



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 in Lent
March 22, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Romance from Symphony No. 4*

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Processional Hymn 610 "Lord, whose love through humble service"

Blaenhafren

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People His mercy endures for ever. *Amen.*

Confession

BCP p.352

S 98 Kyrie

William Matthias (1934-1992)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray,

People Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in

them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, ¹hear my ¹voice; *
let your ears consider well the ¹voice of my ¹suppli¹cation.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is ¹done a ¹miss, *
O ¹Lörd, ¹who could ¹stand?
- †3 For there is for ¹giveness with ¹you; *
— ¹therefore you ¹shall be ¹feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my ¹söul ¹waits for him; *
in his ¹wörd ¹is my ¹hope.
- 5 My soul waits ¹for the LORD,
more than ¹watchmen for the ¹morning, *
more than ¹watchmen ¹for the ¹morning.
- 6 O Israel, ¹wait for the ¹LORD, *
for with the ¹LÖRD ¹there is ¹mercy;
- 7 With him there is ¹plenteous re¹demption, *
and he shall redeem ¹Israel from ¹all their ¹sins.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of

Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 508 “Breathe on me, Breath of God”

Nova Vita

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to

sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her

privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in 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 "Cantique de Jean Racine"

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Word, equal to the Almighty, our sole hope, Eternal day of the earth and the heavens, We break the silence of the peaceful night. Divine savior, cast your eyes upon us. Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace So that all hell flees at the sound of your voice. Dispel the sleep of a languishing soul Who lives forgetful of your laws. O Christ, look kindly on your faithful people Assembled now to glorify you. Receive the songs that we offer to your immortal glory And let us depart, crowned with your gifts.

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 *Panis angelicus*

César Franck (1822-1890)

*May the Bread of Angels
Become bread for mankind;
The Bread of Heaven puts
All foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish
the poor, the poor,
the servile, and the humble.*

Communion Hymn 314 "Humbly I adore thee"

Adoro devote

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 456 "O Love of God, how strong and true"

de Tar

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prélude Circulaire from Symphony No. 2* Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

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We thank our guest organist, Ross Wood.

**Please join us after the service for coffee hour, hosted today by
Frank Hunnewell and Tim Phillips.**

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
Ushers Nancy Kohl and Michael Young

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Peter Mahoney; Torch, Tanner Francour;
and Torch, Caroline Rankin
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Costas Panagopoulos & Mark Ruggiero
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Laura Brown MacKinnon, Meg Harris,
Paul Shackford, and Tad Heuer
Readers Megan Burns and Debby Rempis
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery
Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs
Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans
Boston Episcopal Charitable Society



Icon of the Week

Oscar Romero of El Salvador

1917–1980

Although the wealthy class called him a friend of revolution, Oscar Romero was a peacemaker. He knew that simply ending rebel violence would not end the greater violence induced by poverty and hunger. Society had to be restructured so that children would not die of malnutrition and disease while their parents could not find decent work. Though he encouraged peaceful reform, where violence was unavoidable, he worked to overcome the spirit of hatred and vengeance.

His pulpit became a font of truth when the government censored news. He walked among the people and listened. “I am a shepherd,” he said, “who, with his people, has begun to learn a beautiful and difficult truth: our Christian faith requires that we submerge ourselves in this world.”

Killed by an assassin’s bullet as he celebrated Mass on March 24, 1980, his last words described the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit. Like his Savior, he died poor, forgiving his murderers. He was buried in the cathedral where he had preached justice.

His feast day is March 24.

Almighty God, you called your servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and forever. Amen.



Holy Week & Easter Services

**** March 29** 8am and 10am The Liturgy of the Palms,
Dramatic Reading of the Passion, & Holy Eucharist

**** March 30, Monday** 7pm Taizé-style Service

March 31, Tuesday 7pm Stations of the Cross

April 1, Wednesday 7pm Service of Tenebrae

April 2, Maundy Thursday

**** 7pm** Maundy Thursday Service & Footwashing

9pm Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil begins

April 3, Good Friday

**** 12 noon** Good Friday Liturgy

2pm Church School Intergenerational Good Friday Observance

7pm Good Friday Liturgy

April 4, Holy Saturday

9am Holy Saturday Service

**** 7pm** The Great Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist

April 5, Easter Sunday

**** 9am** Festival Holy Eucharist

10am Easter Egg Hunt

11am Festival Holy Eucharist

**** also to be livestreamed**



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, March 22**, as we continue to study our Lenten book, *Prayer in the Night*. Pam Alexander leads a class on Chapters 9-11: *The Way of the Vulnerable*. On **Sunday, March 29**, Laura Brown MacKinnon leads a class on Chapters 12-13: *Shielding the Joyous & All for Love's Sake*. Order your copy from Margaret for \$19.50. Attend every class or just the ones that interest you. Meet in the parish hall **or on Zoom**.

—Margaret Schwarzer

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. You can also join us on Zoom.

- **March 25** *Sacred Stress & Holy Disorder: Pathways to Hope*; Pam Alexander
- Margaret Schwarzer

John Childs Memorial Service

John's service will be held at **11am on Friday, March 27**, at St. Andrew's. It will be followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to celebrate John's life and to show our love and support to Jean and the family.

