

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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele* (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness")
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 675 "Take up your cross, the Savior said" *Bourbon*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. *Amen.*

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 Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bow-shot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85: 1-10, 16-17

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.

3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We

know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 679 “Surely it is God who saves me”

Thomas Merton

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in

hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever

loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Canon Christopher Wendell

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 Hymn 339 “Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness” *Schmücke dich*

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!

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

Gluten free wafers are available.

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 530 “Spread, O spread, thou mighty word” *Gott sei dank*

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *Fugue in G major* Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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Many thanks to our guest organist Ross Wood.

**Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the service,
hosted today by Stephanie & Bradley Mitchell.**

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,
P. Barnard Bergstrom and Philip Carl Bergstrom by Barbara Bergstrom,
Gertrude G. Cronk by Carol C. Cole and Caspar Cronk, and
James Rigney and Philip Rigney by Sandra Rigney.

*We thank the altar guild members, the broadcast techs,
the flower guild members, the lay eucharistic ministers,
the readers, and the ushers who are serving during the summer.*

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Merrimack Valley Deanery

St. Andrew's Church, Methuen

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

St. Paul's Church, North Andover

Merrimack Valley Project

Deacons

Icon of the Week

St. Peter

1BC–68AD

Peter, originally a fisherman alongside his brother Andrew, was one of Jesus' 12 apostles. As recorded in the Synoptic Gospels, Jesus called them to leave their nets and become "fishers of men," beginning Peter's journey as a foundational leader in the early church. In the Gospel of Matthew (16:19), Jesus bestows upon Peter "the keys of the kingdom of heaven," symbolizing spiritual authority and leadership. This moment represents Peter's role as Christ's first vicar (Pope) on Earth and the spiritual gatekeeper of heaven.

In a display of both faith and human frailty, Peter stepped out of a boat during a storm to walk on water toward Jesus. When fear overtook him, he began to sink, and Jesus reached out to save him. This moment underscores Peter's deep desire to follow Christ, even amidst doubt. Despite his loyalty, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times during Christ's trial, fulfilling a prophecy made by Jesus. This event reveals Peter's human weakness but also sets the stage for his repentance and restoration as a leader among the apostles.

According to Christian tradition, Peter was martyred in Rome by crucifixion. Out of humility, he requested to be crucified upside down, feeling unworthy to die in the same manner as his Lord. Peter's first letter to the Christians in Asia Minor offers encouragement during persecution. He calls on believers to emulate Christ's suffering, remembering His resurrection and glory, repay evil with good, uphold moral integrity, and love one another.

His feast day is January 18.

Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.
—1 Peter 1:8

Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing... —1 Peter 3:9

Hope to the end. —1 Peter 1:13

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 Preachers

This Sunday and last Sunday we have been welcoming St. Andrew's alumnae clergy to lead our worship services. Last **Sunday, June 14**, we welcomed the Rev. Canon Edie Dolnikowski. Many of you will know Edie, who served on the St Andrew's staff as an Associate Rector under our previous rector, Addison Hall. Edie now works at the Diocese of Massachusetts head office overseeing those in the ordination process. **Today, June 21**, we are welcoming the Rev. Canon Chris Wendell, who served on the St. Andrew's staff as Assistant Rector for Youth and Family under our previous Rector, Addison Hall. Chris now serves as the Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff to the Bishop of Massachusetts.

Interim Organist

Our interim organist during June and July is Ross Wood. Ross has played many times at St. Andrew's as a substitute organist and is well known to many of us. Please make Ross feel welcome at St Andrew's. Ross will be with us until our Music Director and Organist, Andrew Sheranian, takes up his permanent position at St. Andrew's in August.

Summer Book

Witness to Belief, edited by Russell J. Levenson, Jr. is our summer book! This book interviews 12 famous actors, scientists, musicians, or politicians about their faith in God and the religious lives they lead. Prepare to be inspired. Jane Goodall, Sam Waterston, Amy Grant, Admiral William H. McRaven, and others share how faith carries them through their demanding days.

Margaret can help you order it at a discount through Wellesley Books. Email her if you want a copy. Cost: \$24 (Save \$5 by ordering with us.)

—Margaret Schwarzer

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

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Worship Erica Gelser

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In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938.

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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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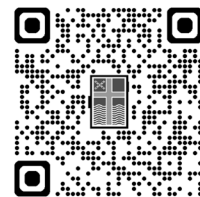
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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am and 10am** (*also online*). **Our weekday online Morning Prayer service will resume in September.**
- **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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