

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 18, 2018

Prelude *O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 441 "In the cross of Christ I glory"

Rathbun

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue

BCP p. 350

The Confession

p. 352

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of

Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of

the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and

they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

Richard Farrant

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your ¹loving¹kindness; *
in your great compassion ¹blot out¹my of¹fenses.
- 2 Wash me through and ¹through ¹from my¹wickedness *
and ¹cleanse me¹from my¹sin.
- 3 For I ¹know my trans¹gressions, *
and my ¹sin is ¹ever be¹fore me.
- 4 Against you ¹only have I¹sinned *
and done what is ¹evil¹in your¹sight.
- 5 And so you are justified ¹when you¹speak *
and ¹upright¹in your¹judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been ¹wicked from my¹birth, *
a ¹sinner from my¹mother's¹womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth ¹deep with¹in me, *
and will make me under¹stand¹wisdom¹secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and ¹I shall be¹pure; *
wash me, and ¹I shall be¹clean in¹deed.

- 9 Make me hear of¹joy and¹gladness, *
that the body you have¹broken¹may re¹joice.
- 10 Hide your¹face from¹my¹sins *
and blot¹out all¹my in¹iquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean¹heart, O¹God, *
and re¹new a¹right¹spirit with¹in me.
- 12 Cast me not a¹way from your¹presence *
and take not your¹holy¹Spirit¹from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving¹help a¹gain *
and sus¹tain me with your¹bountiful¹Spirit.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able

to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 691 "My faith looks up to thee"

Olivet

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told

Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,

it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven,

“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Ms. Anna Page

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.*

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *In quietness shall be our strength* James Woodman (b. 1957)

*O God of peace, who has taught us, that in returning and rest we shall be saved;
In quietness and in confidence shall be our strength. By the might of your Spirit,
Lift us, we pray you, to your presence where we may be still and know that you are God;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 “Praise God from whom all blessings flow” Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S128 (front section of hymnal) William Mathias

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)

Mason Martens

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 *Locus iste*

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach.

Communion Hymn 337 "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"

Song 46

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Scouting Recognition

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Cortège*

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

We welcome the return of Anna Page, our guest preacher today. Anna is a Wellesley College graduate, a seminarian at Duke Divinity School, and a chaplain candidate in the U.S. Army. St. Andrew's is sponsoring her for ordination to the priesthood.



Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service,
hosted today by Wendy Barry and Amy Wilson.

We offer special prayers in loving memory of
Ruth Freeman Reed and Norma Bradford.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Barbara Bergstrom, Nancy Echlov,
Erica Gelser, Becky Hamlin, Linda McCammond, Debbie Monti,
Ellen Staelin, Laura Stettner, and Jill Whiting

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Debbie Lorenz
Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lily Curtis, Maggie Donahue, Kelly Rawson, and Drew Donahue
Chalice Bearers Margaret Blackwell, Joe Hamilton, Meg Harris, and Suzy Littlefield
Greeters the Barry family
Lay Readers Joanna Horobin, Marissa Caldwell, and Ann Johnson
Ushers David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Alan Joachim, David Osborn,
Ryan Osborn, Terri Rawson, and Larry Scott

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery
Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham
St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet
Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole
Diocesan Congregational Consultants
For all churches in the diocese closed or merged



About the Readings

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

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Jeremiah began his prophetic ministry to Judah about 627 BCE and ended it around 580 BCE. He thus spans the period leading up to Judah's final defeat by the Babylonians (587 BCE), the destruction of the temple and the exile of much of the population. Today's lesson comes from a section, chapters 30–31, called the "book of consolation." In it are gathered Jeremiah's oracles of hope for an eventual renewal and restoration for Israel. In today's passage, Jeremiah looks forward to a "new covenant" (v. 31). Unlike the old, this one will be written on the heart, which in Hebrew thought is the seat not of the emotions but of the will. This covenant is not new in content, for the Torah, the written law, is not replaced. It is new, however, in the means of its realization. The internalization of the covenant will enable people to keep it. The will of the individual shall become one with the will of God. There will be no need of teachers, for all will know the Lord, not just in intellectual terms but in the Hebrew sense of a close, intense and intimate personal relationship.

Psalms 51:1-13 This is one of the great penitential psalms. The hope and goal of the covenant was to live in right relationship with God and one another. Sin disordered relationships. The psalmist seeks not merely the removal of guilt, but the restoration of a right relationship to God.

