

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.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost **September 27, 2026**

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Toccata in F major (BWV 540)* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 686 *"Come, thou font of every blessing"* Nettleton

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 299

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

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

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

S 280 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal) Robert Powell (1932-2025)

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 O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

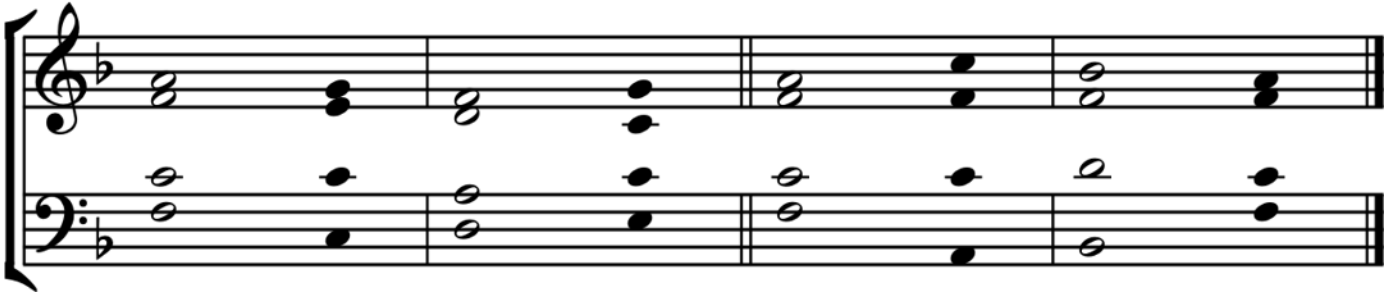
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people?

They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Hear my teaching, O my / people; *
incline your ears to the words of my / mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a / parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient / times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / told us, *
we will not hide from their / children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has / done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their / forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of / Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass / through; *
he made the waters stand up like / walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by / day, *
and all the night through with a glow of / fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the / wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great / deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the / cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like / rivers.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 439 “What wondrous love is this”

Wondrous Love

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From

heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his

mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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 Anthem *Os justi*

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*Os justi meditabitur sapientiam:
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.
Alleluia.*

*The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart:
and his feet do not falter.
Alleluia.*

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

S129 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Breaking of the Bread

Clergy Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

Missa orbis factor

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

Communion Anthem *Ave verum corpus*

Colin Mawby (1936-2019)

*Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.
O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,
O Iesu, fili Mariae.
Miserere mei. Amen.*

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who, having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for humankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
may it be for us a foretaste [of the Heav-
enly banquet]
in the trial of death.
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on me. Amen.*

Communion Hymn 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness"

Schmücke dich

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

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

Lasst uns erfreuen

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Fugue in F major (BWV 540)

J.S. Bach

Coffee Hour Hosted by Lisa Howe and the ministry leaders

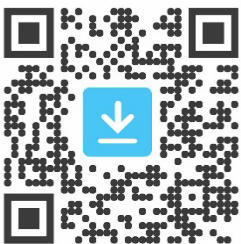
Parish Prayer List

Cynthia Scott, Patricia, Asher Griffin, Carol Haynes Nelson, Caroline Gregory,
Gertrude Hughes, Cam Czubek, Barbara 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, Lianne Young, Pat Gillooly, Olivia Guagliano,
Beverley Moran, and Laurin Baldwin.

In Remembrance

We pray for the repose of the soul of Alison Gregory Larson, who died this week.

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
Elizabeth Diane Cigan by Eric Cigan

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Lacey Brandt, Kim Carlson, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson,
Paige Manning, Chris McAvoy, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie
Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Elizabeth Clarke
Thank you to our ushers for serving at the 8am and 10am services

Serving at 10am

Thank you to our Acolytes for serving this week
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters Julie & Peter D'Amieri
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Cam McCormick, Keileigh McReynolds, Erica Gelser,
and Meg Harris
Readers Jenn Martin and Lauren Murphy

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the North Shore Deanery
Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich
St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn
Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea
Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead
Ministries with Homeless Persons and Refugees

