

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

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.

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026

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 for ever. 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 forever. 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 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who

gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 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 of ¹glory ¹thunders; *
the LORD is up ¹on the ¹mighty ¹waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a ¹powerful ¹voice; *
the voice of the ¹LORD is a ¹voice of ¹splendor.
- 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 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went

about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to

testify that he is the one ordained by God
as judge of the living and the dead. All the
prophets testify about him that everyone

who believes in him receives forgiveness of
sins through his name."

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: Matthew 3:13-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.

And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom 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)
with 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. Amen.

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.

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

Gluten free wafers are available.

S 164 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal)

Franz Peter Schubert

Communion Anthem *The Holly and the Ivy*

traditional English carol
arranged by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

*The holly and the ivy
are trees that's both well known;
Of all the trees that grows in woods,
the holly bears the crown.*

Refrain *The rising of the sun,
The running of the deer
The playing of the merry harp,
Sweet singing in the choir.*

*The holly bears a blossom
as white as any flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to be our sweet Saviour.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a colour
as green as any tree,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to set poor sinners free.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a berry
as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
to do poor sinners good.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a prickle
as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
at Christmas day in the morn.*

Refrain

*The holly bears a bark
as bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
for to redeem us all.*

Refrain

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*

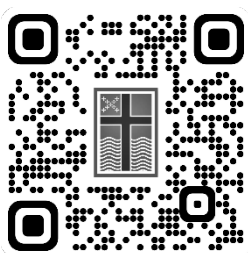
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please join us after the service for coffee hour.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



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



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 memory of
John Michael Cigan, Sr., by Eric Cigan.

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
Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Cam McCormick
Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Jason Lowe; Torch, Christina Lowe; and Torch, Bennett Farny
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Caren & Randy Parker
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Elizabeth Clarke, Erica Gelser, Sarah Harris, and Tad Heuer
Readers Paul Merry and Nora Tracy Phillips
Ushers Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, Frank Hunnewell, and Justin Wahls

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



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.

common cathedral

Today, Sunday, January 11, St. Andrew's will provide lunch for the homeless congregation at *common cathedral* and join them in worship.

New Parish Administrator Oliver Simpson

Oliver Simpson, our new administrator, has started full time work at St. Andrew's. There will be several months of overlap with Kate Clark who will continue to work part-time as she passes on her wisdom. Kate will be greatly missed, but we are excited to welcome Oliver. He is warm, organized, and a tech-savvy administrator who has seven years' experience working in faith-based and nonprofit organizations. Please feel free to introduce yourself the next time you are in.

Soul Sisters

Calling all St. Andrew's women! Please join us for the next Soul Sisters gathering **in the parish hall from 6pm to 7:30pm on Tuesday, January 20**. AnnG, an integrative health coach, will guide us through a session on mindfulness, breath work, mindset, and gratitude. I hope you can join us.

AnnG Kenney is an integrative health coach and speaker who teaches a practical mind-body approach to improving health

and performance. With decades of experience in nutrition, mindfulness, breathwork, and brain health, she empowers people to take control of their well-being and reach their full potential.

MLK Jr. Day Program

The World of Wellesley is hosting an MLK Jr. program open to the public on **Monday, January 19, from 11am to 1:30pm**. The keynote speaker is J.R. Harris, the renowned wilderness explorer, author, and speaker. His theme will be "Hope and Resilience." The program will include lunch. As is our custom, St. Andrew's is sponsoring a few tables at the event. If you would like to join the St. Andrew's group, please email Adrian. You can attend just the speech or stay for the whole program. The event will take place at Tishman Commons, 21 Wellesley College Road, Wellesley College

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us on **Sunday, January 25**, for the first class of our new term. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the parish hall [or on Zoom](#). —Margaret

Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes are on the ushers table at the back of the church. If you think you ordered envelopes but don't see your set, please contact me. Also, if you are donating cash in the plate and want to have your donations count towards your pledge, you should have a set of envelopes so your donation can be identified as yours. I do have extra sets so if you would like one, please reach out. —Joanne

Men's Bible Study, New Format

The Bible study will be trying a new format in February. We would like this change in format to be an opportunity to invite new people to try out the study. We will **alternate between an in-person meeting** (with Dunkin Donuts and coffee) **on the first Saturday of the month, and a Zoom meeting on the third Saturday of the month.** Both meetings will be **8am to 9am.** The study is led by Adrian and the tone is informal with no need for homework or prior study. It is a great opportunity for fellowship as we explore the Bible and our faith. If you have any questions please contact Adrian.

Parent Circle

Calling all parents! Please join us at the home of Coryell and Greg Urban, 106 Parish Rd, Needham, on **Friday, February 6, from 6:30 to 8:30pm** for a relaxed evening of drinks, nibbles, and fun! This is an adult event. Feel free to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres or bottle or just bring yourselves! We hope to see you there!

Bake Sale

Please support the church school/ youth fundraiser for Agassiz Village camp and programs, **Sunday, February 8.** We need all hands on deck for our annual bake sale at coffee hour. We will be bringing back last year's very popular cake auction, so get your aprons on! We need as many baked goods as possible, and we need older children and teens who can help sell during coffee hour.



Children and Youth

Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.

Holy Communion Prep and Celebration

St. Andrew's first and second graders are invited to explore Holy Eucharist more deeply. Open to children whether they have already been receiving communion or not. Holy Communion prep afternoon with Sarah and Adrian will be **Thursday, January 22, from 4 to 5pm.**

The Holy Communion Sunday Celebration will be **February 1, at the 10am service.** Children will receive a corsage or boutonniere that morning and will receive communion with their parents prior to the congregation.

Kids' Place Childcare

Kids' Place is for children three and under, or any older child who would prefer to be in nursery care rather than church school and is open **from 9:45am to 11:45am.**

Church School

- **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**

Rite-13

- **January 11 4:30pm** in **Room 202.**
- **January 18** off for Martin Luther King Day weekend

Confirmation Classes Remaining

- **January 11 4:30pm** class
- **January 18** off for Martin Luther King Day weekend
- **February 1 4:30pm** class
- **February 8 4:30pm** class

Youth Group

- **January 11 5:45 to 7:15** dinner, birthdays, and Bible study
- **January 18** off for Martin Luther King Day weekend
- **January 25 5:45 to 7:15** make dinner and Bible study
- **February 1 5:45 to 7:15** dinner and *VIA Character Strength Finder* introduction

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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Fellowship Sarah Harris

Finance Sam Burns

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Membership Amanda Curtis

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Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Tom Faust

 Ginny Snow

Worship Erica Gelser

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, please ring the intercom) 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 meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

Sundays • 9am adult Christian learning • 9:45am Kids' Place • 9:45am church school
• 11am coffee hour • 4:30pm confirmation • 4:30pm Rite-13 • 5:45pm youth group
Thursdays • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir
• 7:30pm senior choir
First and third Saturdays at 8am • men's Bible study
Second Tuesdays at 11am and second Wednesdays at 7pm • open Bible study

Tuesday, January 13

11am open Bible study
7pm outreach meeting

Wednesday, January 14

7pm open Bible study

Thursday, January 15

10:30am North Hill Holy Eucharist

Saturday, January 17

8am men's Bible study

Sunday, January 18

9:45am combined church school/
Godly play I
4:30 **NO** confirmation, Rite-13, or youth
group



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