



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 29, 2017

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 616 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

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

Gloria S 278

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab

devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the

Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- †7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser

than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 656 "Blest are the pure in heart"

Franconia

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger

and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you

and persecute you and utter all kinds of
evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is

great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before
you.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

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Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Beati quorum via*

Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Blessed are they who walk with integrity, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus S 130

Franz Schubert

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S 151

David Hurd

*Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting
from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are
available. All are welcome to receive communion.*

Communion Anthem *Blest are the pure in heart*

Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Blest are the pure in heart,

For they shall see our God;

The secret of the Lord is theirs;

Their soul is Christ’s abode.

Still to the lowly soul

He doth Himself impart;

And for His cradle and His throne

Chooseth the pure in heart.

Communion Hymn 178 “Jesus is Lord of all the earth”

Alleluia No. 1

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Norman Dorian.**

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Margaret Blackwell, Nancy Echlov, Blair Glennon,
Heidi Harper, Donna L. Kell, and Debbie Lorenz

Flower Guild Debbie Lorenz and Ruth Wilson

Greeters Lynda Sperry and Michael Vanin

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Michael Kemp

Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Maddie Nystrom, Gale Bennett, and James Bennett

Chalice Bearers Margaret Blackwell, Al Bornemann, Nancy Echlov,
Joe Hamilton, Jeanne Johnsen, and Suzy Littlefield

Lay Readers Randy Parker and Meg Harris

Ushers Jim Blackwell, David Boghosian, Ian Dwyer,
David Giele, and Herb Manning

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain

Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry

St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury

St. John & St. James' Church, Roxbury

Veterans Ministries



About the Readings

From *Preparing for Sunday* http://standrewswellesley.org/worship_reading.html

Micah 6:1-8 Micah prophesied about the same time as Isaiah, at the end of the eighth century BC. He focused particularly upon the social injustices of a period turbulent with political upheaval. The setting of today's reading is that of a law court; the Lord has a case to put against the people. God calls the created world as witness to God's steadfast adherence to the covenant bond. The reply expresses the criticism of the sacrificial system made by the eighth-century prophets. Sacrifice should be the external sign of an internal desire for obedience and self-offering.

Psalms 15 This psalm presents a brief entrance rite for someone desiring to enter the temple for worship. The pilgrim's question about who can enter (v. 1) receives a response from the temple personnel describing the attitudes and behavior required for worship. This portrait of an ideal worshipper can still act as a guideline for our approach to the altar of the Lord today.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 In the verses immediately preceding today's reading (1:18-25), Paul sets forth the general

principle that the wisdom of God, as manifested in the cross, appears to be folly to the worldly wise, while to those in the process of salvation, it reveals the true power of God. God's act of "foolishness" and "weakness" (v. 25) confounds both what the Jews expected of the Messiah and what non-Jews (Greeks, Gentiles) believed about God's power and wisdom. This principle of reversal is illustrated by the Corinthian community itself. Most of its members were not from the intellectual, political or social elite. But God chose what the world counts worthless to overturn the world's expectations. Those so chosen have nothing in themselves of which they can boast. They have life only in Christ who fulfills as "our wisdom" all the promises of the Greek and Jewish ideas of wisdom; as "our righteousness," the promise of the Mosaic law; as "our sanctification," the promise of holiness; and as "our redemption," the promise of salvation in the prophetic writings (v. 31).

Matthew 5:1-12 Matthew gathers the teaching of Jesus into five great discourses and balances them with narratives of Jesus' deeds. Today's

reading is the first of a series drawn from the first discourse, the Sermon on the Mount. The “blessed” in the Old Testament are those who receive an earthly fulfillment—of prosperity, offspring and long life. In later Jewish writing, the blessings belong to those who will enter the final age of salvation. Jesus offers these future blessings now, for the kingdom is present in him. The first four

beatitudes reflect attitudes that climax with an unceasing hunger for a right relationship with God—both personally and communally. The second four reflect the actions and lifestyles of those who hunger in this way. In verse 10, Jesus teaches that those who live the Beatitudes will face persecution, for this way is contrary to all that the world espouses.



Notices & Announcements

Newcomers and visitors: We extend a warm welcome to those who are new in our community. Please fill out one of the welcome cards in the narthex (foyer) and hand it to a greeter for a fuller welcome!

Annual Meeting

The 124th annual meeting will be held from **11am to 12:30pm TODAY** in the church. New parish leaders will be elected, reports will be given on the work accomplished in 2016, a budget for 2017 will be presented, and the new strategic plan will be highlighted. There will be child care and snacks. There is no coffee hour. Please stay after church for this meeting.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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New Informal Service

Our first monthly informal Eucharist will be at **5pm on Sunday February 12**. The service will be followed by a potluck supper. The

impetus for this service is twofold: the first is feedback from the parish survey expressing a desire for an occasional service with a more informal liturgy and music, and the second is to offer an informal service and a potluck supper for families who might be involved in sports or skiing on Sunday mornings. Over the next four months, we will be experimenting with different services to see what might work. The future services will be at **5pm on Sundays March 19, April 9, and May 7**. All are welcome. We hope you will join us as we try out some new ideas to run alongside our traditional services, which are our main focus.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Adult Christian Learning

