

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.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein (Whenever we are in deepest need)*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 126 *"The people who in darkness walked"*

Dundee

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 Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to

lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the LORD *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

† 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and

in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" —

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Ratisbon

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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 "He shall feed his flock" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and
He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and
carry them in His bosom, and gently lead
those that are with young. (Isaiah 40: 11)*

*Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come
unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will
give you rest. Take his yoke upon you, and
learn of Him, for He is meek and lowly of
heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
(Matthew 11: 28-29)*

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 *Lead me, Lord*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Communion Hymn 505 “O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God”

O heiliger Geist

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 381 “Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”

Ton-y-Botel

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in G minor*

J.S. Bach

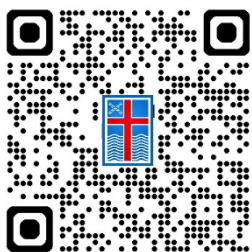
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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour, hosted today by
Julie Koeninger & Peter D'Anieri.**

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.



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 Wendy Haering
Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Christina Lowe; Torch, Jason Lowe; and Torch, Bennett Farny
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Betsy & Rob Veidenheimer
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Kate Farella, Sarah Harris, Tad Heuer,
and Paul Shackford
Readers Debby Rempis and Lauren Murphy
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's Church, Jamaica Plain
Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry
St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury
Building Bridges Ministries
Retired Clergy



Icon of the Week

St. Cecilia

180–230 AD

Cecilia is the patron saint of singers, organ builders, musicians, and poets. She is venerated as a martyr. Many of the details of her life are unknown and much of what we do know comes from later periods. She is among the women named in the Roman Canon of the Mass. According to fifth century sources, Cecilia was of noble birth and was betrothed to a pagan called Valerian. Cecilia's witness resulted in the conversion of Valerian and his brother Tiburtius, who were then martyred. While burying them, Cecilia was arrested. After withstanding several attempts on her life by her captors, she died from her injuries. Her martyrdom is generally believed to have occurred around 230, during the Roman persecution of Christians.

Remembered for the passion with which she sang the praises of God, Cecilia is first depicted in Christian art as a martyr, but since the 14th century, she is often shown playing the organ. Her story has inspired centuries of artistic representations; there are over 2,000 known works of art depicting St. Cecilia, including paintings, sculptures, stained glass windows, operas, poems, and novels. Composers such as Handel, Purcell, Howells, and Britten have written choral works and mass settings in her honor. Her story reminds us of the power of music and art to transcend suffering, to focus on beauty, and to connect us with God.

Her feast day is November 22.

Most gracious God, whose blessed martyr Cecilia sang in her heart to strengthen her witness to you: We give you thanks for the makers of music whom you have gifted with Pentecostal fire; and we pray that we may join with them in creation's song of praise until at the last, with Cecilia and all your saints, we come to share in the song of those redeemed by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. 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.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us **today, February 8**, when Professor Caroline Johnson Hodge of Holy Cross, a scholar of Early Church history, speaks on *Widows, Deacons, Apostles: the Leadership of Women in the Early Christian Church*. Next **Sunday, February 15**, we study *Three Celtic Saints: Columba, Brigid, and Margaret*. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the room 2 [or on Zoom](#).

—[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Bake Sale

Please support the church school and youth fundraiser for Agassiz Village camp and programs **today, 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 hope you will shop and bid on as many items as you can eat.

Sup(p)er Bowl

We will bless the donations for Sup(p)er Bowl today at the 10am service. However, you can drop off items at the church over the next few weeks. Items requested by the Wellesley Food Pantry are as follows: Dinty Moore Beef Stew, canned peas, canned tomatoes (all types), spaghetti, linguine, fettuccine, olive oil, nuts, and honey.

Food items can also be dropped off in our WFP collection box 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!**

February Bible Studies

- **Weekly Beginner's Bible Study** We meet on **Thursdays, from noon to 1pm**. We are studying the Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome. Join us [online every Thursday](#). — [Adrian Robbins-Cole](#)
- **Monthly Open Bible Study** is studying Exodus. We meet the **second Tuesday** and the **second Wednesday** of the month. We meet **February 10 at 11am** and **February 11 at 7pm**. No preparation needed; we read and reflect together. Join us either in the Harvey Room or [on Zoom](#). — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)
- **Men's Bible Study** We are studying Luke. We meet at **8am** on the first and third Saturday of each month via Zoom. It is a great group exploring the Bible from from a scholarly perspective and also discussing what the passages mean to us in our lives. — [Adrian 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. 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 Robbins-Cole](#)

Lenten Potluck & Program

Finding Hope in a Suffering World;
The Way of the Cross.

