also enjoy a potluck dinner, so please bring a side dish to share.

Parish Annual Meeting

The 132nd Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 26, from 11am to 12:30pm**. New parish leaders will be elected, reports on 2024's work will be shared, and the 2025 budget will be presented. Please save the date. Profiles of those nominated for election to the vestry are displayed in the narthex.

Name Tag Reminder

Please remember to wear your name tag and introduce yourself to others. If you ordered a name tag, it will be on the small whiteboard in the narthex. If you need a new one, contact membership@standrewswellesley.org



Gratitude

Epiphany Fireside Service: A Warm Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful fellowship committee and everyone who helped make the Epiphany Fireside service a beautiful experience. We're grateful to those who organized the catering, brought delicious dishes to share, and to our amazing youth leaders who read and preached during the service. Your time and effort truly made this event special!

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

Adult Formation Carrie Hawley

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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** is offered online **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.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at 12pm is the deadline for all materials** to be included in the bulletin and/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.



Regular weekly meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

Sundays • 9am adult Christian learning • 8:55am Kids' Place • 9:45am church school programs • 11am coffee hour • 6pm youth group

Mondays • 4:30pm confirmation class

Thursdays • 12pm beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir rehearsal
• 7:30pm senior choir rehearsal

Tuesday, January 14

11am open Bible study
7pm outreach meeting

Wednesday, January 15

7pm membership meeting
7pm open Bible study

Thursday, January 16

10:30am North Hill Holy Eucharist
6pm soul sisters

Saturday, January 18

8am men's Bible study

Monday, January 20

Parish Office Closed



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