



**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.*

## **Second Sunday after Epiphany**

### **January 18, 2026**

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Air from Suite No. 1 for Organ*

Florence Beatrice Price (1887-1953)

Processional Hymn 529 "In Christ there is no East or West"

McKee

### **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* Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may

shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be

gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 I waited patiently up<sup>1</sup>on the<sup>1</sup>LORD; \*  
he stooped to<sup>1</sup>me and<sup>1</sup>heard my<sup>1</sup>cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the<sup>1</sup>mire and<sup>1</sup>clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and<sup>1</sup>made my<sup>1</sup>footing<sup>1</sup>sure.

- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In a sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from  
the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever,

## Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 439    “What wondrous love is this”

*Wondrous Love*

Gospel: John 1:29-42

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to

him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You

are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter.)

Clergy      The Gospel of the Lord.

People      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Robbins-Cole

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

*After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.*

*The People reply, Hear our prayer.*

Confession of Sin

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Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem    *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*      traditional spiritual  
arranged by Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

*We shall walk through the valley in peace*

*For Jesus Himself will be our leader.*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

*We will meet our loved ones there,*

*For Jesus Himself will be our leader.*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

*There will be no trials there,*

*For Jesus Himself will be our leader,*

*We shall walk through the valley in peace.*

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

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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 *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*

Thomas Dorsey (1899-1993)

*Precious Lord, take my hand,*

*Lead me on, let me stand,*

*I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.*

*Through the storm, through the night,*

*Lead me on to the light,*

*Take my hand, precious Lord,*

*Lead me on.*

*When the darkness appears*

*and the night draws near,*

*And the day is past and gone;*

*At the river I stand, Guide my feet,*

*hold my hand,*

*Take my hand, precious Lord,*

*Lead me on.*

*When my way grows drear,*

*precious Lord, linger near,*

*When my life is almost gone;*

*Hear my cry, hear my call,*

*Hold my hand, lest I fall,*

*Take my hand, precious Lord,*

*Lead me on.*

Communion Hymn 325 "Let us break bread together on our knees" *Let Us Break Bread*

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

# Recessional Hymn "He's got the whole world in his hand"

from *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

African American spiritual

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts. The lyrics are: 1. He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand, He's got the whole world in His hand. The score includes a final double bar line at the end of the third line.

2. He's got you and me sister, etc.  
3. He's got you and me brother, etc.

4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.  
5. He's got everybody here, etc.

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude Medley of spirituals

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Please join us after the service for coffee hour,  
hosted today by Katie Barrack and Deedee Griffin.



# Today's Anthems

## The Offertory Anthem

The offertory anthem, *We Shall Walk Through the Valley in Peace*, is a spiritual arranged by Moses Hogan (1957-2003). Spirituals originated from enslaved Blacks in The United States and were passed down through the oral tradition since enslaved people were forbidden to learn to read and write.

Moses Hogan is one in a long line of Black Americans who have arranged these "Sorrow songs," as W.E.B. DuBois called them. Sadly, Moses Hogan, a graduate of Oberlin College of Music and a student at New York's Julliard School of Music, died at the age of 45 of a brain tumor. His many compositions will live on alongside those of his predecessors.

## The Communion Anthem

The communion anthem, *Take My Hand, Precious Lord*, was written by Thomas Dorsey in 1932, following the deaths of his wife during childbirth and his infant son. This hymn was a favorite of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On April 4, 1968, the night of his rally in Memphis, Tennessee, in support of the sanitation workers' strike, King requested that this hymn be sung. From the second balcony of the Lorraine Motel, he called out to musician Ben Branch, who was passing below, asking him not to forget to play *the hymn*. Moments later, as Dr. King turned back to his room to get his coat, he was assassinated.