Hebrews 5:5-10 The epistle to the Hebrews is a tightly-woven theological essay that stresses that Christianity has fulfilled the promises of Judaism. The author's purpose is to show the superiority of: Jesus to the prophets, the angels and Moses (1:3–4:13), Jesus' priesthood to the Levitical priesthood (4:14–7:28) and Jesus' sacrifice to Levitical sacrifices (8:1–10:18). According to Jewish tradition, Jesus could not be a priest because he was from the tribe of Judah not Levi. But the author of Hebrews argues that in fact Jesus is the real High Priest because he, like Aaron and Melchizedek, was chosen by God for his priestly ministry on our behalf. The quotation from Psalm 2:7 (v. 5) affirms that Jesus was chosen by God, not self-appointed. His unique priesthood is modeled upon

that of Melchizedek, whom the author later claims to be superior to Abraham and thus to Abraham's descendant Levi and the Levitical priests. For his lifelong submission to God, Jesus was saved not from death but through death. Whereas human beings learn to be obedient because they suffer for disobedience, Jesus, through his suffering, learned that obedience itself exacts a price in human life. Through his obedient suffering, Jesus is "made perfect" (v. 9) and becomes our source of salvation.

John 12:20-33 The appearance of "some Greeks" (v. 20, probably "God-fearers" — those who were attracted to Judaism but did not fully keep the law) indicates that Jesus' public ministry is now complete. Ironically, the complaint of the Pharisees

in 12:19 is shown to be true. Jesus' response is to announce that his "hour has come" (v. 23), the time for his glorification in death, resurrection and ascension. As Jesus' mission bore fruit only through his death, so Christians bear fruit only through death to self. The term hate (v. 25) would reinforce the challenge to separate oneself from what this life requires. It does not express an emotion so much as an action requiring separation. Jesus freely accepts his destiny in a plea that God's plan be carried out as the expression of God's name, that is, of God's essential character. The victory over Satan is won through Jesus' "lifting up" (v. 32), a term for both his crucifixion and his exaltation), but its working out in this life is the ongoing task of Christians.



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!

Scout Sunday

We will celebrate Scout Sunday **today, March 18**, at the **10am** service. Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts of all ages (including adult leaders) will be invited to come forward for a blessing.

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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My Promise, My Faith Award

Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to earn the My Promise, My Faith award, which requires just a few hours of preparation, followed by attending a meeting **today, March 18**, at **9am** in the **Rite-13 room**. For more details, contact Wendy Barry

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St. Andrew's Forum: Gun Violence

The next St. Andrew's Forum will meet **today, March 18**, at **11:30am** in the **Harvey Room**. The topic will be the question of guns in our society in light of the school shooting in Florida and the conversation will be facilitated by Paul Merry. The forums provide an opportunity for parishioners to listen to one another and express their opinions on pressing current affairs issues in the context of our shared Christian faith and our commitment

to one another as part of the St. Andrew's church family. All are invited. — Paul Merry

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9am Christian Learning *Change the Lord's Prayer?*

Recently, Pope Francis suggested changing the words of the lord's prayer. These words haven't been changed in hundreds of years. He has theological reasons for wanting to change the prayer, but not all Christians agree with him. Join us **this morning, March 18**, in **Room 2** as we reflect on his opinion and share our own. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Lenten Bake Sale

Stop by the parish hall **today, March 18 after the 10am service** to purchase treats made by church school families! All proceeds will support our Lenten outreach to the Salvation Army in Framingham.

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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Our Lenten Outreach Project

We are raising funds and collecting toiletries for the Salvation Army, supporting ministries with the poor and homeless in the Framingham area. Mite boxes should be returned to church on **Palm Sunday, March 25**. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Lenten Program & Potluck

Mark your calendars for *Forgiveness: The Way to New Life*. This week we will have two Spiritual Directors from the Bethany House of Prayer, an Episcopal spiritual center located in Arlington, join us. They will lead us in a *Forgiveness Meditation*. We will each have a chance to practice the forgiveness work we have been learning about and engaging in Lent. We provide the entrée and you bring a salad or dessert. Our potluck starts at **6pm**, and the program is from **6:45pm to 7:30pm**. Join us for the last of the series on **Wednesday, March 21**.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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March for Our Lives

On **Saturday, March 24**, there will be marches all across the country in protest of gun violence. The **Cathedral Church of St. Paul** and the Diocese of Massachusetts will offer hospitality, respite, and a gathering place beginning at **10am**, in partnership with the B-PEACE antiviolence campaign and Episcopal City Mission. Those interested in marching with other Episcopalians should

meet at the cathedral by **11:30am**. Organizers hope to offer youth-led trainings or other organizing activities, including a B-PEACE postcard-writing campaign to state and federal legislators, corporate decision-makers, and other stakeholders. For more information, or to offer help with planning, contact Rev. H. Mark Smith.

