



# 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday May 10, 2026

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus: Five variations for organ* James Woodman (b. 1957)

Processional Hymn 292 "O Jesus, crowned with all renown" *Kingsfold*

### The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Collect for Purity BCP p.355

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal) William Mathias (1934-1992)

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,*

*we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,*

*you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;*

*you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,*

*you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,*

*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they

would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 7 Bless our 'God, you 'peoples; \*  
make the 'voice of his 'praise to be 'heard;
- 8 Who holds our 'souls in 'life, \*  
and will not al'low our 'feet to 'slip.
- 9 For you, O 'God, have 'proved us; \*  
you have tried us 'just as 'silver is 'tried.
- 10 You brought us 'into the 'snare; \*  
you laid heavy 'burdens up'on our 'backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through 'fire and 'water; \*  
but you brought us out 'into a 'place of re'freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will 'pay you my 'vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my 'mouth when I 'was in 'trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the 'smoke of 'rams; \*  
I will 'give you 'oxen and 'goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all 'you who fear 'God, \*  
and I will 'tell you 'what he has 'done for me.
- 15 I called out to 'him with my 'mouth, \*  
and his 'praise was 'on my 'tongue.
- 16 If I had found 'evil in my 'heart, \*  
the 'Lord would 'not have 'heard me;
- 17 But in truth 'God has 'heard me; \*  
he has attended to the 'voice of my 'prayer.
- 18 Blessèd be God, who has not re'jected my 'prayer, \*  
nor with'held his 'love from 'me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to

bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir    "Thank You for Mothers"

Ken Young (b. 1956)

Gradual Hymn 383    "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*St. Elizabeth*

Gospel: John 14: 15-21

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world

will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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.*

Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory *Hymne à la Vierge*

Pierre Villette (1926-1998)

poem by Roland Bouhéret (1930-1995)

*O fairest Virgin Mary,  
Your soul finds in the Lord perfect love;  
He clothes you in robes of grace  
Like a bride attired with jewels.  
Alleluia. I will sing thy praise,  
O Lord, For thou hast looked after me,  
and covered me with the veil of innocence.  
You were born before the hills,  
O wisdom of the Lord,  
Gate of Redemption,  
Blessed be he who walks in your steps  
And tunes his heart To the counsels of  
your voice. Alleluia.*

*I will sing thy praise, O Lord,  
For thou hast made me, before dawn,  
For thou has made me precede the Gushing  
forth of springs.  
Before the stars you were there,  
Mother of the Creator,  
In the highest Heaven;  
When God was setting the limits of the  
world  
you shared his love As you laboured with  
him. Alleluia O fairest Virgin Mary.*

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

S125 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!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

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

*Gluten free wafers are available.*

Communion Anthem *God is Seen*

Captain Kidd

arranged by Alice Parker (1925-2023)

*Through all the world below  
God is seen all around;  
Search hills and valleys through,  
There He's found.*

*The growing of the corn,  
The lily and the thorn,  
The pleasant and forlorn  
All declare God is there.  
In meadows drest in green,  
God is seen.*

*See springing waters rise,  
Fountains flow, rivers run;  
The mist that veils the sky  
Hides the sun.*

*Then down the rain doth pour,  
The ocean, it doth roar  
And beat upon the shore,  
And all praise, in their ways,  
The God who ne'er declines  
His designs.*

*The sun with all his rays  
Speaks of God as he flies.  
The comet in her blaze,  
"God!" she cries.*

*The shining of the stars,  
The moon, when she appears  
His awful name declare;  
See them fly, through the sky  
And join the solemn sound  
All around.*

Communion Hymn 405 "All things bright and beautiful"

Royal Oak

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 400 "All creatures of our God and King"

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*The congregation is encouraged to sing with the choir during  
the recessional while processing after the clergy and choir out  
of the church where a madrigal will be sung on the steps.*

Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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## Coffee Hour Hosted by the rector

### 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* 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* Cam McCormick

*Ushers* Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Jason Lowe; Torch, Christina Lowe; and Torch, Bennett Farny

*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt

*Greeters* Debbie & David Osborn, Ryan Osborn

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Sarah Harris, David Hamlin, Ann Johnson, and Tad Heuer

