



**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.*

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026**

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (O Lamb of God, innocent)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 142 "Lord, who throughout these forty days" *St. Flavian*

**The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* His mercy endures for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

S 98 Kyrie William Matthias (1934-1922)

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray,

*People* Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch

it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



1 Happy are they whose trans<sup>gressions</sup> are for<sup>given</sup>, \*  
and whose<sup>sin</sup> is<sup>put</sup> a<sup>way</sup>!

2 Happy are they to whom the LORD im<sup>putes</sup> no<sup>guilt</sup>, \*  
and in whose<sup>spirit</sup> there<sup>is</sup> no<sup>guile</sup>!

3 While I held my tongue, my bones<sup>withered</sup> a<sup>way</sup>, \*  
because of my<sup>groaning</sup> all day<sup>long</sup>.

- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me<sup>1</sup> day and<sup>1</sup> night; \*  
my moisture was dried<sup>1</sup> up as in the<sup>1</sup> heat of<sup>1</sup> summer.
- 5 Then I ack<sup>1</sup>nowledged my<sup>1</sup> sin to you, \*  
and<sup>1</sup> did not con<sup>1</sup>ceal my<sup>1</sup> guilt.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my trans<sup>1</sup>gressions to the<sup>1</sup> LORD.” \*  
Then you forgave me the<sup>1</sup> guilt<sup>1</sup> of my<sup>1</sup> sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to  
you in<sup>1</sup> time of<sup>1</sup> trouble; \*  
when the great waters over<sup>1</sup>flow, they<sup>1</sup> shall not<sup>1</sup> reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you pre<sup>1</sup>serve me from<sup>1</sup> trouble; \*  
you sur<sup>1</sup>round me with<sup>1</sup> shouts of de<sup>1</sup>liverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that<sup>1</sup> you should<sup>1</sup> go; \*  
I will<sup>1</sup> guide you<sup>1</sup> with my<sup>1</sup> eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have<sup>1</sup> no under<sup>1</sup>standing; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or<sup>1</sup> else they will<sup>1</sup> not stay<sup>1</sup> near you.”
- 11 Great are the tribu<sup>1</sup>lations of the<sup>1</sup> wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces<sup>1</sup> those who<sup>1</sup> trust in the<sup>1</sup> LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and re<sup>1</sup>joice in the<sup>1</sup> LORD; \*  
shout for joy,<sup>1</sup> all who are<sup>1</sup> true of<sup>1</sup> heart.

## Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If,

because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 147 "Now let us all with one accord"

*Bourbon*

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning

you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*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

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "Call to Remembrance"

Richard Farrant (c.1525-1580)

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and  
loving kindness which hath been ever of old.*

*O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth:*

*but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.*

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 A

BCP p. 361

S128 Sanctus

William Matthias

Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

*All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.*

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

S 160 Agnus Dei

Mason Martens

Communion Anthem *Lay Up for Yourselves*

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

*Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven*

*Where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt*

*And where thieves do not break through and steal*

*For where your treasure is*

*There will your heart be also.*

Communion Hymn 606 "Where true charity and love dwell"

*Ubi caritas*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 143 "The glory of these forty days"

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Christus, der uns selig macht (Christ who makes us blessed)*

J.S. Bach

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour, hosted today by  
David, Debbie, and Ryan Osborn.**

## 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* Lacey Brandt, Kim Carlson, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson,  
Paige Manning, Chris McAvoy, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Tom Palmer

*Usher* Michael Young

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Peter Mahoney; Torch, Abby Dietz; and Torch, Caroline Rankin

*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt

*Greeters* Julie Koeninger & Peter D'Anieri

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Joe Hamilton, Elizabeth Clarke, Tad Heuer,  
and Keileigh McReynolds

*Readers* Becky Hamlin and Michael Vanin

*Ushers* Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery*

St. Mary's Church, Barnstable

St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket

Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers, and Clerks



# Icon of the Week

## Japanese Christ, the Pearl of Great Price

When missionaries first arrived in Japan in the 16th century, they presented Christian theology with European trappings. They also encouraged Japanese converts to abandon their native culture and adopt Western ways. As a result, Japanese authorities suspected that the converts were foreign agents and unleashed a brutal persecution, driving any converts who survived into hiding.

