

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.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 25, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude Improvisation

Processional Hymn 688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

Ein feste Burg

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 Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the

whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in

a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
- the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
- that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high up on a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

- †9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with ¹sounds of great ¹gladness; *
I will sing and make ¹music ¹to the ¹LORD.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O ¹LORD, when I ¹call; *
have ¹mercy on ¹me and ¹answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, ¹“Seek my ¹face,” *
Your ¹face, LORD, ¹will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your ¹face ¹from me, *
nor turn away your ¹servant ¹in dis¹pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
cast me ¹not a¹way; *
do not forsake me, O ¹God of ¹my sal¹vation.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized

none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 661 "They cast their nets in Galilee"

Georgetown

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and

Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

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Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "How lovely is thy dwelling place" from *Requiem*

text Psalm 84:1, 3

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.

O blest are they that dwell in thy house:

they praise thy name evermore.

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 Hymn 315 "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"

Song I

Communion Anthem *O How Amiable*

text from Psalms, 84 and 90

R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord

My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.

They will be alway praising thee

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handiwork

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 525 "The Church's one foundation"

Aurelia

Annual Meeting following the service.

We welcome and thank guest organist Daniel Moriarty.

No coffee hour after the service.

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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
George W. Alexander by Jane Givens.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Lacey Brandt, Kim Carlson, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson,
Paige Manning, Chris McAvoy, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie
Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Palmer
Ushers Harriet Thompson and Michael Young

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Peter Mahoney; Torch, Tanner Francour; and Torch, Caroline Rankin
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Pam & Elmore Alexander
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Laura Brown McKinnon, Erica Gelser,
Joe Hamilton, and Keileigh McReynolds,
Readers Lisa Howe and Paul Merry
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
St. Stephen's Church, Boston
Trinity Church, Boston
B-SAFE
Non-parochial clergy



Icon of the Week

Holy Trinity

In the story *The Hospitality of Abraham* from the Book of Genesis, Abraham encounters three men who are later revealed to be angels. This icon, based on the famous 1411 icon of the Holy Trinity by Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev, is the first depiction of the Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as three distinct persons.

The angels form a circle, inviting us into the center. They are depicted conversing, with smooth and restrained gestures that convey the sublime nature of their dialogue. The left angel represents God the Father, with His right hand raised in the gesture of exordium (signifying something important). The central angel represents Christ, with a red and gold stole over His right shoulder, symbolizing royalty and Christ's divine Sonship. The right angel represents the Holy Spirit, with blue robes symbolizing divinity and green representing new life.

The wings of the Father and the Son overlap, while the wings of the Holy Spirit are separated by the Son's spear. The blue color of the Son's robe represents divinity, the brown symbolizes His humanity, and the gold signifies His kingship. The poses and inclinations of the Holy Spirit and the Son's heads reflect their submission to the Father, though their shared placement on the thrones signifies equality. The tree represents the Tree of Life, reminding us of Jesus's death and resurrection, which opened the way to eternal life. The mountain symbolizes the spiritual ascent that humanity achieves with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The unity of the trinity's underlying reality expresses unity and love between all things: That they may all be one just as you, father, or in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. —John 17: 21



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.

Parish Annual Meeting

The 133rd Annual Meeting will be held **today, 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. Profiles of those nominated for election to the vestry are included in an insert in your bulletin.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us **today, January 25**, for the first class of our new term. We will discuss Compline, an evening service in *The Book of Common Prayer* which addresses peaceful rest, fears, and weariness. **Next Sunday, February 1**, we consider healing prayer. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the **parish hall [or on Zoom](#)**. — [Margaret](#)

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!

Our Lenten Book: *Prayer in the Night*

This Lent, we will read *Prayer in the Night* by Tish Harrison Warren. The book won the ECPA Christian Book of the Year in 2022. She asks, "How can we trust God in the dark?" Facing fears and practicing prayer are central themes. The book is \$19.50 with our Wellesley Books discount. Tell Margaret you want it via email, send her a check made out to St. Andrew's with "Lenten Book" in the memo, and she will send you an email to confirm that it is waiting at the bookstore for you. — [Margaret](#)

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 meeting in person** (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.

Supper Bowl

The Supper Bowl (formerly the Souper Bowl) is just around the corner! Please put a few extra items in your shopping cart to help stock a local food pantry: • Dinty Moore Beef Stew • canned chicken • pasta sauce • spaghetti, linguine, fettucine • dried beans, refried beans, baked beans We'll be handing out bags for the next two weeks for the big collection on **Sunday, February 8.**

Bake Sale

Please support the church school and youth fundraiser for Agassiz Village camp and programs on **Sunday, February 8**, during coffee hour. We need all hands on deck for our annual bake sale. We're excited to bring back last year's very popular cake auction! We are looking for as many baked goods as possible, as well as older children and teens to help sell during coffee hour. Feel free to bring your own flair—bread, granola, scones, muffins, Chex mix, cheese biscuits, and more are all welcome. For more information, please contact [D.D. Alexander](#), [Susan Jackson](#), or [Sarah Robbins-Cole](#).

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.



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** pre-k to first grade meet in the **children's chapel**
- **Godly Play II** and **Upper School** meet in **Room 204**

Rite-13

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

Confirmation Classes Remaining

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

Youth Group

- **January 25 5:45 to 7:15pm** NO class
- **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)
- **February 15 5:45 to 7:15pm** NO class
- **February 22 5:45 to 7:15pm** dinner and troubling Biblical texts



Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who organized and attended and brought delicious dishes to share at **Soul Sisters** this week.

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

Clerk Tad Heuer

Communications Betsy Veidenheimer

Fellowship Sarah Harris

Finance Sam Burns

Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

Membership Amanda Curtis

Outreach Herb Manning

Property Sam Schaefer

Stewardship Madison Riley

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

Sunday, January 25

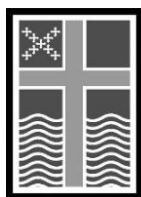
NO coffee hour
11am annual meeting
4:30pm **NO** confirmation class, Rite-13,
or youth group

Tuesday, January 27

6:30pm membership meeting

Wednesday, January 28

1:30pm stitchers meeting



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