



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.

Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund (As Jesus hung on the cross)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 401 "The God of Abraham praise" *Leoni*

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.*

Decalogue BCP p.350

Confession BCP p.352

S 98 Kyrie William Matthias (1934-1922)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray,

People O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will

bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

Richard Farrant

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
— nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is

the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 691 "My faith looks up to thee "

Olivet

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell

you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel,

and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in

the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem “Ave Verum Corpus”

William Byrd (1543-1623)

Hail, true body,

Born of the virgin Mary;

Who has truly suffered, slaughtered

On the Cross for humanity.

Whose side was pierced,

Pouring out water and blood.

Be a foretaste for us

During our ordeal of death.

O sweet, o holy,

O Jesus Son of Mary,

Have mercy on me. Amen.

- 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 *O Lord, Increase our Faith* Henry Loosemore (1607-1670)
O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity and patience,
in all our adversities, sweet Jesu, say Amen.
- Communion Hymn 702 "Lord, thou hast searched me and dost know" *Tender Thought*
- Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365
- Blessing
- Recessional Hymn 473 "Lift high the cross" *Crucifer*
- Dismissal
- Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- People* Thanks be to God.
- Postlude *Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ (We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ)* J.S. Bach

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**Please join us after the service for coffee hour, hosted today by
Christine & Bill McAvoy.**

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 Laura Brown MacKinnon, Nancy Echlov, Blair Glennon, Angie Johnson,
Wendy Haering, Ntonhle Kekana, Sarah Klein, and Jen Martin

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 the Botsford family

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Laura Brown McKinnon, David Hamlin,
Peter Mahoney, and Cam McCormick

Readers Youth

Ushers Zebby Dubé, Terri Rawson-Wakefield, and Michael Wakefield

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

St. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port

Christ Church, Plymouth

St. David's Church, South Yarmouth

Diocesan Congregational Consultants



Icon of the Week

Desmond Tutu

1931–2021

Desmond Tutu was a South African Anglican cleric. He studied theology at the University of South Africa and King's College London. He became an Anglican priest in 1961 and Bishop of Lesotho in 1976. In 1978 he became general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and an eloquent and outspoken advocate for the rights of Black South Africans. Tutu emphasized nonviolent protest and encouraged other countries to apply economic pressure on South Africa. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 "for his role as a unifying leader in the non-violent campaign to resolve the problem of apartheid in South Africa."

In 1986 he was elected the first Black Archbishop of Cape Town and titular head of South Africa's 1.6-million-member Anglican church. He was named chancellor of the University of the Western Cape in Bellville, South Africa in 1988. He retired from the primacy in 1996 and became chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, charged with hearing evidence of human rights violations under White rule. In 2010 he retired from public life. "When the missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, 'let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible, and they had the land."

His feast day is December 26.

"Disturb us, O Lord, when we are too well-pleased with ourselves, when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little, because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, O Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess, we have lost our thirst for the water of life when, having fallen in love with time, we have ceased to dream of eternity and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of Heaven to grow dim. Stir us, O Lord to dare more boldly, to venture into wider seas where storms show Thy mastery, where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars. In the name of Him who pushed back the horizons of our hopes and invited the brave to follow."

— Adapted prayer, Desmond Tutu



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.

A Special Lenten Choral Evensong Today, 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.

Reception Following Evensong

Everyone's help is needed to make a special reception following the Lenten Choral Evensong **today, 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](mailto:Wendy.Haering@st-andrews.org), 781-235-2928.

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us **today, March 1**, as we continue to study our Lenten book, *Prayer in the Night*. David Guydan leads a class on *The Way of the Vulnerable*, Chapters 3-5. Order your book from Margaret for \$19.50. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the parish hall **or on Zoom**. — [Margaret](mailto:Margaret.Haering@st-andrews.org)

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. Please fill out the form found in the narthex as soon as possible. The form, together with your check, should be mailed to St. Andrew's by this **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. Please email altarflowers@standreswellesley.org.

Soul Sisters

Join us **Tuesday, March 10 from 6 to 7:30pm** for dinner, discussion of Becca Stevens' *Snake Oil: The Art of Healing and Truth-Telling*, and making healing oils inspired by biblical and ancient traditions. The book is available at the library (print and e-book), local booksellers, and Amazon. You are welcome to attend even if you haven't read the book.

Mealpacking Event



Spots are filling up quickly for the fun and impactful community-wide Lenten service project: mealpacking!

This high-energy 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 9:40am**), then the church school youth and teachers will have a dedicated packing time from **9:45 to 10:40am**. You remember how much fun you had the last four times we did this, so register your spot now! Click the QR code, or log into Realm, or contact Nancy Jones (617-538-8488) or Cam McCormick (617-584-9434)

Bonus! On **Wednesday, March 4**, the Lenten potluck dinner will serve a side dish of the Spanish beans and rice meal that we packed in 2025. Come and sample the delicious meal!



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!

Trivia Night

Grab your friends and family and join us for trivia night, **Friday, March 20, at 6pm** in the parish hall! We will provide salad, pizza, and soft drinks (BYOB welcome) and you and your team—of up to eight—will provide the answers to Trivia Bob's questions. Sign up on [Realm](#) by **March 17** and include your team's name. If you prefer, sign up as a single or a pair and we'll assign you a team. Cost is \$10/person with a maximum of 80 attendees; all ages welcome. Please contact [Lynda Sperry](#) with questions.

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. Also available [on Zoom](#) at **7:10pm**.

- **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](#)

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. We ask that you make your donation 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. The purse will be presented to Kate at a special farewell coffee hour on **Sunday, April 19**.

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

- **Godly Play I** pre-k to first grade meet in the **children's chapel**
- All other children are invited to join their parents and grandparents in church for the all parish Eucharist.

Rite-13

- **Today 4:30 to 5:45pm**
- **March 8 4:30 to 5:45pm**
- **March 15** Help with meal packing in the morning. Details to come.

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, **Saturday, April 11, at 10:30am**.

Youth Group

- **Today 6:00 to 7:15pm** Board game night and John's Gospel Bible study.
- **March 8 5:45 to 7:15pm** Make dinner together and John's Gospel Bible study.
- **March 15 8:45-10:40am** Meeting for meal packing followed by lunch.
- **March 22 5:45 to 7:15pm** Dinner and discussion on relationships and communication
- **March 29** Off for Palm Sunday

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**.

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

Laura Brown MacKinnon

Clerk Tad Heuer

Communications Betsy Veidenheimer

Fellowship Sarah Harris

Finance Sam Burns

Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

Membership Amanda Curtis

Outreach Herb Manning

Property Sam Schaefer

Stewardship David Guydan

Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Tom Faust

Ginny Snow

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, March 1

9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers
5pm Lenten Choral Evensong

Monday, March 2

10am Bargain Haul department heads meeting

Wednesday, March 4

6:30pm Lenten potluck & program
7pm men's book club

Thursday, March 5

9:30am church school committee



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