*Readers* Youth

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

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Concord River Deanery*

Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton

St. Andrew's Church, Ayer

Trinity Church, Concord

St. Andrew's Church, Framingham

Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society

# Icon of the Week

## Jesus Hugs His Mother

This icon of the Assumption of Mary uses a motif that first appeared in a fresco painted between 1272 and 1280 by Cimabue in the apse of the Upper Church of San Francesco in Assisi, the mother church of the Franciscan Order. It is a very unusual and powerful depiction of Christ gently taking his mother to heaven after her earthly death. The intimacy of Mary resting on her son's shoulder, with her leg crossing his knee, is a poignant reversal of the "Mother of Tenderness" icon image, in which the baby Jesus presses his face against his mother's cheek. Christ and Mary are surrounded by a starry and rainbow-colored mandorla, a symbol of the uncreated divine light of God's glory. Brother Patrick Garvey of the Assisi Project says about this icon, "Beneath and among the lights of heaven, Mother and Son seem to know that theirs is a shared journey. Jesus and Mary look joyful and peaceful, but ever mindful of how far they have come, how much they have seen and suffered, and how much more they must do together. Again, they lean into each other. They lean on each other. Arm in arm. Head-to-head. Shoulder to shoulder. It is an embrace of love, caring, devotion, encouragement, and mutual support. It is an embrace that is both complete . . . and inviting. While holding his mother, Christ looks out as if in invitation to the viewer, a promise that he will embrace and welcome them as well. These sacred images also inspire us to lean in and lean on Jesus, our merciful redeemer, friend, and brother. They inspire us to take comfort in the boundless and timeless gift of love between a Mother and her Son. It is a gift that is shared with each one of us. And it is a gift that we are called to share with each other. Today, tomorrow, and always."

The Feast of Assumption is August 15

*Dry our tears if we weep; sanctify our joys; raise our courage if we weaken; restore our hope if we lose heart, our health if we be ill, truth if we err, and repentance if we fall.*

# 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, May 10**, Mary Scanlon and Karen Palmer teach a class on prison ministry: *Inside Prison Walls: Healing & Hope*. Next **Sunday, May 17**, Adrian leads a class on *Knowing God: The Via Negativa*. The May 17 class will be the last class of the year. Join us again in September. We meet in the **parish hall or on Zoom**.

—Margaret Schwarzer

## **Agassiz Village Volunteer Weekend**

Agassiz Village Volunteer Weekend runs from **Friday, May 29 at 4pm through Sunday, May 31**, and invites adults and youth to help prepare the camp for summer through cleaning, painting, organizing, and light construction. Volunteers can join for a day or the full weekend, with meals, lodging, and supplies provided, along with time to enjoy the camp community. Contact Sarah for more information or to sign up.

—Sarah Robbins-Cole

## **Calling all Soul Sisters**

We look forward to our **Tuesday, May 19, outing to Holliston** for a rosary walk at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, followed by lunch at Outpost Farm. If you would like to meet there, plan on **arriving at 10:30am**. If you want to carpool or need a ride, meet at the church at 9:45am. We will return to St. Andrew's by **1:15pm**. —Heather Schaefer

## **Bishop's Annual Appeal 2026**

Our bishop makes an annual appeal to parishioners and parishes for donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year the fund will support key ministries identified for the future of our diocese.

1. *Strategic Curacies* Supporting the ordination and retention of talented new clergy.
2. *Collaborative Ministries* Creating full-time positions or providing clergy housing in underserved areas, particularly among new immigrant communities.
3. *Equipping Congregations for Growth* Promoting congregational growth, evangelism, sustainable use of church properties, and deeper ministry to our communities.

For more details or to donate, please pick up a brochure and envelope at the back of the church or in the administrative hallway. You can also speak to Adrian for further information. —Adrian Robbins-Cole

## Retirement Gift, Wardie Mannix

We are collecting a purse for Wardie Mannix on her retirement from St. Andrew's.

Wardie has served the parish in the key role of music director for the last nineteen years and has made a huge contribution to the life of St. Andrew's, sharing her musical gifts with us. We hope you will give generously



to Wardie's purse in thanks for all she has done for us. We ask that you make your donation to Wardie **by June 3rd**. Scan

the QR code to the giving page on the St. Andrew's website, please put "Wardie's retirement" in the memo line. You can also give by check made out to St. Andrew's with "Wardie'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 Wardie at a **special farewell coffee hour on Sunday, June 7**. —Joanne Butler

## Annual Mother's Day Diaper Drive For Bridges To Moms

New moms need diapers, and diapers are not covered by WIC or food stamps. Please donate a package or carton of Pampers-size newborn to size 5, **beginning Mother's Day, May 10th, through the end of the month**.