Icon of the Week

Saint Michael and All Angels

The scriptural word “angel” (Greek: *angelos*) means, literally, a messenger. Messengers from God can be visible or invisible, and may assume human or non-human forms. Christians have always felt themselves to be attended by healthful spirits—swift, powerful, and enlightening. Those beneficent spirits are often depicted in Christian art in human form, with wings to signify their swiftness and spacelessness, with swords to signify their power, and with dazzling raiment to signify their ability to enlighten. Unfortunately, this type of pictorial representation has led many to dismiss angels as “just another mythical beast, like the unicorn, the griffin, or the sphinx.” Of the many angels spoken of in the Bible, only four are called by name: Michael, Gabriel, Uriel, and Raphael. The Archangel Michael is the powerful agent of God who wards off evil from God’s people and delivers peace to them at the end of this life’s mortal struggle. The Archangel is often depicted blowing the trumpet while thrusting the spear into the mouth of the devil. “Michaelmas,” as his feast is called in England, has long been one of the popular celebrations of the Christian year. The Michaelmas daisy is a symbol for St. Michael because just as the daisy fights against the advancing gloom of Autumn and Winter, St. Michael is celebrated as a protector from darkness and evil.

His feast day is September 29.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

Stewardship Sunday

Today is the launch of our annual stewardship campaign in which we ask parishioners to make financial pledges for 2027 to St Andrew's to support the life of the parish next year. Your financial support is critical in enabling the parish to offer the full range of ministries – including our children's programs, our adult education programs, our music ministry, our outreach programs and our clergy team. We are totally self-financing and rely on the generosity of parishioners. If you are new to St Andrew's and have questions about stewardship and how you can financially support the life of the parish please speak with David Guydan, Vestryperson for Stewardship or one of the churchwardens.

Bishop's Visitation to St. Andrew's

The Bishop of Massachusetts, the Right Reverend Julia Whitworth will be preaching and presiding at the **10am service on Sunday, October 4**. This will be the bishop's first visit with us and I hope you will all make a big effort to come to the service. It will be a chance to meet the bishop and to show her St. Andrew's at our best. After the bishop attends coffee hour, she will meet with the vestry.

Blessing of the Animals

Our much-loved Blessing of the Animals service will be at **5pm on Sunday, October 4**. The service will take place in the church and pets and animals of all kinds are welcome! We will sing a hymn, say some prayers, and the clergy will come around and individually bless each animal. We will also give thanks for all our pets who have passed away but whose memory we still cherish.

Faith and Current Affairs Forum

You are welcome to come to **Room 2 on Sunday, September 27, at 11:30am**, for a parishioner-led discussion group, Christian Faith and Current Events. This, the first of four planned sessions, will be led by Paul Criswell and will explore *Faith, Democracy, and Good Government—What Does Our Faith Tell Us to Do?* This will not be a political debate, but rather a chance to learn, discuss, and explore how our Christian faith and the doctrines of The Episcopal Church guide our attitudes and actions regarding public affairs. There will be some brief reading available, including official releases from The Episcopal Church, short articles, and discussion points. This is intended as a chance to discuss our faith and beliefs in an open and respectful forum. If you are interested, please contact Paul Criswell.

9am Christian Learning

Join us on **today, September 27, in the Harvey Room or on Zoom** for *The Divine in Wendell Barry and Annie Dillard's Poems and Essays*. Barry and Dillard, two American literary giants, see the divine in our natural world and invite us in. Join us to consider some of their wisdom this Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Come once or once a week. —Margaret

Newcomers Welcome in the Narthex

Our membership committee works throughout the year to welcome seekers and newcomers and to help you get to know us as we get to know you. **Today**, look for women and men in the Narthex **after the 10am service** wearing big “membership” buttons; they want to talk with you and answer your questions. —Margaret

Feeding our Neighbors

The Wellesley Food Pantry, a long term outreach partner, is experiencing unusually low food inventory following a slow August. Let's help them rebound with generous donations to our Food Donations Box, located in the parish hall! We are especially encouraged to give healthy soups and broths (since we are known for that in February!). Other standard items for WFP include canned beef stew, canned tuna, and canned fruits and vegetables. Thanks for your help! —Herb Manning, for the Outreach team

Join the Usher Ministry!