Lenten Sock Drive for Circle of Hope

Our outreach partner Circle of Hope (Needham) needs new unused white socks and underwear (all ages) for their clients facing housing transitions and issues. Please leave your donations in the Circle of Hope boxes in the narthex or parish hall.

2025 Contribution Statements

Do you need a copy of your 2025 contribution statement for tax preparation? Log in to Realm and go to the Giving tab. On the far right side, you will see a blue box with "2025 Contribution Statement." Click on it and your statement will be generated and available to print. Reach out if you have any questions. —Joanne Butler

10-Year Plan for Building

As shared at the parish annual meeting, St. Andrew's has engaged a church architectural firm, Cram and Ferguson, to create a 10-year plan for the care and improvement of our church buildings. The last 10-year plan was created in 2012. We have formed a building committee headed by Sam Schaefer, vestryperson for property. Other committee members are Stephen Clarke, Tom Faust (warden), Carrie Hawley, Tad Heuer, Frank Hunnewell, Jim Kenary, Stephanie Mitchell, Adrian Robbins-Cole, Ginny Snow (warden), and Lynda Sperry. The scope of the plan will be wide, from core issues such as the roof, the boilers, the electrical system, and accessibility, to aesthetics and the optimum usage of our existing spaces. Once a draft of the plan has been formulated, we will organize forums to present the plan to the parish. Cram and Ferguson Architects are leading church architects with



an aesthetic in keeping with the traditional style of St. Andrew's. Scan the QR code to see a recent example of their work.

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**.

Bargain Haul—Volunteers Needed!

Join the fun and fellowship of our annual rummage sale, Bargain Haul, as St. Andrew's comes together to benefit our outreach programs. We need volunteers during the hours below, from drop-off **Sunday, April 26, through Saturday, May 2**, the public sale. Please pitch in, even if you have only a few hours to spare!

- Sunday, April 26 11:30am to 3pm (drop-off/sorting)
- Monday, April 27 9am to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm (drop-off/sorting)
- Tuesday, April 28 9am to 2pm (drop-off/sorting) and 6pm to 8pm (sorting)
- Wednesday, April 29 9am to 2pm (sorting/organizing)
- Thursday, April 30 9am to 11am (worker's sale)
- Friday, May 1 6pm to 8pm (parish night sale)
- Saturday, May 2 8am to 12pm (public sale) and 12pm to 2pm (cleanup).



Scan the QR Code to learn more about volunteering and to sign up. Or contact Bob Ware, or Caroline Hudson.

Mah Jongg

There's been great interest in starting a Mah Jongg group at St. Andrew's, as well as in learning to play.

If you're interested in joining a group here at St. Andrew's, please email Sarah Robbins-Cole or sign up outside her office. If you would like lessons, Sarah can connect you with a professional teacher who can get you playing in two two-hour sessions.



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** Grades four and five meet in **Room 204**

Rite-13

- **Today** No class
- **March 29 and April 5** No Rite-13 during Holy Week and Easter

Mite Boxes for Agassiz Village

We're thrilled to be so close to our \$10,000 goal—thank you for your generosity! We are now just \$381 away. If you took a mite box, please return it on or before Easter Sunday. If you haven't taken one yet, feel free to pick one up, fill it with loose coins, and bring it back. Together, we can reach our goal and send four children to Agassiz Village Camp who otherwise wouldn't have the opportunity.

Youth Group

- **Today 5:45 to 7:15pm** Dinner and discussion: communication, relationships, and feedback
- **March 29 and April 5** **No youth group during Holy Week and Easter.** Please plan on attending some or all of the Holy Week offerings. We'd love to see you. Let us know if you would like to participate.
- **April 12** *common cathedral*: starting at **9am** returning to church around **2pm.** Come for part or all.
- **April 19** Off for vacation week and Patriots' Day

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

Mealpacking

Huge thanks to the entire St. Andrew's community for feeding 17,500 people through our Lenten service event of mealpacking. On March 15, more than 80 people, aged four to 80+, came together for a high-energy, assembly-line process of crafting rice and beans dried meals, which were donated to needy neighbors at our local food pantries. This is truly “love in action”!

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

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- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** is offered online **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm** (the doors are locked; please ring the intercom) and **Friday, 9am to noon** (church access by appointment) unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** for the bulletin, the e-Pistle, or any email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



Regular meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

- Sundays** • 9am adult Christian learning • 9:45am Kids' Place • 9:45am church school
• 11am coffee hour • 4:30pm confirmation • 4:30pm Rite-13 • 5:45pm youth group
- Thursdays** • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir
• 7:30pm senior choir
- First and third Saturdays at 8am** • men's Bible study
- Second Tuesdays at 11am and second Wednesdays at 7pm** • open Bible study

Sunday, March 22

11:30am Episcopal 101

Monday, March 23

10am communications meeting

Tuesday, March 24

7pm vestry meeting

Wednesday, March 25

6:30pm Lenten potluck & program

Thursday, March 26

7pm finance meeting

Saturday, March 28

11am John Childs funeral



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