## 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.







**The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Margarethe Kulke by Bernhard Kulke.**

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

*Altar Guild* Becky Hamlin, Debbie Lorenz, Linda McCammond,  
Debbie Monti, Caren Parker, Laura Hewitt Riley, Liz Rogers,  
Pamela Tusiime, and Betsy Veidenheimer  
*Flowers* the flower guild

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Harriet Thompson  
*Ushers* Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Emmy Svedlund; Torch, Katherine Svedlund; and Torch, Abby Dietz  
*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Kathryn Condon  
*Greeters* TBD  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Suzy Littlefield and Ann Johnson  
*Readers* Debby Rempis and Madison Riley  
*Ushers* David Boghosian, Eric Cigan, Lisa Howe, and David Osborn

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery*  
St. John's Church, Charlestown  
Emmanuel Church, Boston  
St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston  
Greater Boston Interfaith Organization



# Icon of the Week

## Martin Luther King, Jr.

1929–1968

Martin Luther King, Jr., born January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, was the son and grandson of Baptist preachers steeped in the Black Church tradition. He earned a PhD in Systematic Theology from Boston University. In 1954, King became pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama, where black anger over segregated buses culminated in the December 1955 arrest of Rosa Parks for refusing to give up her seat. King rose to national prominence as the leader of the Montgomery bus boycott and became an articulate advocate who could move both Black and White consciences.

King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to lead nonviolent demonstrations against racism. Key confrontations took place in Birmingham, Selma, and Chicago. His campaigns helped pass the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 1965, and 1968. Throughout, King faced constant danger—his home was bombed, he was nearly fatally stabbed, and he endured numerous death threats. He was jailed 30 times but was sustained by his deep faith.

In 1957, after receiving a violent late-night phone threat, King wept and prayed in his kitchen. He later recalled hearing God's voice urging him to "stand up for righteousness" and promising never to leave him, "No, never alone." King called this his "mountaintop experience."

In March 1968, after preaching at Washington National Cathedral, King traveled to Memphis to support striking sanitation workers. There, he spoke of having "been to the mountaintop" and seeing "the promised land," assuring that one day, he and his people would be "free at last." The next day, April 4, 1968, King was assassinated.

**His feast day is January 15 or April 4.**

*God, help us as individuals and as a world to hear it now before it is too late: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and God's justice and all these other things shall be added unto you.*

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



# 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.*

## MLK Jr. Day Program

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

## 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 Kenney, an integrative health coach, will guide us through a session on mindfulness, breath work, mindset, and gratitude. I hope you can join us.

AnnG 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.

## Parish Annual Meeting

The 133rd Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 25, from 11am to 12:30pm**. New parish leaders will be elected, reports on 2025's work will be shared, the 2026 budget will be presented, and plans for the year ahead will be discussed. Please save the date. Profiles of those nominated for election to the vestry are included in an insert in your bulletin.

## 9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us on **Sunday, January 25**, for the first class of our new term where we will discuss Compline, a service in *The Book of Common Prayer*. 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 **8 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. Please contact D.D. Alexander, Susan Jackson, or Sarah Robbins-Cole for more details

## Shrove Tuesday

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 17, from 5:30 to 7pm in the parish hall** to observe Shrove Tuesday with a traditional pancake supper. Youth group volunteers will join efforts with the fellowship committee to serve up a meal that will get you prepared for the Lenten season.



## 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.



# Children and Youth

*Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.*

## Holy Communion Prep and Celebration, New Dates!

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, April 30, from 4 to 5pm.**

The Holy Communion Sunday Celebration will be **May 3, 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 9:45 to 11:45am.**

## Church School

**Godly Play I, Godly Play II, and Upper School** (pre-k to grade five), meet in **the children's chapel today** for a special class on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Regular classes resume next week.

## Rite-13

- **January 18** NO class

## Confirmation Classes Remaining

- **January 18 and 25** NO class
- **February 1 4:30pm** class
- **February 8 4:30pm** class

## Youth Group

- **January 18** NO class
- **January 25 5:45 to 7:15pm** make dinner and Bible study
- **February 1 5:45 to 7:15pm** dinner and *VIA Character Strength Finder* introduction
- **February 8 11am to 1:30pm** Bake sale and lunch (Super Bowl Sunday)



# Gratitude

Many thanks to our parishioners who brought physical and spiritual comfort to the mostly unhoused members of *common cathedral* last Sunday. We served 120 lunches and gifted two dozen warm shawls, hats, and neck warmers. They really appreciate our standing faithfully with our neighbors in the depths of winter.

# Vestry

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

- 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.



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## 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

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### Sunday, January 18

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

### Monday, January 19

*Parish Office Closed*

**NO** morning prayer

### Tuesday, January 20

10am pastoral care team meeting  
6pm Soul Sisters  
7pm vestry meeting

### Thursday, January 22

10am communications meeting

### Sunday, January 25

11am annual meeting  
4:30 **NO** confirmation class



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