



CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday of Advent December 1, 2019

Prelude *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 61 "'Sleepers, wake!' A voice astounds us"

Wachet auf

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Celebrant Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors: to you be praise and glory for ever! You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment. May we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; 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

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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 Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son

Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of

Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

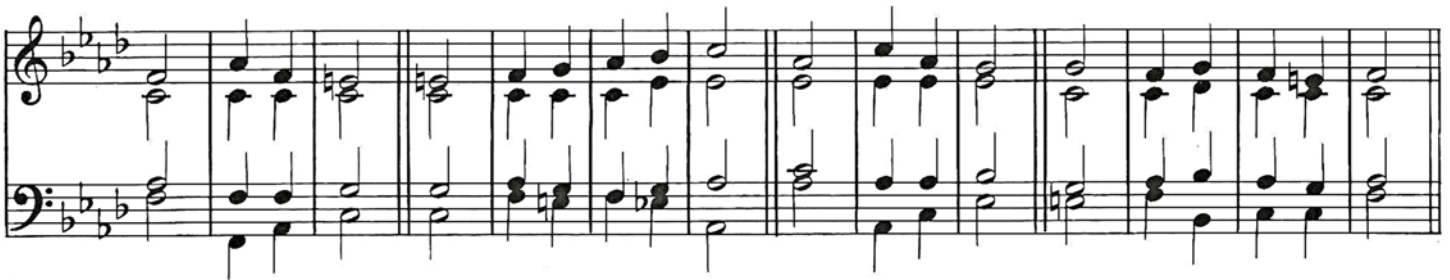
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Rickard Clark

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



1 I was glad when they¹said to¹me, *
"Let us¹go to the¹house of the¹LORD."

2 Now our¹feet are¹standing *
within your¹gates,¹O Je¹rusalem.

3 Jerusalem is¹built as¹a¹city *
that is at¹unity¹with it¹self;

- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- †5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
— “May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now
the moment for you to wake from sleep.
For salvation is nearer to us now than
when we became believers; the night is
far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay
aside the works of darkness and put on
the armor of light; let us live honorably

as in the day, not in reveling and drunk-
enness, not in debauchery and licentious-
ness, not in quarreling and jealousy.
Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and
make no provision for the flesh, to gratify
its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 68 “Rejoice! rejoice, believers”

Llangloffan

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that
day and hour no one knows, neither the
angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only
the Father. For as the days of Noah were,
so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

For as in those days before the flood they
were eating and drinking, marrying and
giving in marriage, until the day Noah
entered the ark, and they knew nothing
until the flood came and swept them all

away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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 *Adam lay ybounden*

Howard Skempton (b. 1947)

*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 clerkës finden written
In their book.*

*Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never Our Lady
A-been heavenly queen.
Blessed be the time
That apple taken was.
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gratias!*

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

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus S 129 (front section of hymnal)

Powell

Fraction S 151 (front section of hymnal)

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. Healing prayer is offered, if you desire, at the transept rail after you take communion.

Communion Anthem *Redeemer of the nations come*

Veni, Redemptor gentium, plainsong
Text att. St. Ambrose of Milan (340-397)

*Redeemer of the nations come; reveal yourself in virgin birth,
The birth which ages all adore, a wondrous birth befitting God.*

*From human will you do not spring, but from the spirit of our God;
O Word of God, come; take our flesh and grow as child in Mary's womb.*

*You came forth from the eternal God, and you returned to that same source.
You suffered death and harrowed hell, and reigned once more from God's high throne.*

*With God the Father you are one, and one with us in human flesh.
O fill our weak and dying frame with Godly strength which never fails.*

*Your cradle shines with glory light; its splendor pierces all our gloom.
Our faith reflects those radiant beams; and no night shall overcome it now.*

*All praise, O unbegotten God, all praise to you, eternal; Word,
All praise, lifegiving Spirit, praise, all glory to our God Triune.*

Communion Hymn 53 "Once he came in blessing"

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 59 "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding"

Merton

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Gottes Sohn ist kommen*

J.S. Bach



Healing Prayers

The offering of healing prayers is a widespread and ancient tradition within the Episcopal Church, and one that has long been part of the Wednesday morning Eucharist at St. Andrew's. We are eager to extend the reach of these prayers by making them available at our 8am, 10am, and 5pm Sunday services.

