

# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 5, 2018

Prelude

Processional Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord"

*Lobe den Herren*

### 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 280

Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to

David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his

children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

#### Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might

fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

*Rendez à Dieu*

Gospel: John 6:24-35

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is

the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon *Growing Up*

Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter

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

Offertory Hymn 325 "Let us break bread together on our knees" *Let Us Break Bread*

Presentation of Bread and Wine

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

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 124 David Hurd

Fraction Anthem S 151 David Hurd

Breaking of the Bread

*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.*

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

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

**We welcome and thank Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, our guest preacher today, and Senior Pastor at Wellesley Village Church. We also welcome those joining us today from our neighboring congregations. WELCOME.**

**Please join us for iced tea and lemonade following the 10am service.**



**Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Marguerite Bradford Tarrío and Edward C. & Margaret B. Thayer.**

**Serving St. Andrew's this week**

*Altar Guild* Molly Aitken, Margaret Blackwell, Judith Boland,  
Terri Burnell, Elsie Deane, Heidi Harper, Ann Johnson,  
Margarethe Kulke, Pat MacKinnon, Paige Manning, and Liz Parsons  
*Flowers* Ruth Wilson

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer* Ann Johnson  
*Ushers* Jane Givens and Mark Housel

**Serving at 10am**

*Chalice Bearers* Adams Carroll, Joe Hamilton, Ann Johnson, and Paul Shackford  
*Greeters* Janet & David Giele  
*Lay Readers* Paul Merry, Al Bornemann, and Janet Giele  
*Ushers* Dave Boghosian, Jim Blackwell, Carter Houghton,  
Frank Hunnewell, Bob Prensner, and Terri Rawson

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery*  
St. Andrew's Church, Methuen  
St. Paul's Church, Newburyport  
St. Paul's Church, North Andover



## About the Readings

From *Preparing for Sunday* [http://standrewswellesley.org/worship\\_reading.html](http://standrewswellesley.org/worship_reading.html)

**2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a** Today's reading comes from the conclusion of the story of David's adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband Uriah. Nathan's parable illustrates the power of parables. To enter into the parable's world is to risk self-revelation. When he hears the story, king David, as the guarantor of justice, reacts with outrage to the injustice recounted. Yet it is he himself, in the arrogance of his power, who has tried to put himself above the law. He has betrayed his anointing by God. By the law of exact retribution David should die, but upon his acknowledgement of guilt the sentence upon him is annulled. Yet his sin has effects reaching beyond himself to his household, his realm, and his dynasty. These consequences will work themselves out in the death of the child and in the conflict among his sons. This episode reminds us that the working out of God's purpose is not dependent upon perfect people, but upon God alone, despite the sinfulness of even God's chosen servants.

**Psalms 51:1-13** This is one of the great penitential psalms. The psalm's title, added later, ascribes this psalm to David during the time of his repentance for the

seduction of Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah (2 Samuel 11:11–12:25). The constant hope and the goal of the covenant people was to become a community in right relationship with God and one another. Sin identified whatever disordered relationships. The psalmist seeks not merely the removal of guilt, but the restoration of a right relationship to God. Verse 4 does not exclude sin against one's neighbor, for that was also understood as an offense against God because it broke down the covenant relationships desired by God.

**Ephesians 4:1-16** This reading continues the ethical exhortations from last week. It examines the basis for the new life of the Gentile converts, contrasting it with their former lives. Their new life is not a result of their own discoveries and efforts but originates from God. It is the new life God recreates, through Jesus, in the Christian. The passage is very similar to Colossians 3:1-17 and may have been drawn from the pre-baptismal instruction of the early Church that led to the renunciation of the "former way of life" and through baptism, as illustrated by putting off one's clothes and putting on white baptismal robes. The

convert is thus part of the new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) of the body of Christ, which includes both Jews and Gentiles. He or she is “created according to the likeness of God” (v. 24) exhibiting right relationships and holiness, which are distinctively divine characteristics. And this incorporation into Christ will always demand specific behavioral consequences.

**John 6:24-35** Today’s passage is the preface to the bread of life discourse. It illustrates John’s favorite ways of shaping a dialogue. One is the use of misunderstanding; another is that a question asked on one level is answered on a higher level. Set in the synagogue at Capernaum (6:59), this discourse relies on concepts and structures common to rabbinic sermons at the time. The crowd addresses Jesus as “Rabbi” or teacher, often the first title of respect given to Jesus by strangers (1:38, 3:2). The crowd’s factual question: “When did you come here?” is answered theologically in terms of Jesus’ origin (7:28-29). Jesus here identifies himself as “Son of Man...from heaven” (vv. 27, 33). Jesus charges the crowd with having responded only to the material meaning of the feeding, not to its spiritual significance.

