



# 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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

### May 17, 2026

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude Improvisation

Raymond Gonzalez

Processional Hymn 307 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

*Bryn Calfaria*

### 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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## First Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward

heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 Let God arise, and let his <sup>enemies</sup> be <sup>scattered</sup>; \*  
let those who <sup>hate</sup> him <sup>flee</sup> be <sup>fore</sup> him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind <sup>drives</sup> it a <sup>way</sup>; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked <sup>perish</sup> at the  
<sup>presence</sup> of <sup>God</sup>.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and re<sup>joice</sup> before <sup>God</sup>; \*  
let them <sup>also</sup> be <sup>merry</sup> and <sup>joyful</sup>.
- 4 Sing to God, sing <sup>praises</sup> to his Name;  
exalt him who <sup>rides</sup> upon the <sup>heavens</sup>; \*  
YAHWEH is his <sup>Name</sup>, re<sup>joice</sup> be <sup>fore</sup> him!
- 5 Father of orphans, de<sup>fender</sup> of <sup>widows</sup>, \*  
God in his <sup>holy</sup> <sup>habi</sup> <sup>tation</sup>!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners <sup>into</sup> <sup>freedom</sup>; \*  
but the <sup>rebels</sup> shall <sup>live</sup> in dry <sup>places</sup>.
- 7 O God, when you went forth be <sup>fore</sup> your <sup>people</sup>, \*  
when you <sup>ma</sup> <sup>rched</sup> <sup>through</sup> the <sup>wilderness</sup>,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the <sup>God</sup> of <sup>Sinai</sup>, \*  
at the presence of <sup>God</sup>, the <sup>God</sup> of <sup>Israel</sup>.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon <sup>your</sup> in<sup>heritance</sup>; \*  
you refreshed the <sup>land</sup> when <sup>it</sup> was <sup>wear</sup> <sup>y</sup>.
- 10 Your people <sup>found</sup> their <sup>home</sup> in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have <sup>made</sup> <sup>pro</sup> <sup>vision</sup> for the <sup>poor</sup>.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on

him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 482 "Lord of all hopefulness"

*Slane*

Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they

are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to

you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

*Clergy*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Canon Marissa Rohrbach

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 *Chain Breaker*

Jonathan Smith, Mia Fieldes, and Zach Williams

*If you've been walking the same old road  
For miles and miles  
If you've been hearing the same old voice  
Tell the same old lies  
If you're trying to fill the same old holes  
inside  
There's a better life, there's a better life*

## **Refrain**

*If you've got pain, He's a pain-taker  
If you feel lost, He's a way maker  
If you need freedom or saving, He's a  
prison-shaking Savior  
If you got chains, He's a chain breaker  
  
We've all searched for the light of day in  
the dead of night  
We've all found ourselves worn out from  
the same old fight  
We've all run to things we know just ain't  
right  
When there's a better life, there's a better  
life*

## **Refrain**

*If you believe it, if you receive it  
If you can feel it, somebody testify  
If you believe it, if you receive it  
If you can feel it, somebody testify, testify  
If you believe it, if you receive it  
If you can feel it, somebody testify*

## **Refrain**

*Oh, if you need freedom (freedom) or  
saving (saving)  
He's a prison-shaking Savior  
If you got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker*

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)

David Hurd

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

Communion Anthem Improvisation

Raymond Gonzalez

Communion Hymn 315 "Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"

Song 1

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 460 "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"

*Hyfrydol*

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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**We welcome and thank our guest musician Raymond Gonzalez.**

The composer of our offertory anthem, Zach Williams (b. 1978), is from Bono, Arkansas. His music can be characterized as Christian rock. His song *Chain Breaker* has more than 45 million hits on YouTube. He has a prison ministry where he goes into prisons with his band and sings for the inmates. Having gone through his own struggles with addiction, he says that he wants to reach out to people who have been struggling.

**Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the service,  
hosted today by Elizabeth & Jonas Svedlund.**

## 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**  
Margaret B. & Robert T. Jones by Scott Jones, and  
Matthew Grape, Caroline O. Grape, Emily P. Grape, Mary M. Oliver,  
S. Roger Oliver, Jr., and Dudley Grape by Linda Grape.

**Serving St. Andrew's this week**

*Altar Guild* Becky Hamlin, Debbie Lorenz,  
Linda McCammond, Debbie Monti, Caren Parker, Laura Hewitt Riley,  
Liz Rogers, Pamela Tusiime, and Betsy Veidenheimer  
*Altar Flowers* the flower guild

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Paul Criswell  
*Ushers* Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Emmy Svedlund; Torch, Katherine Svedlund; and Torch, Abby Dietz  
*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt  
*Greeters* Miranda Chapman and Michael Albrecht  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Suzy Littlefield, Peter Mahoney, Sarah Harris, and Meg Harris  
*Readers* Lisa Howe and Paul Merry  
*Ushers* David Boghosian, Eric Cigan, Lisa Howe, David Osborn, and Ryan Osborn

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Concord River Deanery*  
St. John's Chapel, Groton School, Groton  
St. Michael's Church, Holliston  
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton  
St. Luke's Church, Hudson



# Icon of the Week

## Florence Nightingale

May 12, 1820–August 13, 1910

Florence Nightingale was born in Florence, Italy to British parents. From a very young age, she was active in philanthropy, ministering to the ill and poor people in the village neighboring her family's estate. By the time she was 16, it was clear to her that nursing was her calling. She believed it to be her divine purpose.