The way healing prayers will be offered is as follows. During the time people are receiving communion at the front altar rail, one of the clergy will be on duty at the transept altar to offer healing prayers for anyone who wishes to be prayed with. If you want to have healing prayers, go to the communion rail at the transept altar after you have received communion at the front rail. You are welcome to kneel or stand at the rail.

The clergy person will ask you quietly and discreetly what you wish to pray for. To be clear, requests for healing prayers are not just for health issues. In fact, they are usually for non-physical challenges that an individual may be facing family, work, relationship difficulties, etc. You can request a prayer for yourself or for someone else. For example, someone might say, "please pray for my husband facing a difficult time at work," or "please pray for my mother facing an operation," or "please pray for my son having a tough time at college." In response, the clergy will quietly and discreetly offer a healing prayer for the situation. One point I do wish to make is that the introduction of healing prayers will not add any time to the length of the service. Once everyone has received communion the service will continue as normal even if there are still people receiving healing prayer at the Transept Chapel.

Again, healing prayer is an ancient Episcopal tradition, and by making it more widely available at St. Andrew's we will be joining Christians down through the ages who have prayed in this way for God's healing presence to be with them. If you have any questions about healing prayer please do not hesitate to speak with me or one of the other clergy.

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole



Please join us for Advent wreath-making after the 10am service.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the lives of.

Leigh & Louisa Gelser, Elsie Johnston Millet, Gertrude Haynes Nesbitt,
John R. Rand, and Gloria Johnston Wiggin.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Margaret Blackwell, Judith Boland, Elsie Deane, Heidi Harper,
Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson, Margarethe Kulke, Paige Manning, and Elizabeth Parsons
Flower Guild Debbie Lorenz and Charlene Smith

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Nancy Echlov
Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer: Elizabeth Martin; Torch: Emily Breedis;
Torch: Annika Svedlund; Gospel: Eloise Svedlund; Banner: Caroline Martin
Chalice Bearers Joanna Horobin, Ann Johnson, Paige Manning, and Margaret Zusky
Lay Readers Ann Johnson, Jen Martin, and Janet Giele
Ushers Frank Hunnewell, Bob Prensner, Terri Rawson, Kris Vanin, and Michael Vanin

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Alewife Deanery
Church of Our Saviour, Arlington
St. John's Church, Arlington
Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington
The Standing Committee
Brotherhood of St. Gregory



About The Readings

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

Isaiah 2:1-5 Isaiah prophesied to Judah between 740 and 687 BC. During this period, the northern kingdom, Israel, became part of the Assyrian empire, and the southern kingdom, Judah, lived precariously as a vassal state. Today's passage looks forward to Jerusalem's restoration at the end of history. In Hebrew, the noun for word or message (v. 1) also means literally "thing," a physical object. The word of the Lord is so concrete and objective a reality that the prophet sees rather than hears it. He foresees the time when Mt. Zion in Jerusalem will replace Mt. Sinai as the mountain of God's revelation. In the fulfillment of God's purpose at the end of time all peoples and nations will acknowledge and accept God's judgment, ushering in the era of peace.

Psalms 120-134 Psalms 120-134 are each titled "A Song of Ascents." They were probably sung by pilgrims who came to Jerusalem for the three great festivals of the year, Tabernacles or Booths, Passover, and Weeks or Pentecost (Leviticus 23). Psalm 122 was probably sung upon arrival in the city. The Holy City is acclaimed as the center for the Lord's worship and for the declaration of justice. The psalm ends

with a prayer for its peace as emblematic of the welfare of the people.

Romans 13:11-14 Paul concludes a section of moral exhortation (chaps. 12-13) by presenting the general principle that underlies his specific directions—"love one another" (v. 8). This obligation the Christian always owes. In today's passage, Paul asserts that the greatest motivation for the Christian's moral life lies in the future—the Christ's second coming. The end of time is near at hand. The great day of salvation is coming—sleep/night/darkness will give way to waking/day/light. Another motivation for godly living lies in the past. In baptism the believer "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 14) like the new baptismal garment. Now is the time to live out the implications of the baptismal status, responding to God's action by offering love to others, without giving in to the weakness of human nature that is liable to sin.