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Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

Confirmation prep and youth group will next meet on **Sunday, March 25**. Confirmation prep meets from **5 to 6:30pm**, and high school youth group from **6:45 to 8pm**. All youth are welcome. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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FPM Walkathon

Please join the St. Andrew's team on **Saturday, April 7**, in supporting our outreach partner Family Promise Metrowest. We would love your participation. The walk is three miles long and starts and ends at the Natick Community Senior Center. Registration starts at **8am**. You'll find a button for registration on the VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP page of our website. — Debbie Osborn

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Heidi Harper • heidiharper73@gmail.com

common cathedral

On Sunday, April 8, we will live out our call to care for the needy by serving and worshipping at *common cathedral*. We will gather in our kitchen at **8:45am** to make sandwiches. At **11am** we will drive to Boston Common's Brewer Fountain, across from the **Cathedral Church of St. Paul's**, to serve lunch and share in the outdoor worship service. The congregation is mostly homeless people and the experience can be a powerful opportunity for spiritual growth. Join us by visiting standrewswellesley.org, click on SERVE and SIGN-UP. — Cam McCormick

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Bargain Haul — Volunteers needed!

Our annual rummage sale, Bargain Haul, will be **on Saturday, May 5**. We are in need of volunteers starting **Sunday, April 29**, through the public sale day. Any time you can spare to join in the fun and fellowship is *much needed* and appreciated! Please pitch in even if you only have a few hours free.

- Sunday, April 29, Drop-off: 11:30 to 3pm
- Monday, April 30, Drop-off/Sorting: 9am to 1pm & 6pm to 8pm
- Tuesday, May 1, Drop-off/Sorting: 9am to 1pm
- Wednesday, May 2, Pricing: 9am to 1pm
- Thursday, May 3, Workers Sale: 9am to 11am
- Friday, May 4, Parish Night: 6pm to 8pm
- Saturday, May 5, Public Sale 8:30am to 12 noon and after.

— Bargain Haul Co-Chairs, Ruthie Klinck

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Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet on **Monday, April 9**, at **7pm**, in the **Harvey Room**. We will discuss *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. *Little Fires Everywhere* explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood—and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster. All are welcome to join us! — Betsy Millane

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Need a Babysitter or Odd Job-Doer?

Consider hiring 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

Nametags

Nametags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. St. Andrew's membership committee offers lovely reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact me. — Suzanne Nystrom

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Partnering with God

2018 Global Mission Summit: workshops, speakers, music, worship, and networking opportunities. *Ground* your missional relationship in God's Mission. *Hear and share* stories of answering God's call, and of including God in your mission relationship. *Learn and share* in best practices on the ground. *Learn* ways to invite others to join your partnership, spreading the "Good News" happening in the world. **Saturday, April 21, 8:30am to 4:30pm** at the **Cathedral Church of St. Paul**, 138 Tremont St. Boston. Early registration rates end on March 17. www.diomassglobalmission.org/register

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

St. Patrick's Day Potluck Gratitude

You will be green with envy if you didn't get a chance to attend the St. Patrick's themed potluck dinner this past Sunday following the informal service! Over 50 people enjoyed a delicious corned beef dinner, green salads, and fancy desserts from members of the fellowship committee and the parish. A special thank you to Barbara Bergstrom, Sarah Dent, Al & Zebby Dubé, Greg Hunter, Nancy Jones, Hillary Madge, the Martin family, Harris & Liz Parsons, Sandy Rigney, and Jenny & Mark Sawyer for their help in making the evening such a success. We're looking forward to the next potluck on Sunday, April 22—hope to see you there!

Scout Sunday

Thanks to Wendy Barry for organizing Scout Sunday and providing the wonderful fruit bar at coffee hour.

Lenten Outreach Bake Sale

Thank you to all who donated treats for today's bake sale, and all who bought treats to support the work of the Salvation Army in Framingham!

Pre-Confirmation Retreat

Abundant thanks to Suzanne Nystrom for chaperoning this weekend's pre-confirmation retreat.

Funeral Receptions

Many thanks to all those who gave so generously of their time to help organize and host the funeral receptions for Leigh Gelser and Bob Harvey this past week. The families expressed their deep appreciation for this ministry of care as they mourn the loss of their loved ones. Many thanks to Margaret Zusky for heading up the reception ministry.

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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, March 18

See service schedule above

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place and Church
School, Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Scouting
Recognition
11:15am Lenten Bake Sale
11:30am Forum on Gun Violence

Tuesday, March 20

7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 21

6pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Thursday, March 22

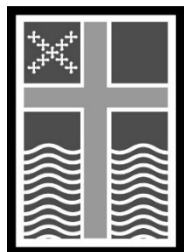
7:30pm Junior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

See service schedule above

9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place and Church
School, Rite-13
10am Liturgy of the Palms
5pm Confirmation Prep
6:45pm Youth Group



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