We're looking for adult parishioners to join St. Andrew's fantastic team of ushers! It's a wonderful way to deepen your faith through service and expand your relationships with fellow parishioners—all while enjoying the Sunday services you normally attend. You only need to usher one Sunday per month so the commitment isn't overwhelming (plus you'll receive a special name tag!). Spots are open for both the **8 am** and **10 am** services. If you are interested please reach out to Terri Rawson-Wakefield.

Coventry Supper sign up!

Our tradition of meeting for a meal is a great way to share an evening with friends old and new. Groups typically meet monthly, participants take turns hosting and offering a main course. Everyone else brings a pre assigned addition, side dish, dessert, etc.

New this year is the ability to take part as a substitute, giving you the opportunity to participate with or without committing to a group.



Please join us! Deadline for Sign Up: Wednesday, October 7. Sign up on Realm or there is a sign up at the back of the church. Any questions contact Zebby Dubé.

Children and Youth

Please see previous announcements for any intergenerational information.

Kids' Place Childcare on Sundays

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 **9:45am 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/Way of Love** grades four and five meet in **Room 204**.

Confirmation Class

Last confirmation class meets today, **September 27, at 4pm in the Harvey Room**. We will be discussing the creeds.

Calling all church school families!



Please register for church school/youth programs by scanning the QR code.

Youth Group

Today, September 27, 5:30pm to 7pm

Join Betsy Veidenheimer, a private college advisor, for a dinner and relaxed conversation on navigating college admissions with a discerning eye. This will be a supportive, low-stress space focused on keeping perspective and leaning on a community of youth group friends during the journey.

- **October 4 5pm** Blessing of the Animals followed by "board game night"
- **October 11 No Youth Group**
- **October 18** Meet in the Harvey Room for lunch followed by apple picking

Rite-13

Rite-13, for sixth and seventh graders, is **today, September 27**. Meet for dinner in the **parish hall at 5:30pm**.

Gratitude

Mah Jongg

Thank you to the fellowship committee for hosting the first of our mah jongg evenings. There will be more to come including an afternoon meeting.

Fellowship Committee

Thank you to the fellowship committee for hosting a wonderful parish picnic! We all had a wonderful time and greatly appreciated your pivot allowing us to enjoy the fellowship while staying warm and dry!

Parish Picnic

Many thanks to all who helped with last week's parish picnic. The joyful event was made possible by the efforts of many parishioners who volunteered to organize, bake, set-up, serve, and paint faces! Despite the weather, a very good time was had by all.

Music note

The Offertory anthem for today was composed by the Austrian composer Anton Bruckner, most well-known for his large-scale orchestral works. In addition to his work as a composer, he was one of the most celebrated organists of the 19th century and held positions at the monastery of St. Florian and Linz Cathedral. Today's Communion anthem was composed by the English composer Colin Mawby who spent a large part of his career working at Westminster Cathedral (Roman Catholic) in London. Both anthems feature shifting choral textures, with the choir singing at times in four parts, and at other times expanding to as many as eight parts.

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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Ginny Snow

Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Anna Lee Wahls

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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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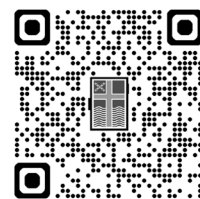
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Assistant Sextons Bill Clover and Brian Clark

Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays** at 8am, 10am (*also online*), and 5pm. Our weekday online 8:30am Monday through Thursday Morning Prayer service by scanning the QR code.
- **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 • 5:30pm Rite-13 • 5:30pm youth group

Thursdays • 12pm weekly beginner's Bible study • 5pm St. Andrew's Choristers

• 7:30pm St. Andrew's Choir

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

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

Sunday, September 27

Stewardship kick off Sunday

Monday, September 28

7pm finance meeting

Thursday, October 1

9:30am church school committee

4pm confirmation class

Sunday, October 4

10am bishop's visit

5pm blessings of the animals



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