

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017

Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 67 "Comfort, comfort ye my people"

Psalm 42

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Together, let us bless the Advent Wreath. Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever! Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets, but in our days, you speak through your Son, whom you have appointed the heir of all things. Grant us, your people, to walk in his light, that we may be found ready and watching when he comes again in glory and judgment; for you are our light and our salvation.

People Blessed be God for ever.

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

Trisagion S102 (front section of hymnal)

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass,

their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and

then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the

coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 75 "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"

Ascension

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were

going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Adrian 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

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *The record of John*

Orlando Gibbons (1583–1625)

William Sullivan Hart, tenor

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites to Jerusalem to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed and said plainly: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered: No. Then said they unto him: What art thou? That we may give as answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thy self? And he said: I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord.

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

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus S131 (front section of hymnal)

Gerald Near

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S156 (front section of hymnal)

Gerald Near

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 *Adam lay ybounden*

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

*Adam lay ybounden, bounden in a bond; four thousand winter thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, an apple that he took, as clerkes finden written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, ne had never our lady a been heavené queen.
Blessed be the time that apple taken was; therefore we moun singen, Deo gratias!*

Communion Hymn 71 “Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes”

Bristol

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 58 “Lo! he comes, with clouds descending”

St. Thomas

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

J. S. Bach



Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service,
hosted today by the fellowship committee.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of
Corydon P. Cronk.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild D.D. Alexander, Dell Beggs, Jean Childs, Nancy Echlov, Liz Parsons,
Cynthia Scott, Carol Sullivan, and Liz Tecca

Flower Guild Dell Beggs and Jill Whiting

Greeters Jack & Jill Whiting

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Michael Kemp

Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Drew Manning, Elizabeth Robbins-Cole, Scott Sawyer,
Miles Olivetti, and Annika Svedlund

Chalice Bearers Joanna Horobin, Jeanne Johnsen, Debbie Lorenz, and Anne Prensner

Lay Readers Meg Harris and D.D. Alexander

Ushers David Boghosian, Giles Boland, Tim Phillips,
Calvin Place, Bill Wiberg, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Alewife Deanery

St. Paul's Church, Bedford

All Saints' Church, Belmont

St. Mark's Church, Burlington

Officers of the Diocese



About the Readings

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

Isaiah 40:1-11 This reading serves as a prologue to chapters 40–66, sometimes called “the book of the consolation of Israel” because of this opening passage. It serves both as an account of a new calling and as a statement of the major themes of the rest of the book. The voice announces that the salvation of exiled Israel is imminent, the nation’s “penalty” (v. 2), that is, its time of compulsory servitude in exile, is over. Now the people are invited to receive both deliverance and restoration. Unlike other instances of the highway image in Isaiah, where the people journey on a path prepared by God, this highway is prepared for God’s travel. Verses 3-4 reflect the practice of sending messengers ahead of visiting royalty. The prophet shows that the comfort due to God’s people is inextricably linked to God’s presence and the revelation of glory. Joy, fearlessness and comfort result from the supreme “good news”: “Here is your God!” (v. 9). As sovereign ruler and tender shepherd, God comforts the people.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 This lament seems to have been composed for a particular situation of affliction (vv. 4-6), and then to have passed into general use. Thanksgiving is given for the return from exile (vv. 1-3), and the Lord’s continued help is requested. The Lord’s answer comes (vv. 8-13), perhaps as an oracle uttered by a prophet or priest. Verse 11 beautifully reassures the people of God’s gracious care. These four qualities—steadfast love, faithfulness, righteousness, and peace—spring from God and unite to work for the good of God’s people.

2 Peter 3:8-15a Today’s reading responds to the anxiety of many about the apparent delay of Christ’s eagerly expected second coming (3:1-7). Peter explains that this delay is not divine procrastination but divine mercy. God’s view of time is different from ours, and God’s forbearance will bring about repentance and salvation. Yet the day of the Lord will come unexpectedly, “like a thief” (v. 10). The belief that

the world would end in fire was current at this time in both Jewish and Stoic writing. Peter goes beyond the final conflagration to the hope of “new heavens and a new earth” (v. 13). Peter emphasizes how Christians are to live now, even indicating that their repentance may hasten the Lord’s coming. Peter exhorts them to increase in the grace and knowledge of Jesus so as not to be useless.