Matthew 24:36-44 Written in the latter part of the first century, the Gospel of Matthew contains most of the Gospel of Mark, plus a great deal of other source material that consists mainly of Jesus'

teachings. Using Mark's gospel as the general basis for his gospel, Matthew collects Jesus' sayings into five major discourses. Thus he stresses Jesus as the messianic Teacher of the new Israel. Chapters 24–25 are the last of the five major speeches that Jesus gives. They center upon the last days and the expectation of the coming of the Son of Man. Today's section focuses on the theme of preparedness. The "Son of Man" likely references the human-like divine being named in one of the apocalyptic visions found in Daniel 7:13 (Aramaic *bar gnash*—"human being"—lit. "son of man"), a text that figured prominently in

first-century Jewish and early Christian apocalyptic thought. For Matthew, this is a title that represents Jesus as the divinely chosen human agent who ushers in the end times. The warnings here against lack of awareness balance those earlier that caution against overzealous or premature expectations of the coming. Jesus' coming will bring judgment, not upon sin, but upon one's state of readiness. The division made by God between the ready and the unready cuts across all human categories. The eternal choice may occur at any moment, therefore constant watchfulness is needed.



Family Advent Events

Advent Wreath-Making Sunday, December 1, 11:15am

Prepare for your family's Advent devotions by creating your own Advent wreath with local evergreens in the parish hall after the 10am service on the first Sunday of Advent.

Family Cookies & Carols and Little Angels' Gift Shop Friday, December 6

One of St. Andrew's best-loved family traditions is the Little Angels' Gift Shop and Family Cookies & Carols night. There's something for all ages: while the children shop, adults are welcome to some child-free, stress-free Christmas cheer and cookie decorating.

Little Angels' 6 to 7pm

No adults allowed! Children are invited to purchase 25-cent gifts for family members at this beloved gift shop, held in Room 2. Bring quarters! Rite-13, confirmation, and high school students assist with gift wrapping.

Cookies & Carols 7 to 8pm

Come sing Christmas carols in front of a roaring fire in the parish hall, led by children's music director Amanda Kern. You are invited, but not required, to bring cookies to share. Pizza, eggnog, and cider provided.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Saturday, December 14, 9:45am

All participants in the Christmas pageant (speaking and non-speaking roles) gather for rehearsal in the sanctuary. All participants signed up by Sunday, December 8, will have their names in the bulletin.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 15

Christmas pageant participants gather for the pageant at 9am on Sunday, December 15. The pageant replaces the lessons and sermon for our 10am Eucharistic service.

Intergenerational Choir Rehearsal Sunday, December 22, 11:30am

An opportunity for people and families, big and small, all ages, all music levels (shower singers to aspiring rock stars!) to be a part of the 5pm Christmas Eve service. Amanda and Wardie will teach, then there will be a pizza lunch after all the hard work is done!



Notices & Announcements

Holy Communion Instructions

We welcome all to share the communion bread and wine at St. Andrew's. Communion is administered at the front rail in two stations—one starting at the pulpit and another starting at the brass eagle lectern, where the rail turns. The ushers will direct you where to go when you arrive at the front of the church before the rail. Please fill in each station fully, from right to left. The clergy and chalice bearers will serve everyone at each station, before starting over with a new group.

Once you have received the communion bread or wafer, you may partake of the wine directly from the large chalice or by dipping your wafer into the smaller intinction cup. If you choose to partake from the larger chalice, please assist the chalice bearer by holding the chalice and guiding it. Anyone to receive a blessing, rather than communion, please cross your arms over your chest.

Once you have received both the bread and wine, the custom is to wait at the rail until the person next to you has received and then exit the rail. Please do not remain at the rail to do personal prayers once the person next to you has received communion—your personal prayers should be undertaken back in your pew.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Advent Taizé-style Service

Please join us **this evening, Sunday, December 1, at 5:45pm** for silence, chanted prayer, and flickering candles. This service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé, France (taize.fr/en). On this night, we offer this service *instead of* our regular 5pm service. All are welcome.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Portrait Photos from the Gala.