Today, **January 29, at 9am** we will continue to consider some of the theological and liturgical traditions we bring from our ancient Jewish heritage. Please join us in Room 2 for *Christianity's Jewish Roots II*, the last class in this series.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Souper Bowl Sunday

The Wellesley Food Pantry always needs our help! We will have a special Souper Bowl drive on **Sunday, February 5**, to help fill the shelves of the food pantry so that qualified families can secure food for these cold winter nights. The foods most needed are: canned sardines and salmon; stews; pasta sauce; dried beans, lentils and peas; white rice in 1 to 2lb bags; NE clam chowder; and cream of mushroom soup. But all donations are welcome. Please leave donations in the "Campbell's Soup Can" in the narthex. After Souper Bowl Sunday, please leave all donations in the Food Pantry bin in the narthex—we empty that bin regularly. Thank you. — Margarethe Kulke

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Faith and Practice

Please join us on **Sunday, February 5 at 11:30am** for *How to Forgive*. Forgiveness is a key spiritual practice for Christians, but it is hard to do. Come practice with us, and learn some tips and some stories about the grace and spiritual freedom found in forgiveness.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Inquirers Class

If you are considering Confirmation or Reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact Margaret. I would like to lead several Inquirers Classes before October 2017, our scheduled time for a Confirmation with one of our bishops. The number of participants will help determine the times we meet, and the length of the meetings.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Hotel Toiletries

For many years St. Andrew's parishioners have prepared and served a meal to 75 people at the Salvation Army's Miracle Kitchen in Framingham. In addition to providing a healthy meal, we are going to start collecting hotel toiletries (soap, lotion, shampoo, and conditioner) that we will deliver to Miracle Kitchen monthly. If you travel, it would be great if you could bring the toiletries the hotel provides to St. Andrew's. There is a box at the back of the church where we are collecting these items. The folks who come for the meal will very much appreciate being able to leave dinner with a toiletry kit. Thank you. — Timothy Phillips

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Men's Book Club

Our next meeting is **Wednesday, February 8, at 7:30pm in the Harvey Room**. We'll discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson. Join us for one session or for the whole season. Snacks are served. — Michael Vanin

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Revised Parish By-Laws Approved

The Standing Committee has approved a revised set of our parish by-laws. Three provisions were added/deleted in the approved version:

- Added language that would prevent two or more members of the same household or family from serving concurrently on the vestry.
- Deleted language that would allow the rector to name a non-voting, ex-officio member to the vestry for a one-year term. Since all vestry meetings are open to the parish, this language was not necessary to allow the rector to ask parishioners to participate in vestry discussions.
- Added language stating that any formal organizations connected to the parish (e.g., a St. Andrew's food pantry serving the community) must have charters declaring their purposes, defining their members, and describing their scope of action. While we currently do not have any such organizations, it was prudent to add this language, in case there are any changes in the future.

We will need to re-approve our revised parish by-laws at the annual meeting **today**.

Please contact me with any questions.

— Lynda Sperry

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A Note from the Treasurer's Office

Offering envelopes for 2017 are available at the back of the church. If you would like

envelopes and have not ordered them, please contact me in the Treasurer's Office.

— Ruth Hubert • 781/235-7310

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Illness and Off-Hour Emergencies

The clergy are always available to assist you.

Please email or call the clergy if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited. Also, please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list. Our prayers and concerns are with all those in need.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole • 603/831-4938

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Nametags

Name tags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. St. Andrew's membership committee offers lovely reusable magnetic name tags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact Jane Andrews • jmlandrews@gmail.com

Prayer Request Cards

In your pew, you will find yellow cards that you can use to make a public or private prayer request. Please place these cards in the offering plate or give them to a member of the clergy. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Gratitude

Budget Forum

Many thanks to Arnout Eikeboom, our treasurer, and Alan Joachim, for leading the Budget Forum last Sunday. Over 20 people attended and it was an opportunity to hear and ask questions about the final church financial statements for 2016 and the budget for 2017.

Kids' Place Coffee

Thanks to Jane Andrews, Nancy Braun, Lakey MacArthur, and Ginny Snow for helping to host the Kids' Place coffee this past Sunday. Twelve parents and 16 kids participated and a good time was had by all. This event continues to be a great way to help new families feel welcome.

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Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and 5pm. The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am. We offer healing prayer at this service. **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered weekdays at 8:45am.
- **Senior Choir** has rehearsal Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** also has rehearsal Sundays at 9am.
- **Parish Office** hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, January 29

9am Adult Christian Learning
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
and Rite-13
11am Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2017

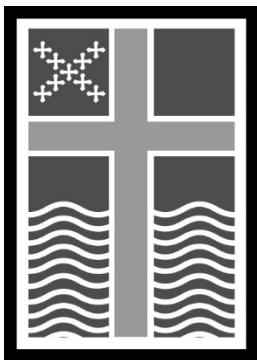
10:30am Church School Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2017

8am - 9am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, February 5, 2017

9am Coffee hour for 8am
Worshippers
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
and Rite-13
10am Vestry Commissioning
11:30am Faith and Practice



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