

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.

Candlemas

February 1, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

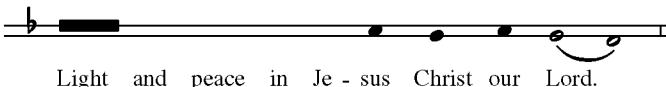
Prelude *Mit Fried und Freude ich fahr dahin* (I travel on in peace and joy)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Nunc dimittis in G major

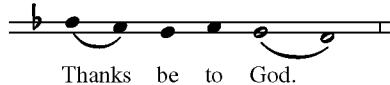
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Celebrant



Light and peace in Je-sus Christ our Lord.

People



Thanks be to God.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

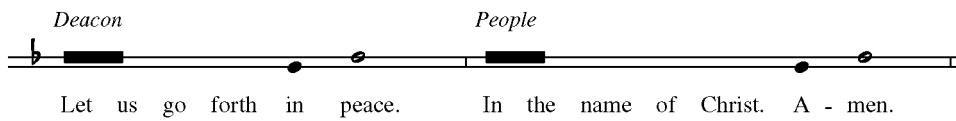
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People God our Father, source of all light, today you revealed to the aged Simeon your light which enlightens the nations. Fill our hearts with the light of faith, that we who bear these candles may walk in the path of goodness, and come to the Light that shines for ever, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Procession

Candlemas Procession



Processional Hymn 497 "How bright appears the Morning Star" *Wie schön leuchtet*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity

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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 and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of

hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold

and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be

pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-8

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O¹LORD of¹hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh re'joice in the¹living¹God.

2 The sparrow has found her a house

and the swallow a nest where she may¹lay her¹young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my¹Ki^{ng}¹and my¹God.

3 Happy are they who¹dwell in your¹house! *

they will¹always be¹praising¹you.

4 Happy are the people whose¹strength is in¹you! *

whose hearts are¹set on the¹pilgrims¹way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find

it a¹place of¹springs, *

for the early rains have¹covered it with¹pools of¹water.

6 They will climb from¹height to¹height, *

and the God of gods will re'veal him¹self in¹Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, ¹hear my¹prayer; *

—¹hearken, O¹God of¹Jacob.

8 Behold our de¹fender, O¹God; *

and look upon the¹face of¹your A¹nointed.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of

Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir Anthem *Jesus in the Morning*

*Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,
Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus when the sun goes down!

Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him in the morning,
Praise Him in the noontime;
Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise Him when the sun goes down!

Love Him, Love Him,
Love Him in the morning,
Love Him in the noontime;
Love Him, Love Him,
Love Him when the sun goes down!*

African American spiritual
*Serve Him, Serve Him,
Serve Him in the morning,
Serve Him in the noontime;
Serve Him, Serve Him,
Serve Him when the sun goes down!

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus in the morning,
Jesus in the noontime;
Jesus, Jesus,
Jesus when the sun goes down!*

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male

shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for

the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

*After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.
The People reply, Hear our prayer.*

Confession of Sin

Peace

Announcements

Caroline Condon

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The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *When to the Temple Mary Went*

Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

*When to the temple Mary went,
And brought the Holy Child,
Him did the aged Simeon see,
As it had been revealed.
He took up Jesus in his arms
And blessing God he said:
In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen,
The Hope of Israel, the Light of men.

Help now thy servants, gracious Lord,
That we may ever be
As once the faithful Simeon was,
Rejoicing but in Thee;
And when we must from earth departure take,
May gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.*

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 *Schaffe in mir, Gott ein rein Herz*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

*Create a pure heart within me, O God,
And grant me a new and sure spirit.*

Communion Hymn "We are marching in the light of God"
from *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

Siyahamba

We are marching in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -
Mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios, Mar - cha -

march-ing in the light of God, We are marching in the
hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
re - mos en la luz de Dios. Mar - cha - re - mos en la

we are marching in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de

light of God, we are marching in the light of, the
nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -
luz de Dios mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de, la

we are marching in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de

We are march - ing

Si - ya - ham - ba

Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God.
nyen' kwen - khos'.
luz de Dios.

We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba,
Mar - cha - re - mos

march - ing, we are
ham - ba, si - ya -
re - mos mar - cha -

Oo we are march - ing in the light of God
Oo si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'
Oo mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the
ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen, kha -
re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de la

march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, God.
ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz de Dios.

We are march - ing

Si - ya - ham - ba

Mar - cha - re - mos

light of God.
nyen' kwen - khos'.
luz de Dios.

We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba,
Mar - cha - re - mos

march - ing, we are
ham - ba, si - ya -
re - mos mar - cha -

— We are march - ing _____
 — Si - ya - ham - ba _____
 — Mar - cha - re - mos _____

march-ing, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God. _____
 ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'. _____
 re - mos re - mos mar - cha - re - mos en la luz do Dios. _____

Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray (b. 1965). Music: *Siyahamba*, South African.

