

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 7, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Blessed Jesus we are here)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Westminster

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my

words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay

was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind

about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm



- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you dis cern my thoughts from a far.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are ac quainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it alto gether.
- 4 You press upon me be hind and be fore * and lay your hand up on me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot at tain to it.

- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me to gether in my mother's womb.
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, *
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O'God! * how great is the sum of them!
- † 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *

 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something

forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes

you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 512 "Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove"

Mendon

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who

see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, brea for when humbly in your name, alle

two or three are met together, S

you are in the midst of them;

alleluia, alleluia!

Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,

then with thanks to God the Father

break the bread and bless the cup,

alleluia, alleluia!

So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,

that by caring, helping, giving,

we may be disciples true.

Alleluia, alleluia!

we will serve with faith anew.

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 A

BCP p. 361

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!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets of our Hearts

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

Communion Hymn 707 "Take my life and let it be"

Hollingside

The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn.

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 594 "God of grace and God of glory"

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude In dir ist Freude (In thee is joy)

J.S. Bach

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Join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



For parishioners who use Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, we use the *ListenWiFi* streaming service to enhance your personal listening. Download *ListenWiFi* from your app store and follow the instructions at the ushers table to connect your app to the church system.





Bible Reading Questions

1. What message does the potter's clay teach in Jeremiah 18?

- a. God's plans cannot change once spoken
- b. God's people are like broken vessels
- c. God can reshape lives like clay
- d. The potter symbolizes Babylon's coming power

2. According to Psalm 139, how well does God know us?

- a. God observes us from a distance
- b. God knows us completely
- c. God checks in when we pray
- d. God is apathetic toward us

3. In Philemon, what does Paul urge regarding Onesimus?

- a. Punish him for running away
- b. Accept him as a beloved brother
- c. Send him back to prison
- d. Treat him like a hired servant

4. In Luke 14, what does Jesus say about discipleship?

- a. Follow joyfully and without sacrifice
- b. Keep your family and faith balanced
- c. Carry your cross and count the cost
- d. Discipleship leads to power and peace

Reading and Sermon Notes



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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Laurence Reineman by Linda Reineman and family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Laura Brown MacKinnon, Nancy Echlov, Wendy Haering, Angie Johnson, Ntonhle Kekana, Sarah Klein, and Jen Martin Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister TBA
Usher Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Suzy Littlefield and Kate Farella
Readers Kate Farella and Paul Shackford
Ushers Terri Rawson-Wakefield, Kris Vanin, Michael Vanin,
and Michael Wakefield

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Neponset River Deanery
Christ Church, Hyde Park
Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park
Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan
Church of the Advent, Medfield
Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of St. Andrew



Icon of the Week

St. Hildegaard of Bingen

1098-1179

St. Hildegard was the tenth child of a noble German family. She was promised to the church and raised from the time she was eight years old in a hermitage that later became a Benedictine monastery.

From childhood she had mystical visions, which she kept to herself until her teen years. Her writings speak of the divine feminine and the dignity of women. She believed that every woman who gave birth helped clothe God with humanity. She composed music for the nuns to sing and spoke of Christ as God's song. She taught that music recreated the original harmony that once existed between God and humankind, and that the human soul was a musical instrument on which God played music.

She carried out four preaching missions in northern Europe, an unprecedented activity for a woman. She practiced medicine, focusing on women's needs; published treatises on natural science and philosophy; wrote a liturgical drama, *The Play of the Virtues*, in which personified virtues sing their parts and the devil, condemned to live without music, can only speak. For Hildegard, music was essential to worship. Her liturgical compositions, unusual in structure and tonality, were described by contemporaries as "chant of surpassing sweet melody" and "strange and unheard-of music."

Her feast day is September 17.

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory not only with our lips but in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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.

Morning Prayer Has Resumed, with Changes . . .

