



# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*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.*

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

### August 31, 2025

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude

Processional Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

*Hymn to Joy*

### 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.

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* Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far

from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who

led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your

children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
that Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, \*  
and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

## Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave

you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 470 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

*Beecher*

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you

give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you,

for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

*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 Hymn 321 “My God, thy table now is spread”

*Rockingham*

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 C

BCP p. 369

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

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.*

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 541 “Come, labor on”

*Ora Labora*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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**We welcome and thank our guest organist Jennifer Velazquez.**

**Please join us for refreshments after the service.**



**Serving St. Andrew's this week**

We thank the altar guild members, the broadcast techs,  
the flower guild members, the lay eucharistic ministers,  
the readers, and the ushers, who are serving during the summer.

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Neponset River Deanery*

Trinity Church, Canton

Church of the Good Shepherd, Dedham

St. Paul's Church, Dedham

Parish of All Saints, Dorchester

Epiphany Church, Walpole

Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury

Deans

Deanery Co-Conveners

# Vestry

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- 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

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- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am and 10am** (*also online*). **Morning Prayer and the 5pm service** are on vacation until after Labor Day. (*Use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel.*)
- **August office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm** (the doors are locked at 1pm) and **Friday, 9am to 12pm** (church access by appointment) unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** for the e-Pistle.
- **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**.



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

**Sundays • 9am** adult Christian learning, beginning **Sunday, September 14**

- **9:45am** Kids' Place • **9:45am** church school programs • **11am** coffee hour
- **4:30pm** Confirmation class • **4:30pm** Rite-13 • **6pm** youth group

**Thursdays • 12pm** beginner's Bible study, beginning **Thursday, September 11**

- **5pm** children's choir rehearsal • **7:30pm** senior choir rehearsal
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## Sunday, September 7

11:15am teacher welcome & orientation



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