ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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.

The Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Piano Trio No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 67 IV. Allegretto—Adagio* Dmitri Shostakovich

Processional Hymn 180 "He is risen, he is risen" *Unser Herrscher*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn 174 (verses 1&4) "At the Lamb's high feast we sing" *Salzburg*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

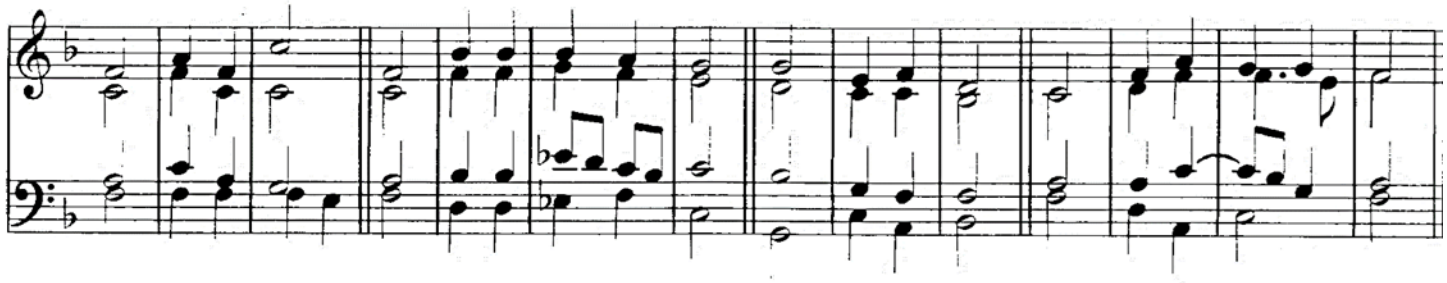
"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16 David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



1 Protect me, O God, for I take | refuge in | you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my | good a | bove all | other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are | in the | land, *
upon those who are | noble a | mong the | people.

3 But those who run after ˈother ˈgods *
shall ˈhave their ˈtroubles ˈmultiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I ˈwill not ˈoffer, *
nor take the names of their ˈgods upˈon my ˈlips.

5 O LORD, you are my ˈportion and my ˈcup; *
it is ˈyou who upˈhold my ˈlot.

6 My boundaries enclose aˈpleasant ˈland; *
indeed, I ˈhave aˈgoodly ˈheritage.

7 I will bless the LORD whoˈgives meˈcounsel; *
my heart teaches me, ˈnight ˈafter ˈnight.

8 I have set the LORD ˈalways beˈfore me; *
because he is at my ˈright hand I ˈshall not ˈfall.

†9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my ˈspirit reˈjoices; *
my body ˈalso shall ˈrest in ˈhope.

10 For you will not abandon me ˈto the ˈgrave, *
nor let your ˈholy oneˈsee the ˈPit.

11 You will show me the ˈpath of ˈlife; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand areˈpleasures forˈeverˈmore.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 206 "O sons and daughters, let us sing" *O filii et filiae*

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon 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.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory *Easter Anthem* William Billings (1746-1800)

The Lord is risen indeed! Hallelujah!
(Repeat previous line).
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
And become the first fruit of them that
slept. (Repeat previous lines).

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.
And did he rise? And did he rise?
Did he rise?
Hear it, ye nations! hear it O ye dead!
He rose, he rose, he rose, he rose,
He burst the bars of death,
(Repeat previous line twice).
And triumphed o'er the grave.

Then, then, then I rose,
Then I rose, then I rose,
Then first humanity triumphant
Past the crystal ports of light,
And seized eternal youth.
Men all immortal hail, hail, heaven,
All lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless
bliss.

Doxology *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

S 125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Richard Proulx

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S 151 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) David Hurd

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem *I know that my Redeemer liveth* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.
For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Communion Hymn 209 "We walk by faith, and not by sight" *St. Botolph*

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 492 "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness" *Finnian*

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *Christ ist erstanden (Christ has arisen)* J.S. Bach

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We welcome and thank Jenny Tang from Wellesley College, and her wonderful musicians, Konoka Minegishi on violin, Hanna Bae on cello, and Kimi Lin on piano.

Join us after the service for coffee hour in the parish hall.

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 flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Jane H. Kettendorf by her daughters Lorelei, Nathalie, and Jane.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Dell Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Kim Francour, Erica Gelser, Peter Mahoney, Heather Schaefer, and Liz J. Tecca

Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell

Ushers Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Christina Lowe; Torch, Kara Eichelberger; and Torch, Bennett Farny

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Greeters Holly Anza and children

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joe Hamilton, David Hamlin, Paul Shackford, and Tad Heuer

Readers Becky Hamlin and Paul Merry

Ushers Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, Frank Hunnewell, and Justin Wahls

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Charles River Deanery
All Saints Parish, Brookline
Church of Our Saviour, Brookline
St. Paul's Church, Brookline
Boston University Chaplain, Boston
The Church Home Society

Icon of the Week

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

1906-1945

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was an anti-Nazi theologian and pastor during WWII. He was born in 1906 in Germany, and is best remembered for authoring the classics, *The Cost of Discipleship* and *Life Together*. Although Bonhoeffer did not grow up in a religious home, he announced his plans to join the church when he was 14. After obtaining his doctorate in theology and working in churches abroad, Bonhoeffer became a priest and lecturer in Berlin at the age of 25. Hitler's rise to power marked a turning point in Bonhoeffer's career. Despite the mounting cost, Bonhoeffer spoke out against the Führer's influence. Frustrated by the unwillingness of church leaders to oppose Hitler's anti-Semitism, Bonhoeffer created the Confessing Church, with Martin Niemoller and Karl Barth. Eventually, forbidden to teach publicly, Bonhoeffer taught seminary students underground for the Confessing Church until even they grew reluctant to contradict Nazi leadership. Bonhoeffer briefly sought asylum in the United States, but eventually concluded it was wrong to abandon his friends and returned to Nazi Germany.