Our Wednesday night potlucks begin at **6:30pm and run till 7:10pm**. We provide the entrée and drinks, and you bring a salad, or dessert. From **7:10 to 8pm**, we offer a program on the theme. Each talk will offer a different way to find hope in our complex world.

- **February 25** *Jacob Wrestling with the Angel*; Rabbi Rachel Saphire is the Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley
- **March 4** *Seeing a New Thing: Poetry of Resilience & Hope*; Megan Burns and Margaret Schwarzer
- **March 11** *A Meditation on Hope*; Heidi Stahl, Spiritual Director, Bethany House of Prayer
- **March 18** *C.S. Lewis and Hope*; Adrian Robbins-Cole
- **March 25** *Sacred Stress & Holy Disorder: Pathways to Hope*; Pam Alexander

—[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

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 Schwarzer](#)

Mealpacking Event



We are excited to announce the return of the community wide Lenten service event, mealpacking! This high-energy, impactful event will be

Sunday, March 15, 2026, in the parish hall. Everyone can join us between the first and second church services (**8:45 to 9:50am**), then the church school youth and teachers will have a dedicated packing time from **9:55 to 10:55am**. You remember how much fun you had the last four times we did this, so register your spot now! Click the QR code, log into Realm, or contact Nancy Jones (617-538-8488) or Cam McCormick (617-584-9434).

Retirement Gift, Kate Clark

We are collecting a purse for Kate Clark on her retirement from St. Andrew's. Kate has served the parish in the key role of parish administrator for the last seventeen years and has made a huge contribution to the life of St. Andrew's and to individual parishioners. We hope you will give generously to Kate's purse in thanks for all she has done for us. The purse will be presented to Kate before Easter

(**April 5**). You can give online through the giving page on the St. Andrew's website, please put "Kate's retirement" in the memo line. You can also give by check made out to St. Andrew's with "Kate's retirement" in the memo line.

It's Coming! Bargain Haul 2026

Bargain Haul 2026 is on the way, celebrating over 90 years of serving our community. Bargain Haul proceeds are used to support the St. Andrew's outreach ministries. Mark your calendar now for:

- **Sunday, April 26** Drop-off Day
- **Monday to Wednesday, April 27 to 29** Work Week
- **Friday, May 1** Parish Night
- **Saturday, May 2** Public Sale

As St. Andrew's comes together to serve our community, there are many ways you can be part of making Bargain Haul successful. Start thinking about what you can donate and how you can volunteer your time. We look forward to working with ALL of YOU! We are still looking for a few co-chairs. For more details please contact Bob Ware or Caroline Hudson.



Children and Youth

Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.

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** grades two and three meet in **Room 201**
- **Upper School/Way of Love** grades four and five meet in **Room 204**
- Please note, no church school classes on February 15, Presidents' Day weekend.

Rite-13

- **Today, 11am** class meets at coffee hour
- **February 15** **NO** class Presidents' Day Weekend

Confirmation Classes Remaining

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

Youth Group

- **Today 11am to 1:00pm** Bake Sale and Lunch
- **February 15** off for Presidents' Day
- **February 22 5:45 to 7:15pm** Dinner and troubling Biblical texts
- **March 1 5:45 to 7:15pm** Dinner and Board Game Night

Bargain Haul, Families with Youth

Please mark your calendars to help with Bargain Haul. We need youth to help on **Sunday, April 26** drop-off day, to staff layaway during Bargain Haul, and clean-up afterwards on **Saturday, May 2**.

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

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Fellowship Sarah Harris

Finance Sam Burns

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Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Anna Lee Wahls

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, February 8

11am coffee hour for 10am
worshippers
11am bake sale
11am Rite-13
11am Youth Group
4:30pm confirmation class

Tuesday, February 10

11am open Bible study
6pm Soul Sisters
7pm outreach meeting

Wednesday, February 11

7pm open Bible study
7pm worship committee



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