Please join us <u>on our website</u> for morning prayer at 8:30am Monday through Thursday—we are making changes to how we receive prayer requests and chat. For several years, we have taken prayer requests and chatted during morning prayer on Facebook. This year we are moving to our website to chat. When you get to the Morning Prayer box, you will need to add your name and click "join audience." Then you need to click the speech bubbles in the upper right and click "unmute broadcast" to participate. See you there!

Name Tag Reminder!

As we return to church this fall and welcome new faces, please wear your name tag and introduce yourself to others. If you need a new name tag, contact the membership vestry person.

Your Realm Account

Realm is our parish database and online directory, where you can find contact information and photos of fellow parishioners. If you don't have an account, email Kate to request an invitation. Be sure to check your spam or junk folder for an email from St.

Andrew's Episcopal Church (<u>notifications@onrealmmail.org</u>). You can also download the **Realm Connect** app for your phone from the App Store or Google Play.

Church School

Today, September 7, the first day of church school, church school committee members will be on hand **at 9:40am**



around the church to help you find the correct classroom for your child. (The QR code is for registration if needed.)

- Godly Play I pre-k to first grade meet in the children's chapel
- Godly Play II grades two and three meet in Room 201
- Upper School/Way of Love grades four and five meet in Room 204

Kids' Place Childcare on Sundays Today, September 7, from 9:45am to 11:30am, Kids' Place reopens. Kids' Place is for children three and under, or any older child who would prefer to be in nursery care rather than church school.

Church School Teachers

Today, September 7, there will be a church school teacher orientation at **11am in Room 2.** Please join us.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class for eighth graders and older starts today, September 7, at 4:30pm in the Harvey Room.

Rite-13

Rite-13 for sixth and seventh graders starts today, September 7, at 4:30pm in Room 201.

Youth Group

All high school students are invited to join youth group which begins today, September 7, at 6pm in the Harvey Room. We will start off the year getting to know each other, and talking about upcoming events.

Coffee Hour Hosts!

Coffee hours are held after every 10am Sunday service and is hosted by a volunteer. Imagine how good you will feel after you have helped bring parishioners together to chat, catch up, and reconnect. Hosting is simple: buy some snacks, place them on trays in the parish hall, and clean up. (The sextons make the coffee.) Sign up to host on the sheet hanging outside the parish hall or email Adrian Robbins-Cole or Hillary Madge.

All-Parish Picnic



Please plan to attend the allparish picnic after the 10am service on Sunday, Septem-**D ber 14**. The picnic will be held

at the Hunnewell home at 845 Washington St. and is a wonderful way to reconnect with the parish community. Fun, food, and games will be had by all! (Look for sustainable additions and bring your reusable water bottle if you can!) Casual attire is

encouraged at both church and the picnic. Many volunteers are needed to help with baking, setup, serving, and cleanup! Sign up in Realm or contact Jenny Sawyer.

Join the Children's Choir

Children's choir began on Thursday, September 4, and we would love you to join us! We learn all about music, singing in choir, and our Episcopal liturgical music tradition using The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) curriculum. Children's choir sings during our all parish Eucharists (typically on the first Sunday of the month).

We rehearse Thursday evenings from 5 to 5:45pm followed by an opportunity for food and fellowship for participants and their families. To sign up please email Benedict Hensley. • Note: We are offering this opportunity to children in grades two to six, but if you have a child outside this age range who is interested, please contact Benedict.

9am Adult Christian Learning

9am Christian Learning classes resume on Sunday, September 14. Join us in the parish hall (or on Zoom) for every class or just the classes that interest you (Zoom link in the e-Pistle). -Margaret Schwarzer

The Ministry Fair

Join us for the third annual Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 21, after the 10am service in the parish hall. This is a great opportunity to learn about the many ways to get involved at St. Andrew's—from volunteer ministries to fellowship and education programs.

Blessing of the Animals

Our much-loved *Blessing of the Animals* service will be at **5pm on Sunday, October 5**. The service will take place in the church and pets and animals of all kinds are welcome! We will sing a hymn, say some prayers, and the clergy will come around and individually bless each animal. We will also give thanks for all our pets who have passed away but whose memory we still cherish.