Mark 1:1-8 Verse 1 stands as the title of the new literary form that Mark created. The word gospel, (Greek, *evangelion*), in secular usage meant “good news,” often about an important event such as the birthday of the Emperor Augustus. Mark’s good news of Jesus Christ includes both the message that Jesus proclaimed and the person and significance of Jesus himself. Thus, his “gospel” is not only a life of Jesus but also a proclamation of the foundational belief that Jesus is the promised

Jewish messiah (“Christ”) and “Son of God.” A messenger of preparation was awaited as a herald of the last days and was expected to embody the prophetic spirit of Elijah. John the Baptist is described in terms reminiscent of Elijah. John’s “baptism of repentance” (v. 4) was a customary ritual of purification for Gentile converts to Judaism, but John warned the Jews not to rely upon their physical descent from Abraham to ensure a relationship with God. They, too, needed conversion. John’s baptism may also have been a sign of one’s repentance and purification by God. Repentance describes the change of heart demanded by personal conversion—a turning away from sin and a return to loyalty toward God. John promises that the One to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit, pouring out upon all people a new communion with God.



Christmas at St. Andrew's

Advent Choral Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 10 at 5pm

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30pm

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17 at 10am

Christmas Eve Services, Sunday, December 24

there will be no 8am or 10am services

Children's Service at 3pm

Family Eucharist at 5pm

Festival Eucharist at 10pm

Christmas Day Service

Monday, December 25 at 9am

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 31 at 10am

Epiphany Fireside Service

Sunday, January 7 at 5pm



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!

Advent Lessons & Carols

Please join us for Advent Lessons & Carols, **this evening at 5pm**. It is a time to contemplate the great mystery of the season we have entered into, a time to still our busy minds and bodies as we listen to Bible readings and anthems of hope and faith in a candlelight service. There will be a reception immediately following. Come and bring your friends and neighbors. — Wardie Mannix

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Fulfilling This Year's 2017 Pledges

Over the last two months, we have been falling behind in our receipt of payments by parishioners against their pledges for this year (2017). We strongly encourage you to fulfill your pledge **in early December**. Please contact Ruth Hubert, the financial secretary (ruth@standrewswellesley.org), if you are uncertain about the outstanding balance on your 2017 pledge. We thank everyone for their generous financial support which allows the life of our parish to flourish.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Holiday Alternative Gift Fair

Today, after the 10am service, St. Andrew's will hold our Alternative Gift Fair. The fair benefits programs at our outreach ministries. You can support many ministries, including El Hogar, Episcopal Relief and Development Hurricane and Famine Relief, Family Promise Metrowest, Heifer International, the St. Andrew's Knitting Ministry, St. Stephen's Youth Programs, the Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen, and the Wellesley Food Pantry. Please see the insert for a complete list of the items. — Ann Johnson

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9am Christian Learning: Studying Joy

Join us in **Room 2 today and on Sunday, December 17** to reflect on *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama reflect on how we can claim joy in both challenging and easy times. Today our topic is *What is Joy? What Gets in the Way?* Next Sunday, we consider *Claiming Joy More Fully*. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Blue Christmas Service

Sometimes Advent and Christmas are full of joy and soulful satisfaction; in other years, we find ourselves in the midst of loss, disappointment, or illness. If you, or someone you care about, has had a hard year, and you are longing to make room for the Spirit of God in a time of struggle or loss, please join us on **Wednesday, December 13 from 6:30pm to 7:15pm**. We will gather with gentle silence, hear Holy Scripture, and share an opportunity for each of us to silently light a candle and kindle a prayer or a hope for the year that is past, and the year ahead. We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace can find us and support us. This service will be held in the Children's Chapel. All are welcome.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Christmas Pageant

All children and youth are invited to join in the 2017 St. Andrew's Christmas pageant!

Rehearsals are as follows:

- **Sunday, December 10, 11:15am**
Rehearsal for speaking roles
- **Saturday, December 16, 9:40am to 12pm**
Rehearsal for all participants
- **Sunday, December 17, 9am**
Participants gather for 10am pageant.

— Jane Money

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Book Circle

Book Circle is open to all and we hold meetings on **Monday nights at 7pm** in the **Harvey Room**. Our next meeting will be **Monday, December 11** and the book will be *Out Stealing Horses*, by Per Petterson. The book for **January 8, 2018** will be *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic*, by Sam Quinones. No need to sign up; just come and join the discussion. We would love to see you. — Betsy Millane

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Bible Circle

Bible Circle will meet on **Tuesday, December 12, at 10:30 am**, and at **7 pm**. Each class lasts for an hour. We will meet in the Harvey Room in the morning and in Room 2 in the evening. The theme for this year is the *Gospel of John: A Cosmic Perspective*. We will read and discuss Chapter 4:1-42. For more information and the schedule for the year, please see the bulletin board outside Margaret's office or the website. All are welcome to join our lively and informative discussions.