Please leave donations in the back of the church near the Bridges to Moms poster. Thank you for your support. —Donna L. Kell, 781/626-3545

## Hunnewell Garden Tour



Scan the QR code to sign up on Realm to join horticulturist David Dusenbury on a tour of the Hunnewell grounds on **Tuesday, June 2, from 10:00**

**to 11:30am**. Please park in the circle and meet at front steps. Maximum attendees: 25. Since this is a popular St. Andrew's event, please no guests. —Lynda Sperry and Sarah Harris.

## Mah Jongg Evening

We have been delighted by the enthusiasm from so many people who want to learn mah jongg and play with fellow parishioners. We are excited to invite you to an evening of mah jongg—open to everyone, not just women!—on **Wednesday, May 20 from 6 to 8pm** in the parish hall.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet other St. Andrew's mah jongg players, enjoy an evening of play, and help coordinate future days and times to gather. If you are curious about mah jongg but have not signed up for lessons, you are warmly welcome to join us, get a taste of the game, and discover why it has become so popular. Please see Sarah Harris or Sarah Robbins-Cole for more information. Simple snacks and seltzer will be provided. —Sarah Robbins-Cole

# 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, Godly Play II, and Upper School will not be meeting today.**

Children are invited to join their families and friends in church today for Mother's Day.

## **Rite-13**

- **May 4 4:30pm** class
- **May 10 No Class**—Mother's Day
- **May 17 4:30pm** class
- **May 24** off for Memorial Day
- **May 31 4:30pm** class
- **June 7 4:30pm** class and party

## **Youth Group**

- **May 10** off for Mother's Day
- **May 17** time and activity *TBD—watch for details in the next week in the youth group text chain*
- **May 24** off for Memorial Day
- **May 29 to 31** Agassiz Village Weekend
- **June 7** last youth group meeting of the program year

# Gratitude

## From our Bargain Haul Chairs

Bargain Haul 2026 was an amazing success by all measures thanks to everyone's help! We had over 220 volunteers who proudly "wore the red apron," including 30 first-timers, we supplied outreach partners with donated merchandise, and we raised \$40,000 for our outreach ministries! You came through in a big way by donating fabulous merchandise, making treats for the bake sale, sorting and pricing, shopping the worker's sale or on parish night, displaying yard signs or bumper stickers, and helping shoppers at the public sale! We are truly grateful to all for putting your faith into action and serving our neighbors as we celebrated the 92nd year of this beloved parish event.

Special thanks to our stellar department chairs who creatively improved their departments, recruited staff and worked tirelessly as one team before and throughout Bargain Haul week.

We are especially proud of the assistance Bargain Haul was able to provide to St. Andrew's outreach partners and our community. In addition to the funds for outreach ministries, we set aside "wish list" items before the sale for Agassiz Village, Bridges to Moms, Circle of Hope, *common cathedral*, and St. Stephen's Youth Programs. We also directed merchandise left after the sale to local charities including Cradles to Crayons, Goodwill, More Than Words, St. Francis House, and Welcome Home, making a difference in the lives of many and reducing waste!

We also express deep gratitude to our amazing parish clergy and staff who cheerfully provided countless hours of service, valuable advice, encouragement and prayers to carry us through. We are truly blessed to be a part of this faith community! On to Bargain Haul 2027!

## **Youth Participants in Bargain Haul**

Thank you to the teens and youth who helped at Bargain Haul. They walked miles on drop-off days to bring donations into our building and deliver them to the correct departments, and helped at the public sale by assisting people to place their merchandise in lay-a-way and then retrieving their items afterwards. We are grateful for everyone's enthusiasm and courtesy!

# 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**

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

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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 Rite-13 • 5:45pm youth group
- Thursdays** • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir  
• 7:30pm senior choir
- First and third Saturdays at 8am** • men's Bible study
- Second Tuesdays at 11am and second Wednesdays at 7pm** • open Bible study

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### Sunday, May 10

NO church school, Rite-13, or youth group

Kids' Place is open

### Tuesday, May 12

7pm outreach meeting

### Thursday, May 14

9:30am altar guild Ascension Day service and meeting

### Friday, May 15

10:30am flower guild event

### Sunday, May 17

11:30am pilgrimage meeting

NO 5pm service



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