



**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.*

## **Last Sunday after Epiphany**

### **February 15, 2026**

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Dearest Jesus, We are Here)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" *Lauda anima*

### **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* O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## First Lesson: Exodus 24: 12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The

glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 The LORD is King;  
let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.
- †3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
— he is the Holy One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
— he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 “O LORD our God, you answered them in deed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 129 "Christ upon the mountain peak"

*Mowsley*

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and

*Clergy*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Rev. Dr. Sarah Robbins Cole

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

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

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "Steal away"

African American spiritual

**Refrain**

*Steal away, steal away,*

*Steal away to Jesus!*

*Steal away, steal away home.*

*I ain't got long to stay here.*

*My Lord, he calls me,*

*He calls me by the thunder.*

*The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.*

*I ain't got long to stay here. Refrain*

*Green trees are bending,*

*Poor sinners stand a-trembling.*

*The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.*

*I ain't got long to stay here. Refrain*

*My Lord, he calls me,*

*He calls me by the lightning.*

*The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.*

*I ain't got long to stay here. Refrain*

*Tombstones are bursting,*

*Poor sinners stand a-trembling.*

*The trumpet sounds within a-my soul.*

*I ain't got long to stay here. Refrain*

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 *O nata lux* Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,  
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.*

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

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 460 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" *Hyfrydol*

Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *In dir ist Freude (In You is Gladness)* J.S. Bach

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour, hosted today by  
Mary Scanlon and D.D. Alexander.**

## 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**

Edward A. Stettner by Laura Stettner and  
David G. Powell by Elizabeth P. Powell.

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

*Altar Guild* Beck 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* Tom Palmer  
*Ushers* Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Katherine Svedlund; Torch, Emmy Svedlund; and Torch, Abby Dietz  
*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt  
*Greeters* Megan & Sam Burns  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Meg Harris  
and Laura Brown McKinnon  
*Readers* Megan Burns and Michael Kemp  
*Ushers* David Boghosian, Eric Cigan, Lisa Howe, and David Osborn

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery*  
The Cathedral Church of Saint Paul  
The Crossing  
MANNA Community  
The Cathedral Chapter  
Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry  
Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders



# Icon of the Week

## Christ of the Desert

Out of the deserts of the Middle East comes an ancient Christian tradition. Although it has been overshadowed by the Greek and Latin traditions, it is their equal in dignity and theological importance. It is a Semitic tradition, belonging to those churches that use Syriac as their liturgical language. Syriac is a dialect of Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ himself.

This icon celebrates the richness of Syriac Christianity. The inscriptions in the upper corners read "Jesus Christ," and at the bottom, "Christ of the Desert." The Syriac language has ties to the earth that are deep and rich. It is more inclusive than most European languages. The theological experience of Syriac Christians is different because they have encountered the Gospel in such a language. Theirs is an unhellenized expression—one that is neither Europeanized nor Westernized.

Semitic as it is, the Syriac tradition knows no dichotomy between the mind and heart. The heart is the center of the human person—center of intellect as well as feelings. The body and all of creation longs to be reunited with God.

A constant theme in Syriac literature is homesickness for Paradise, a desire to restore Paradise on earth. Christians pray facing east because Paradise was in the east. This longing was expressed in monastic terms in ancient times, but its implications today reach far beyond monastery walls. With earthy roots, this longing for Paradise involves concrete responses in the realms of politics, ecology, and economics.

*O Lord and Master of my life. The spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and vain thoughts give me not. But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me thy servant. Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my failings and not condemn my brother, for Thou art holy unto the ages of ages. 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 15**, when we study *Three Celtic Saints: Columba, Bridget, and Margaret* led by Margaret. Next **Sunday, February 22**, we begin our Lenten Book, *Prayer in the Night*, Chapters 1 & 2. Order yours from Margaret for \$19.50. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the parish hall [or on Zoom](#).

—[Margaret](#)

## 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, 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](#)

## 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](#)

## 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](#)

## Mealpacking Event



We are excited to announce the return of the community wide Lenten service project: mealpacking! This high-energy, impactful event will be on **Sunday March 15**, 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! Scan the QR code, or log into Realm, or contact Nancy Jones (617-538-8488) or Cam McCormick (617-584-9434).



We are also looking for financial donations. The vestry has generously granted money to pack 12,500 meals, but we are aiming to beat the 15,000 we did last year. Scan the QR code to donate in Realm or use the in-pew envelopes to leave a check; At 40 cents per meal, \$60.00 will make enough meals for a family of four during most of Lent!

## 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**). Scan the QR code to 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.

## A Special Lenten Choral Evensong

On **Sunday, March 1, at 5pm**, the St. Andrew's Senior Choir will sing a special Lenten Choral Evensong. We will repeat the Evensong we sang on March 1, 2020, just before we shut down due to the pandemic.

The Rembrandt on our posters, *Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee*, is the same picture we used six years ago. This Evensong is in thanksgiving for our deliverance from that dark and frightening time, and also in the hope of God's guidance and help in the times we are currently living through. Our anthems are Brahms's *Lass dich nicht nur nichts nichts dauren* (*Let nothing disturb you*) and Susan LaBarr's *Grace Before Sleep* on a poem by Sara Teasdale: "Each one of us has walked through storm and fled the wolves along the road. But here the hearth is wide and warm, and for this shelter and this light accept, O Lord, our thanks tonight." Please invite friends and neighbors to join us for this inspiring service. This is a beautiful opportunity to share the liturgy with others.

## 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 and is open **from 9:45 to 11:45am**.

## Church School

There is no church school today because of Presidents' Day weekend. Church school resumes next **Sunday, February 22**. However, there is a children's program for 6–12-year-olds. Please see below.

## Rite-13

- **Today NO** class Presidents' Day Weekend

## Confirmation Class

No more remaining confirmation classes

- Confirmation class is invited to join the youth group programs!
- Our confirmation service will be held at St. Andrew's, Framingham, **April 11 10:30am**.

## Youth Group

- **Today** 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 lay-away during Bargain Haul, and clean-up afterwards on **Saturday, May 2**.

## Research Opportunity today

**Today, February 15**, children's program for ages 6 to 12 are invited to the children's chapel from **10:00 to 10:35am**. During this time, one of our church school teachers, **Liantsoa Jenny Ratsimbazafy**, a Babson graduate student, will be conducting a research activity with a fellow student as part of a project to develop educational technology. The activity will involve simple questions about children's interests and hobbies. Afterward, the children will return to the main service at the usual time, just as they do on a regular church school Sunday.



# Gratitude

## **Bake Sale**

Thank you to everyone who baked, worked, and bought items from the bake sale. Because of you, we raised \$2,580! Those who ordered granola, you can pick up your bag at coffee hour in the parish hall. There are a few extra available for purchase.

## **Soul Sisters**

Thank you to our flower guild leaders for a wonderful evening learning about flower arranging. Thank you too for all those who participated, attended, brought delicious dishes to share, and brought arrangements to our homebound parishioners.

# 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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**Youth Formation** Anna Lee Wahls

# Staff

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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.



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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, February 15

11am coffee hour  
NO church school, Rite-13, or youth group

### Monday, February 16

Presidents' Day, *Parish office closed*  
NO morning prayer

### Tuesday, February 17

10:30am pastoral care team meeting  
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday pancake supper  
6pm children's ashes service

### Wednesday, February 18

6:45am Ashes-to-Go  
7am Ash Wednesday service  
Noon Ash Wednesday service  
7pm Ash Wednesday service

### Saturday, February 21

8am men's Bible study



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