— Margarethe Kulke

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5pm Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir Signup

We are looking for people and families, big and small, all ages, all music levels, to be part of the 5pm Christmas Eve Intergenerational Choir. This choir is an opportunity to make your Christmas Eve at St. Andrew's even more special by singing in the choir with your family and friends! Please sign up with Jane or Wardie. Important dates to remember:

- **Thursday, December 21: 6-7:30pm**
Intergenerational Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary. Pizza after rehearsal!
- **Sunday, December 24: 4pm**
Meet in the choir room for warm-ups and a final rehearsal. Sing at the **5pm** service.
— Jane Money
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Join us in Italy in May 2018!

Twenty-two of us have signed up for our St. Andrew's pilgrimage to Rome, Florence, and Assisi next year. We will travel **Monday, May 14 to Friday, May 25**. We have 3 spots still open—a double room, and a single room. Are you meant to join us? Please contact me if you want to learn more details about this spiritual adventure.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
- margaret@standrewswellesley.org

Mitten Trees

The St. Andrew's mitten trees are up! This is a long-standing outreach ministry. Please bring new hats, gloves, and mittens to the parish hall for those in need this winter.

- Debbie Osborn
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Coats for Kids (and Adults too) Collection

This collection will continue **through December 31**. In these hard economic times there are thousands of individuals in our very own community who are without a warm winter coat. Gently used warm coats of all sizes—infant through adult XXL—are accepted. Donated coats will be cleaned free of charge by Anton's Cleaners. Once collected and cleaned, the coats will be distributed through the Coats for Kids Distribution Partners network. Please check your closets and drop your unwanted coats in the collection box in the office corridor. — Joanna Horobin • joannahorobin@gmail.com

Socks, Socks, Socks!

Please contribute new, white men's cotton crew socks, size L or XL, to Health Care Without Walls. You may do this by placing socks in the SOX BOX located outside the library, or, sending a check for any amount with "SOX" in the memo which will be included in your church statement. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

— Donna Kell • kell9@verizon.net

Need a Babysitter or Odd Job-Doer?

Hire a teen or young adult from St. Andrew's. The list can be obtained in church on Sunday or by emailing Catherine Healy • catherine@standrewswellesley.org

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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Gratitude

Turkey Trot Thanks

Thanks to everyone who was on Team St. Andrew's for the Turkey Trot. We had 80 people running, a great team led by Jenny Sawyer staffing a water table, and we raised \$2,800 for cancer research and food pantry support. Great work, team!

Family Promise Metrowest Gratitude

Thank you to all the St. Andrew's volunteers who made the families feel so welcome during our host week at the Village Church from November 26 to December 3. Your dedication and commitment to FPM is amazing! Special thanks go to Frances Antonelli, Al Bornemann, Nancy Braun, Amanda Curtis, Heidi Harper, Scott Jones, Anne Manners, Jen Martin, Karen McAdams, Cam McCormick, Geoffrey and Sofia Moorhead, Caren Parker, Paul Shackford, Carol Shedd, and Jessica Stanton.

Prayerful Taizé-Style Advent Service

We are grateful to the service's planning team, which included Margarethe Kulke, Jenny Sawyer, and Cynthia Scott. The beautiful chanting was supported by members of our senior choir, including Judith Boland, Liz Dean, Katie Hodges, Janet Giele, and Diane Mitchell. Thanks to Katharine Clark for the loan of the beautiful triptych, which graced our main altar.

Sox Box

Thank you to those of you who have so generously fed the Sox Box.

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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** rehearses most Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** has rehearsals 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, December 10

See service schedule above

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
11:15am Pageant Rehearsal
11:30am Alternative Holiday Gift Fair
5pm Advent Lessons & Carols

Monday, December 11

7pm Book Circle

Tuesday, December 12

10:30am Bible Circle
7pm Bible Circle
7:30pm Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, December 13

6:30pm Blue Christmas

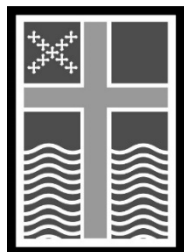
Saturday, December 16

9:30am Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, December 17

See service schedule above

9am Christian Learning Series
9am Pageant Rehearsal
5pm Confirmation Prep
6:45pm High School Youth Group



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