Florence was enrolled at the Institution of Protestant Deaconesses at Kaiserswerth in Germany despite family reservations. She then took a nursing job in a hospital for ailing governesses in London. Her performance there so impressed her employer that she was promoted to the superintendent's position within a year. In 1854, she volunteered for duty in the Crimean War and recruited 38 nurses to join her, organizing the first nursing service in British field hospitals. By imposing strict discipline and high standards of sanitation, she radically reduced the death toll and rampant infection then typical in field hospitals. She returned to England in 1856 and a fund of £50,000 was subscribed to enable her to form an institution for the training of nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital and at King's College Hospital. Her school at St. Thomas's Hospital became significant in helping to elevate nursing into a profession. She is honored throughout the world as the founder of the modern profession of nursing.

Her feast day is August 12.

*Life-giving God, you alone have power over life and death, over health and sickness: Give power, wisdom, and gentleness to those who follow the lead of Florence Nightingale, that they, bearing with them your presence, may not only heal but bless, and shine as lanterns of hope in the darkest hours of pain and fear; through Jesus Christ, the healer of body and soul, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

# 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.*

## Guest Preacher

Today, we welcome as our guest preacher, the Rev. Canon Marissa Rohrbach. Marissa is our regional canon and reports directly to the bishop.

## 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.

## 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, **from now through the end of May.** Please leave in the back of the church near the Bridges to Moms poster. Thank you for your support. —Donna L. Kell, 781/626-3545

## April Showers Groceries (for B-LOVE bags)

A few more April showers, please! Many of you generously brought in groceries, which support our needy neighbors at St. Stephen's Youth Programs. We are short of our goal of fifty bags; if you can add cooking oil (50 ounce or less), granola bars, or oatmeal to your shopping and **drop them in the narthex this month,** we would really appreciate it! —Cam McCormick

## 9am Adult Christian Learning

**Today, May 17,** Adrian leads a class on *Knowing God: The Via Negativa*. **This class will be the last of the year.** Join us again in September. We meet in the parish hall or on Zoom. —Margaret Schwarzer

## Agassiz Village Volunteer Weekend

Please contact Sarah Robbins-Cole by today to sign up for the service weekend, **May 29 to 31.** We will need participants, chaperones, and drivers.

## 5pm Service Summer Break

We will be taking a break over the summer from the 5pm Sunday services. The 5pm service will resume on **Sunday, September 13.** — Adrian Robbins-Cole

## 250th Celebration

Join us for a montage of worship to celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary **at the 10am service on Sunday, May 31!** We will engage with Anglican liturgy from 1776, sing patriotic hymns, and hear senior choir anthems *The Prayer of Eleanor Roosevelt* by Timothy Hagy and *Pilgrims' Hymn* by Stephen Paulus. Bonnets and tricorne hats welcome but not required.

—Margaret Schwarzer

## 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 3.** 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 gift 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

## 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

# 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) & **Upper School** (grades four and five) for a combined class. Meet in **Room 201**.

## **Agassiz Village Volunteer Weekend**

Please contact Sarah Robbins-Cole by today to sign up for the service weekend, **May 29 to 31**. We will need participants, chaperones, and drivers.

## **End of Year Celebration**

Calling all teachers, and families! Please join us on the playground directly following the **10am service on June 7** to enjoy refreshments and fellowship as our church school program year comes to an end and we look forward to summer!

## **Rite-13**

- **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 17 5:45pm** *TBD*
- **May 24** Off for Memorial Day
- **May 29-31** Agassiz Village Weekend
- **June 7** last youth group meeting of the program year

## **Scout Sunday Celebration**

Join us for Scout Sunday **on June 7**, when we will celebrate the scouts in our community. Scouts of all ages and kinds are invited to wear their uniform **to the 10am service**.

Girl Scouts may earn a My Promise, My Faith badge, and all scouts will receive a patch. Please reach out to Anna Lee Wahls for more information.

# 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

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**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

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am and 10am** (*also online*). **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 17

11:30am pilgrimage meeting  
NO 5pm service

### Monday, May 18

7pm finance committee

### Tuesday, May 19

10:30am pastoral care team  
7pm vestry meeting

### Wednesday, May 20

6pm mah jongg evening

### Thursday, May 21

10:30am North Hill Holy Eucharist

### Sunday, May 24

9:45am combined church school and  
Godly Play I  
NO Rite-13 or youth group



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