The novelist Shusaku Endo became a Catholic as a child. In the second half of the 20th century, he wrote a series of novels, struggling to reconcile this religion from Europe with his Japanese identity.

He once described Catholicism as a symphony rather than a solo. He said that it could only be a true religion if it found room for a Japanese contribution. His major novels, *Silence*, and *The Samurai*, are major efforts to discover that Japanese contribution.

This icon uses Japanese symbols for compassion and enlightenment to describe the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus sits on a glorious lotus blossom, in the posture of a bodhisattva, just as in ancient Greek icons he is depicted in the robes of a philosopher like Plato or Aristotle. As the Greek artists made no effort to depict Jesus as a Palestinian Jew, but made him one of their own, so he is depicted here as a Japanese man.

The inscription on the left side of the icon reads "Jesus Christ." That on the right reads "The Pearl of Great Price." Jesus and his Gospel are the pearl of great price for all of humanity. Just as we translate the words of the Gospel into other languages, so we must find ways to describe Jesus, the Word himself, with symbols that make sense to non-Europeans.



# 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

**Today, February 22**, we begin our Lenten Book, *Prayer in the Night*, Chapters 1 & 2. Margaret leads a class on *Praying in the Dark*. Next **Sunday, March 1**, David Guydan leads a class on *The Way of the Vulnerable*, Chapters 3-5. 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](#)

## 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. To order the book, email Margaret and 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](#)

## Easter Memorial Flowers

Our church's beauty at Easter is unsurpassed with lilies, hyacinths, and floral decorations. Please join us with a donation in memory of (a deceased) or in thanksgiving for (a living) loved one. The list will be published in the Easter bulletin, and we are requesting your names now in order to make the printer's deadline for publication. To streamline the process, please email names to [altarflowers@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:altarflowers@standrewswellesley.org), or fill out the form found in the narthex as soon as possible. The form, together with your check, should be mailed to arrive at St. Andrew's by **Wednesday, March 4**. Make the check payable to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with Easter flowers in the memo line. You may also pay on Realm through the donate button on our website. The amount of your contribution is at your discretion. Email [altarflowers@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:altarflowers@standrewswellesley.org) with any questions.

## Soul Sisters

Our next meeting of Soul Sisters is on **Tuesday, March 10, 6:00 to 7:30pm**. We will be meeting for dinner, discussing Becca Stevens's book, *Snake Oil: The Art of Healing and Truth-Telling*; and creating batches of healing oils using traditional biblical and ancient sources. The book is available at the library (as a print, e-book, and audiobook), local booksellers, and Amazon. You do not need to have read the book to attend this meeting.

## 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!

## A Special Lenten Choral Evensong

The St. Andrew's Senior Choir will sing a special Lenten Choral Evensong on **Sunday, March 1, at 5pm**. 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.

## Reception Following Evensong

Everyone's help is needed to make a special reception following the Lenten Choral Evensong on **March 1!** Please consider providing an appetizer to share that can be delivered to the kitchen before **5pm**. Help is also needed for set up and serving. Please contact [Wendy Haering](#), 781-235-2928.

## 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. Please note that donations to an individual will be reflected on your donation statement as non-deductible as it is a donation to an individual, not a charity.



# 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

- **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**

## Rite-13

- **Today 4:30 to 5:45pm**

## Confirmation Class

No remaining confirmation classes

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

## Youth Group

- **Today 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.**



# Gratitude

## Note from Karen Vickers Budney

Dear St. Andrew's, Thank you for your notes, emails, texts, and the beautiful flowers from the Soul Sisters ministry. Your prayers and thoughtful expressions of care have made all the difference. I am recovering nicely from my pacemaker surgery and look forward to being back at St. Andrew's soon. I feel blessed to be a part of this wonderful faith community.

Blessings, Karen Vickers Budney

## Fellowship Committee

Thank you to the fellowship committee and to everyone who helped make the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper such a wonderful success. Your time, energy, and hospitality are truly appreciated.

We are also grateful to all who assisted with the children's service and the imposition of ashes.

# 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/>

## Adult Formation

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# 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

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- 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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### Monday, February 23

10am communications committee  
7pm finance committee

### Sunday, March 1

5pm Lenten Choral Evensong  
6pm reception following Evensong

### Tuesday, February 24

7pm vestry meeting

### Wednesday, February 25

6:30pm Lenten Potluck & Program



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