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 637 "How firm a foundation"

Lyons

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten (Whoever lets our dear Lord rule)* J.S. Bach

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour,
 hosted today by Kate Farella and family.**

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
Norman Dorian.**

Serving St. Andrew's this week

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

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering
Ushers Michael Young and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, George Raeke; Torch, Kara Eichelberger; and Torch, Ben Mahoney
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Heather & Susan Schaefer
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Harry Condon, David Hamlin, Meg Harris,
and Peter Mahoney
Readers Youth
Ushers Zebby Dube, Terri Rawson-Wakefield, and Michael Wakefield

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
St. Mark's Church, Dorchester
St. Mary's Church, Dorchester
Epiphany School, Dorchester
The Diocesan Council



Icon of the Week

St. Brigid of Ireland

Next to Patrick, Brigid is the most beloved of Irish saints. Born at Fauchart around the middle of the fifth century, she may have met Patrick as a young girl. She was raised in a Druid household but, nevertheless, decided early on to dedicate her life to God alone as a Christian. She received a nun's veil from Bishop Macaile of Westmeath. In 470, Brigid gathered a group of women around her and founded a female monastery at Kildare, a place whose name meant 'Church of the Oak.' Here had flourished the cult of a pagan goddess who received the sacred fire, which Brigid and her successors have maintained to the present day.

To secure the sacraments, Brigid persuaded the anchorite Conlaed to receive episcopal ordination and bring his community of monks to Kildare, thus establishing the only known Irish double monastery of men and women. Brigid actively participated in policymaking decisions at church conventions. Many stories are told of her concern for the poor and needy. When a leper woman asked for milk, she was healed of her infirmity as well. Two blind men were restored to sight. Best known is the tale of Brigid taming a wolf at the request of a local chieftain whose pet dog had been accidentally killed.

She is traditionally associated with the Cross of St. Brigid, a form of cross made from reeds or straw that is placed in homes for blessing and protection. Her remains are said to have been reinterred, during the Danish invasions of the ninth century, alongside those of Patrick at Downpatrick.

Her feast day is February 1.

Shine your light where there is darkness, strengthen me in any weakness. Heal all within that may be ill, give me the desire each day to do God's will.

—St. Brigid's prayer



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.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us **today, February 1**, when we consider *Healing Prayer*, another *Book of Common Prayer* liturgy. Next **Sunday, February 8**, Professor Caroline Johnson Hodges of Holy Cross, a scholar of Early Church history, speaks on *Widows, Deacons, Apostles: the Leadership of Women in the Early Christian Church*. 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!

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](#).

Sup(p)er Bowl

The Sup(p)er Bowl (formerly the Souper Bowl) is just around the corner! Please put a few extra items in your shopping cart to help stock Wellesley Food Pantry: Dinty Moore Beef Stew, canned peas, canned tomatoes (all types), spaghetti, linguine, fettucine, olive oil, nuts, and honey. We'll be handing out bags for the next two weeks for the big collection on **Sunday, February 8** (we can accept donations into the next week as well).

Food items can also be dropped off in our WFP collection box in the **in the parish hall**, year-round. **Note: NO** rice, stuffing, gravy, baby formula or Ensure, and **NO** expired or opened food. Please. Thanks, and **Go Pats!**

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. Suggested donation is \$5 per person and \$10 per family.

Early Ash Wednesday Service, Please join us on **Tuesday, February 17, at 6pm**. Everyone is invited to process to the children's chapel for a special early Ash Wednesday Service. This is a family-friendly event for all ages!

Ash Wednesday Services

We encourage you to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent by attending a service on Ash Wednesday, **Wednesday, February 18**. We hope to see you at one of the Ash Wednesday services at church at 7am, noon, and 7pm, the last of which will be with music. Margaret will also be doing "Ashes-to-Go" at the Wellesley Square train station starting at 6:45am. —[Adrian Robins-Cole](#)

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](#)



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 attend church today for all parish Eucharist. Kids' Place is available for infants, toddlers, and all children whose parents would prefer that they are in child care.

Rite-13

- **Today 4:30pm** class
- **February 8 4:30pm** class

Confirmation Classes Remaining

- **Today 4:30pm** class
- **February 8 4:30pm** final class

Youth Group

- **Today 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
- **March 1 5:45 to 7:15** dinner and board game night

Vestry

- 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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- 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, February 1

9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers
NO church school
10am all parish Eucharist

Friday, February 6

6:30pm parent circle

Saturday, February 7

11am Nancy Saunders service

Thursday, February 5

9:30am church school meeting



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