

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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2026

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude "Choral" from *Symphonie Romane* Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Processional Hymn 388 "O worship the King, all glorious above!" *Hanover*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Clergy 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

Clergy Together we pray.

People Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to

Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once

disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 398 "I sing the almighty power of God"

Forest Green

Gospel: Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be

uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds

from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and

urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn 608 “Eternal Father, strong to save”

Melita

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

Clergy 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 414 "God, my King, thy might confessing"

Stuttgart

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Pièce d'orgue*, BWV 572

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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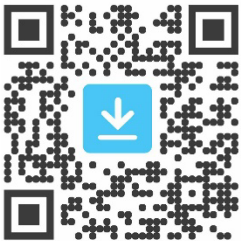
Many thanks to our guest organist Ross Wood.

Please join us in the parish hall for refreshments after the service.

Parish Prayer List

Cynthia Scott, Patricia, Asher Griffin, Carol Haynes Nelson, Alison Gregory Larson, Caroline Gregory, Gertrude Hughes, Cam Czubek, Barbra Henderson, Leslie Holmes, C.J., Landis Greathouse, Shelby Pierce, Pat MacKinnon, Stephen, Marina, John Cigan, Michael Vanin, Tomoko, Ralph Mercer, Donald, Katherine, Wayne, Barry, Trip, Joan W., Susan Link, John Wright, Rosie, Kiki H., Betsy C., Annie, Duke Devlin, Katherine

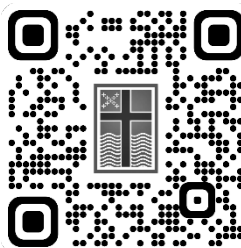
How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



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

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 Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery

Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading

St. John's Church, Saugus

Emmanuel Church, Wakefield

The Third Order, Society of St. Francis

Congregations: Parish Historians

Icon of the Week

St. Maximilian Kolbe

1894-1941

Maximilian Maria Kolbe was a Polish Catholic priest and Conventual Franciscan friar who volunteered to die in place of a man named Franciszek Gajowniczek in the German death camp of Auschwitz.

During World War II, St. Maximilian used the radio to spread the Catholic faith and to speak out against the Nazi regime. (He is the only canonized saint to have held an amateur radio license.) St. Maximilian provided shelter to many refugees, including 2,000 Jews he hid from the Nazis in his friary. On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz. In July 1941, he was transferred to the starvation cells with nine others. Two weeks passed with him celebrating Mass each day and leading the other prisoners in the recitation of the Rosary and singing of hymns. He was the last to die.

His feast day is August 14.

St. Maximilian, amidst the hate and lonely misery of Auschwitz, you brought love into the lives of fellow captives, and sowed the seeds of hope amidst despair. You bore witness to the world, by word and deed, that only "Love alone creates."

Help me to become more like yourself. With you and Mary and the Church, may I proclaim that only "Love alone creates." To the hungry and oppressed, the naked and homeless, the scorned and hated, the lonely and despairing, may I proclaim the power of Christ's love, which endures forever and ever. Amen.

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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Membership Amanda Curtis

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Wardens Tom Faust

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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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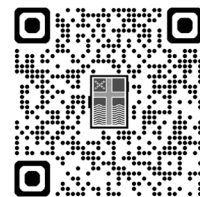
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Assistant Sextons Bill Clover and Brian Clark

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 12pm** (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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