If you are excited about viewing the portrait photos from the gala, Jennifer Waddell, has posted two albums for your viewing pleasure: *Saint Andrew's 125th Celebration* and *Saint Andrew's Reception*. You can find a link to the albums in our e-Pistle or at <https://jenniferwaddellphotography.pixieset.com/> You need to sign in with your email address to view the albums. If you would like a high-resolution photo, please contact Jennifer directly at jen.waddell@gmail.com. The photos are magnificent, and she has more than are posted. — Kate Clark

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Mitten Tree

The St. Andrew's mitten tree is in the parish hall. This is a long-standing outreach ministry. Please bring new hats, gloves, and mittens for those in need this winter. — Heidi Harper • heidiharper73@gmail.com

9am Christian Learning

Please join us on **Sunday, December 8** for *Called to Honduras: Transformation Outside the Comfort Zone*. Members of our church who went to Honduras this summer will share more about their own spiritual journeys as they continue to gain perspective on their mission trip. Join us **Sunday, December 15**, for *Who is Mary?* And also, on **Sunday, December 22** for *Sharing Icons and Images of Mary, the Mother of God*.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Advent Lessons & Carols

All are invited to our annual Advent Lessons & Carols Service **Sunday, December 8, at 5pm**: a candlelight reception will follow.

— Wardie Mannix

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Blue Christmas Service

Sometimes Advent and Christmas are full of joy and satisfaction; in other years, we find ourselves in the midst of loss, illness, or disappointment. 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 18, from 6:30pm to 7:15pm** in the **Children's Chapel**. 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. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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St. Stephen's After-school Program

Please join us in the St. Andrew's kitchen **today, Sunday, December 1**, after the **10 am service**, when we prepare a hot meal to be served at B-READY, the St. Stephen's after-school program. It's an easy recipe, and we are usually done by 1pm. Please email me if you can help. — Cam McCormick

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Christmas Memorial Flowers

Please contribute to our Christmas worship by offering flowers in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving for living people you love. Each year we start the list anew: please submit/resubmit names **today, Sunday, December 1**, with your contribution made payable to St. Andrew's Church ("Christmas Flowers" in the memo line). The amount is at your discretion. Please use the form you received: extra forms are in the narthex. Leave the request in the "Flower Memorial" box in the mail room, or pass forward in the plate. Thank you.

— Margarethe Kulke

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Bible Night @ Youth Group!

Youth Group is diving into holy scripture on **Sunday, December 1 at 6:45pm**. Meet in the Rite-13/youth room ready to answer trivia, ask questions, and step into ancient stories.

— Rev. Mia Kano

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A Note from the Treasurer's Office

Please help us identify where your donations should be applied. St. Andrew's has so many options at this time of year. Your donation could be for a 2019 pledge, 2020 pledge, capital campaign, holiday dinners, Christmas flowers, Alternative Gift Fair (AGF), outreach, or Christmas. Also, payments received by December 26, 2019 are appreciated so that we have time to deposit them before the end of the year. Thank you for all your gifts! — Ruth Hubert

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Alternative Gift Fair

St. Andrew's will hold the Alternative Gift Fair **Sunday, December 8**, after the **10am service**. The fair benefits our outreach partners and supports many ministries: a gift that keeps on giving. — Ann Johnson

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Sox Box

Winter is fast upon us, as is the December sock delivery to Roseanna Means, M.D. of Health Care Without Walls. The need for socks is crucial, as our homeless brothers and sisters do not have the option of changing shoes or boots. Since 2007, St. Andrew's has generously donated 9,457 pairs of socks. Can we top the 10,000 mark by donating 543 more pairs by mid-December? Please be a part of this vital ministry. It is one small way for each of us to make a huge difference in the lives of those less fortunate than we. You can contribute in two ways:

- Buy socks & place them in the Sox Box outside the parish library.

- Send a check to St. Andrew's with "Sox Box" in the memo line.

This donation will show in your church statement and socks will be purchased.

— Donna Kell • donnalb.kell@gmail.com

Bible Circle

Bible Circle will meet **Tuesday, December 10**, at **10:30am** in the **Harvey Room** and **Wednesday, December 11**, at **7pm** in **Room 2**. Our topic is the Gospel of Matthew: *A Witness to Jewish Christians*. At our December meeting, we will read and discuss Chapter 5. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible.