Bible Studies

Weekly Beginners Bible Study
 We will resume this class on Thursday,
 September 11, from noon to 1pm. In
 September we will finish our exploration
 of St Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Then
 in October, we will begin a new series
 looking at the Acts of the Apostles. All
 are welcome. Join us online every
 Thursday at noon.

-Adrian Robbins-Cole

Monthly Open Bible Study resumes on Tuesday, October 14, and Wednesda,y October 15. This year, we are studying the Book of Exodus. No preparation is needed; we read and reflect together. Join us on either the second Tuesday of each month at 11am, or on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm.
 Come to the Harvey Room or join us online; the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.
 —Margaret Schwarzer

Prayer List

Following the summer, we will be refreshing our parish prayer list. **We will start with a fresh list on Sunday, October 1**. If you have a loved one on the current prayer list and would like them to remain on the list, <u>please</u> email Adrian.

Soul Sisters

Our first meeting will be on Monday, September 16, from 6 to 7:30pm in the parish hall. We'll share dinner together and be guided in meditation by Kevan Gale.

Looking ahead, our next gatherings will focus on a book discussion of *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

- Tuesday, October 14 at 6pm
- Thursday, October 16 at 10am

Theo of Golden tells the story of a mysterious man who quietly transforms a Southern town through his gifts to strangers, sparking connection, curiosity, and community.

Coventry Suppers

A long-standing tradition at St. Andrew's, these casual potluck dinners are held in parishioners' homes and offer a warm, relaxed way to connect—especially for newcomers. Groups of eight to 12 people gather for simple meals and good conversation throughout the year. Sign up at the parish picnic or on Realm Connect by Sunday, October 12. After sign-ups close, groups will be formed and a "first convener" assigned to host the initial gathering. Most groups meet four to six times during the year.

Fall Read: Inner Excellence

Inner Excellence — Train Your Mind for Extraordinary Performance and the Best Possible Life by Jim Murphy. New York Times bestselling author, Jim Murphy is a performance coach for some of the best athletes in the world. His Christian faith and his own experiences as an athlete and coach to the Texas Rangers generated the wisdom in this book: how to live your "best possible life." This is the book Adrian preached about in his Easter sermon. Order it online or send Margaret an email and she will order it for you for \$16.99. Adrian will lead a discussion of the book in a 9am adult Christian learning class.

-Margaret Schwarzer

Audio/Visual Team

Sharing our beautiful services with the greater world and maintaining contact with our remote congregation depends on the team of volunteers who operate our video broadcasting system each Sunday. Volunteers receive training and real-time support

in performing this task. If you have any desire to learn more about technology, or already have a background in the technical side of video and sound production and want to lend your talents. Please contact our broadcasting coordinator, Rob Brandt.

Social Media

To stay up to date with St. Andrew's virtual content, make sure to like and follow St. Andrew's on the social media platforms you use.

- Follow our parish instagram,
 <u>@staswellesley</u>, for photos of our parish life throughout the week.
- Subscribing to our <u>YouTube Channel</u> will let you know when new service videos are posted.
- Following our <u>Facebook page</u> and turning on notifications will help you know when we are live.



Gratitude

Rose Garden Summer Care

Thank you to all those who agreed to help deadhead, weed, and water the memorial rose garden this past summer. It's hot work but rewarding and the garden is beautiful to look at.

Summer Refreshments

Thank you to all those who helped with refreshments during the summer. And thank you to the sextons for their help.

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 (the doors are locked at 1 pm) and Friday, 9am to noon (church access by appointment) unless otherwise announced. Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials for the bulletin, the e-Pistle, or any 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, 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 weekly beginner's Bible study, beginning Thursday,
September 11 • 5pm children's choir rehearsal • 7:30pm senior choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 7

9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers 11am teacher welcome and orientation

Tuesday, September 9

7pm outreach meeting 7pm worship meeting

Wednesday, September 10

7pm membership meeting

Thursday, September 11

9:30am church school meeting

Sunday, September 14

11am parish picnic