They answer by picking up the theme of works, asking what the works are that God desires them to do (3:21). The reply is that there is only one work that God desires to accomplish in them, obedient trust in Jesus. This is John’s contribution to the faith/works issue: faith is itself a work, the acceptance of God’s work in Jesus. The crowd requests a sign from him to validate his teaching so that they may “believe” (rather than “believe in”) him. They challenge the prophet-like-Moses (6:14; Deuteronomy 18:15) to produce manna. Jesus answers that their desire has already been fulfilled. Bread was, in rabbinic writings, a symbol of the Torah given to Moses. Jesus’ teaching is the bread they should crave. The bread God gives in the present is “that which comes down from heaven” (v. 33), the revelation of God made personal in the incarnation of Jesus. Verse 35 is the first of the many “I am” statements in the Gospel of John. Jesus uses the “I am” statements (bread of life, 6:35; light of the world, 8:12; door, 10:7; good shepherd, 10:11; resurrection and life, 11:25; way, truth and life, 14:6; true vine, 15:1) to reveal the dimensions of his relationship to humankind.





# 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!*

## September Homecoming

Here are some starting dates to look forward to as the fall season approaches:

### Thursday, September 6

Church School Committee  
Senior Choir

### Saturday, September 8

Men's Bible Study

### Sunday, September 9

Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers  
Junior Choir  
Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13  
Rite-13 Parents' Coffee Hour

### Monday, September 10

Book Circle

### Tuesday, September 11

Outreach Committee  
Pastoral Care Team Meeting

### Wednesday, September 12

Men's Book Club

### Thursday, September 13

Altar Guild Meeting

### Friday, September 14

Rite-13 Lock-in

### Sunday, September 16

Back-to-School Blessing  
Christian Learning  
Parish Picnic  
High School Youth Group

### Thursday, September 20

North Hill Eucharist

### Sunday, September 23

Kids' Place Coffee Hour  
Plug Into St. Andrew's Fair

### Tuesday, September 25

Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street  
Cupboard & Café  
Vestry Meeting

### Thursday, September 27

Stewardship Committee

### Sunday, September 30

Blessings of the Animals  
Family Promise Hosting Week

## Parish Picnic

Please plan to attend the St. Andrew's annual All-Parish Picnic at the home of Luisa Hunnewell **after the 10am service on Sunday, September 16!**

As always, we count on many volunteers to make this event a success. Please consider signing up for a shift or donating a baked good or both! Look for sign-up information soon. — Jenny Sawyer

- [jennysawyer10@gmail.com](mailto:jennysawyer10@gmail.com)

## Interfaith Bowling!

UU Wellesley would like to challenge your church to join us for some interfaith bowling. We currently have two teams and would like to get some more teams to meet people from all the local houses of worship. Please contact Marianne Laffitte if interested.

- [MarianneLaffitte1975@gmail.com](mailto:MarianneLaffitte1975@gmail.com)

The details:

- Date/time: Sunday nights, 7 to 9pm.
- Start Date: September 16
- Location: Kings Dedham, Legacy Place
- Duration: 6 weeks (with a break for Columbus Day)
- Cost: \$324 for a team of six people (\$54 per person). If we get 10 teams: \$270 for a team (\$45 per person) Price includes 6 nights of bowling and shoe rental.
- Note: Must be 21 years of age, as Kings serves adult beverages. Each team needs one captain to coordinate and collect fees.

## From the Treasurer's Office

As you plan for your summer holiday, please remember to keep your pledge payments current over the next three months. Our expenses continue in the summer, and we rely on pledge income to pay our bills promptly. Thanks and best wishes for a refreshing summer! — Ruth Hubert

- [rwh@standrewswellesley.org](mailto:rwh@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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# Weekly Calendar

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- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am (see below for 10am services). 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. *The 5pm Sunday service is suspended for the summer and will resume on September 9.*
- **Parish Office** hours for August are Monday through 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.

## Saturday, August 11

11am Joanne Elfers Memorial Service

## Sunday, August 12

*See service schedule above*

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## August Ecumenical Worship Schedule

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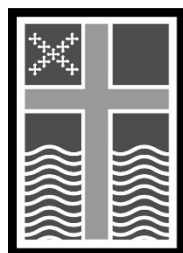
*Please join the communities of Wellesley in ecumenical worship at 10am during the first three Sundays of August. 8am services at St. Andrew's will continue as usual.*

**August 5** *Location* St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 79 Denton Road  
*Preacher* The Rev. Dr. Sarah Sarchet Butter, Village Church UCC

**August 12** *Location* Village Church UCC, 2 Central Street  
*Preacher* The Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster, Hills Church UCC

**August 19** *Location* Wellesley Hills Church UCC, 207 Washington Street  
*Preacher* The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole, Episcopal

**August 26** *Return to standard St. Andrew's worship services at 8am and 10am*



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