Formerly a pacifist, Dietrich Bonhoeffer became persuaded of the need for violence against the Nazi regime and joined a group which plotted to assassinate Hitler. Ultimately, Bonhoeffer was arrested for his involvement in helping Jews flee the country. Still, he continued to teach with the help of guards who smuggled out his writings, until he was transferred to a concentration camp. When his association with other *Abwehr* agents was discovered, Bonhoeffer was hanged in April 1945, just one month before Germany surrendered.

His feast day is April 9.

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.

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.

Kids' Place Coffee

Parents of young children are invited to a special coffee hour **today, April 12, after our 10am service**, hosted by our membership committee. It's a chance to get to know one another over coffee, munchkins, and juice boxes. Meet on the playground, or in the case of inclement weather, in the Kids' Place room downstairs. We hope to see you and your children there!—Libby Botsford and Angie Johnson

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us **today, April 12,** when Elizabeth Guydan will lead a class on *Understanding Islam*. Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle).
—Margaret Schwarzer

June Pilgrimage

Those who have signed up to be a part of our June pilgrimage, *Following Celtic Footsteps*, are meeting in the Harvey Room **from 11:30am to 12:30pm today, April 12**.
—Margaret Schwarzer

common cathedral

Today, April 12, please join in outreach support of *common cathedral*, the worship and lunch event on Boston Common, which seeks to bridge the gap between unhoused and housed people. A group of St. Andrew's parishioners will prepare 120 bag lunches and then travel to Boston to serve lunch and worship. We welcome everyone; kids as young as five can participate! Scan the QR code to sign up in Realm or contact Cam McCormick (617-584-9434).

Outreach Grants Awarded

The outreach committee recently approved two applications for 2026 outreach grants. The first grant awards $5,000 to Agassiz Village, and the second grant, sponsored by parishioner Elizabeth Martin, awards $5,000 to Dig Deep, an award-winning international clean water charity.

The next round of outreach grant applications is due by the **end of May**, and will be reviewed at our June committee meeting. Scan the QR code to see our outreach web page for info.
—Herb Manning

Two Weeks and Counting. Bargain Haul 2026 is Almost Here!

We hope you are busy gathering beautiful treasures and other gently used items. **Drop-off starts in two weeks: Sunday, April 26, from 11:30am to 3pm.**

We have been in touch with our outreach partners to find out what they can use. Please consider donating warm and durable winter outerwear, boots, pillows, blankets and sleeping bags, sports balls, and small kitchen appliances.

We are looking for some volunteers to host a Bargain Haul yard sign from now through **May 2.** If you have a visible spot on a well-traveled street, please see us after church. We will be distributing signs then. If you take a sign, please email one of us with your name and address. Thank you!
—Bob Ware and Caroline Hudson.

Open Bible Study

Monthly open Bible study is studying Exodus. This month, we meet the **second Tuesday** and the **third Wednesday** of the month. We meet **Tuesday, April 14 at 11am** and **Wednesday, April 15 at 7pm**. No preparation needed; we read and reflect together. We study Chapter 13: *A Brave Beginning*. Join us either in the **Harvey Room** or on **Zoom**.
—Margaret Schwarzer

Kate Clark Retirement Reception

The reception will take place in the parish hall in place of coffee hour on **Sunday, April 19, immediately after the 10am service.** All are welcome as we give thanks for Kate's 17 years of service to St. Andrew's as the parish administrator. We will be presenting Kate her retirement purse. If you have not yet had a chance to make a donation to the purse it is not too late.

April Showers Grocery Drive

The forecast is for April showers of (no, not rain)—groceries to support our needy neighbors at St. Stephen's Youth Programs. Please consider adding items (cooking oil, canned fruit, canned meat, granola bars, oatmeal) to your grocery shopping and dropping them in the narthex **from now through May 31**. Many families are feeling the squeeze of higher prices and reduced benefits. Bags are in the narthex with lists of items, and you can contact Cam McCormick (617-584-9434). Thank you!

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

Church School

- **Godly Play I** pre-k to first grade meet in the **children's chapel**
- **Godly Play II** grades two and three meet in **Room 201**
- **Upper School** grades four and five meet in **Room 204**

Rite-13

- **Today 9am** *common cathedral* starting at **9am** returning to church around **2pm**. Come for part or all.
- **April 19** NO class on Patriots' Day weekend

Youth Group

- **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
- **April 26** Bargain Haul drop off **11:15am to 3pm** lunch provided
- **May 3** Make dinner, Yankee swap, and Bargain Haul fashion show

Bargain Haul, Families with Youth

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

Vestry

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

Adult Formation Laura Brown MacKinnon
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Worship Erica Gelser
Youth Formation Anna Lee Wahls

Staff

In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938.
Additional clergy cell phone numbers are:
Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.

- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

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

Regular meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

Sundays • **9am** adult Christian learning • **9:45am** Kids' Place • **9:45am** church school • **11am** coffee hour • **4:30pm** confirmation • **4:30pm** Rite-13 • **5:45pm** youth group

Thursdays • **12pm** weekly beginner's Bible study • **5pm** children's choir • **7:30pm** senior choir

First and third Saturdays at 8am • men's Bible study

Second Tuesdays at 11am and second Wednesdays at 7pm • open Bible study

Sunday, April 12
9am *common cathedral*
11:30am 1st pilgrimage meeting

Tuesday, April 14
12pm feeding ministry in kitchen
7pm outreach meeting

Thursday, April 16
10:30am North Hill Holy Eucharist

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