— Margarethe Kulke

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Pledging for 2020

Thank you to all who have sent in pledges for the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. The results are very encouraging, but we still have a way to go. If you have not pledged, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our budget. You can send in a pledge form by mail, put one in the plate, or pledge on the GIVE tab of our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me, a member of the stewardship campaign, the wardens, or the rector. — Allen Jones

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College Night @ Youth Group!

Youth Group is inviting alumni back on **Sunday, December 15, 6:45pm**. Come with questions for our wise college students! College friends, we miss you: come share your wisdom! — Rev. Mia Kano

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Apply Now: *Faith in Action* for High School Students

Individual youth entering grades 9-12 are invited to join Faith in Action, a year-long program of service, mission, and discipleship offered by Episcopal City Mission and the Diocese of Massachusetts. Participants will complete service projects around the diocese and make a pilgrimage to the U.S./Mexico border in August 2020. **Applications are due Friday, December 13.** To learn more, visit diomassyouth.org and look for *Las Fronteras Pilgrimage*. — Rev. H. Mark Smith

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Book Circle

For the **Tuesday, December 17** meeting, our book is *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez. We will have a guest: Susan Howards, an attorney who represents immigrants. She's a fascinating woman, knows the legal system well, and will have some great insights. Please bring a friend or two; you won't want to miss this opportunity to have this legal perspective on a true American crisis. — Betsy Millane

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Mia's Ordination to the Priesthood

God willing and the people consenting, the Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts will ordain Maria Benjamin Kano to the sacred priesthood on **Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 10:30am** here at St. Andrew's. Wear red! Reception to follow. — Rev. Mia Kano

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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 Amanda or Wardie. Important dates to remember:

- **Sunday, December 22, 11:30am to 1:30pm:** Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary. Pizza after rehearsal!
 - **Tuesday, December 24, 4pm:** Meet in the choir room for warm-ups and a final rehearsal. Sing at the 5pm service.
- Amanda Kern
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Collecting Coats for Kids and Adults

As the cold weather sets in, there are thousands of people in our area 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 and then distributed through the Coats for Kids Distribution Partners network. This collection will continue **through December 31**. Please check your closets and drop your unwanted coats in the collection box in the office corridor. — Joanna Horobin

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Parish Photo Release

We recognize that safety and privacy are of primary concern to members of our congregation. After researching best practices and reaching out to our national church, the communications committee developed a policy *not to identify anyone by name in website photos* in the fall of 2013. We also agree to publish the following release language in registration forms, The Call, service leaflets, annual reports, and any future publications. This language is as follows:

Occasionally, we may take photographs or videos of St. Andrew's-related activities. By appearing at and/or participating in any such activities, you are aware that you may appear in such pictures and agree to let us use such images in related communications (including print and web usage), and you agree to release St. Andrew's from any liability, damages, or claims whatsoever that might arise from such use. This notice also applies to any members of your family appearing and/or participating in such church activities. Our policy is that we will not identify anyone by name on website photos.

For any questions or more information about photos and usage please contact the vestryperson for communications — Terri Rawson • terrinrawson@gmail.com

Nametags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a nametag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic

nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement nametag, contact Becky Hamlin • dbhamlin@comcast.net

First Aid Kits

We have first aid kits in all the church school classrooms and both kitchens. We also have a large first aid kit in the acolytes changing room. If you are in need of emergency medicine, you should of course call 911, but feel free to use the first aid kits for minor cuts and scrapes as needed..

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Sunday Parking on Denton Road

We received a letter from one of our Denton Road neighbors complaining that a parishioner had parked partially blocking their driveway two Sundays ago. We have also had a number of calls about this since the beginning of the year. ***Please be very careful that you do not obstruct the driveways of our neighbors.*** We wish to maintain good relations with our neighbors and to extend to them the courtesy we would expect from others parking in our own roads. Thanks for your help with this!

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Christmas & Epiphany Services

Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24

Children's Service at 3pm

This half-hour service aimed at young children is attended by about 250. We sing carols, hear the Christmas story, and have a children's homily (no Holy Communion). The service is followed by cake and refreshments.

Family Eucharist at 5pm

This hour-long Holy Communion service, with 600 to 700 people attending, has the intergenerational choir singing and a sermon. The service ends with the church lights darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

Choral Service & Holy Eucharist at 10pm

This is a traditional service with communion, carols, a sermon, and choral anthems; about 300 attend. A 20-minute musical prelude precedes the hour-long service with the full choir and a string quartet. The service ends with the church lights darkened and everyone holding a candle as we sing "Silent Night."

Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, December 25 at 10am

This is a relaxed one-hour service with communion, Christmas carols, and a short homily. The service is usually attended by about 50 people.

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 29 at 10am

This 45 minute service takes the traditional Lessons & Carols form: five bible readings interspersed with five Christmas carols (no Holy Communion).

Epiphany Fireside Service

Sunday, January 5 at 5pm

This Holy Communion service—in the parish hall with a roaring fire—is attended by an intergenerational congregation of about 100. We hear a short Epiphany homily and sing Epiphany hymns. This is a popular service followed by a potluck.



Gratitude

History Snippets

We would like to thank Sandra Rigney, Harriet Thompson, and Peter Lull for producing the “Historical Snippets” from the history of St. Andrew’s which have been on the front cover of the weekly bulletin as part of our 125th Anniversary celebration. Sandra, Harriet, and Peter have worked tirelessly during the year combing through our records week by week to identify interesting snippets to include in the bulletin. Thanks to all of them for their hard work, which has been so appreciated by the congregation.

Pearl Street Cupboard & Café

A HUGE thank you for all who participated in the Day of Service on Saturday, October 19. The macaroni and cheese dinners were a huge hit at the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café in Framingham!

St. Stephen's After-school Program

Many thanks to the volunteers who prepared and delivered a delicious hot meal for the St. Stephen's after-school program on Sunday, November 3: Bonnie Akins, Margarethe Kulke, Cam McCormick, Llynda McFarlane, Bonny Nothern, Mary Scanlon, Becky & Steve Taylor. We prepare this meal on the first Sunday of every month and we welcome new volunteers aged five and up!

Youth Group Lock-in

Thank you to all the kids for an awesome youth group lock-in on Friday, November 22. Immense gratitude for the adult chaperones and helpers who stayed overnight, helped with food, and made it all possible.

Celebrating My 25th Ordination Anniversary

Thank you, St. Andrew's, for the celebration of my 5th year at St. Andrew's and my 25th ordination anniversary. It was a huge surprise to find myself holding a big gift box with a beautiful crystal bowl inside during our November 17 service. The gift, the gift certificate, and our wardens' kind words made my day. It is a joy to be a part of St. Andrew's. — Margaret

Family Advent Calendars

Special thanks to the lovely ladies of the church school committee for their teamwork and thoughtfulness in making the family Advent calendar event last Sunday fun and meaningful for our children and parents.

125 Anniversary Festival Service

Thank you to the many people and ministry groups who helped make our 125th anniversary service last Sunday so memorable. The contribution of so many different ministry areas was a great symbol of the many hundreds of parishioners who make the life of St. Andrew's so rich and vital. Thank you to the fabulous choir whose music touched our souls. Thank you to the flower guild whose arrangements made the church look so amazingly beautiful. Thank you to the altar guild who worked so hard to prepare the church for the service. Thank you to all the staff and proofreaders who helped prepare the lovely service bulletins. Thank you to the ushers who did such a magnificent job organizing and directing the large congregation. Thank you to the reception committee and staff who prepared the special reception after the service. And finally, thanks to all who came and filled the church with fun and festivities.

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- Please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am and 5pm**, and every **Wednesday at 7:30am**—we offer healing prayer at these services; **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is also offered weekdays at **8:50am**, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**, and **Sundays at 9am**; Junior Choir rehearsal is on **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; Step Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

Sunday, December 1

Family Promise Hosting Week Begins

9am Coffee Hour

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
& Rite-13

11:30am Advent Wreath Making

5pm Confirmation Class

NO 5pm Service

5:45pm Advent Tazié-style Worship

6:45am High School Youth Group

Wednesday, December 4

7:30pm Men's Book Club

Thursday, December 5

9:45am Church School Meeting

Friday, December 6

6pm Little Angels' Gift Shop

7pm Family Cookies and Carols

Saturday, December 7

8am Men's Bible Study

10am Senior Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 8

9am Christian Learning

9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
& Rite-13

11:30am Alternative Gift Fair

5pm Advent Lessons & Carols



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