

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday May 14, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Abendlied*

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Processional Hymn 292 "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

Kingsfold

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.*

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People *One God and Father of all.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your

promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where

they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



7 Bless our¹ God, you¹ peoples; *
make the¹ voice of his¹ praise to be¹ heard;

8 Who holds our¹ souls in¹ life, *
and will not al¹low our¹ feet to¹ slip.

- 9 For you, O¹ God, have¹ proved us; *
you have tried us¹ just as¹ silver is¹ tried.
- 10 You brought us¹ into¹ the¹ snare; *
you laid heavy¹ burdens up¹ on our¹ backs.
- †11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through¹ fire and¹ water; *
but you brought us out¹ into¹ a¹ place of re¹freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will¹ pay you my¹ vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my¹ mouth when I¹ was in¹ trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the¹ smoke of¹ rams; *
I will¹ give you¹ oxen and¹ goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all¹ you who fear¹ God, *
and I will¹ tell you¹ what he has¹ done for me.
- 15 I called out to¹ him with my¹ mouth, *
and his¹ praise was¹ on my¹ tongue.
- 16 If I had found¹ evil in my¹ heart, *
the¹ Lord would¹ not have¹ heard me;
- 17 But in truth¹ God has¹ heard me; *
he has attended to the¹ voice¹ of my¹ prayer.
- †18 Blessèd be God, who has not re¹jected my¹ prayer, *
nor with¹ held his¹ love from¹ me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and

reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which

this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 516 “Come down, O Love divine”

Down Ampney

Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Sarah Robbins-Cole

Baptisms of Charlotte Lee Richards and Melissa Eve Surgenor

BCP p. 301

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *God is Seen*

Tune: Captain Kidd
arranged by Alice Parker b. 1925

*Through all the world below
God is seen all around;
Search hills and valleys through,
There He's found.*

*The growing of the corn,
The lily and the thorn,
The pleasant and forlorn
All declare God is there.
In meadows drest in green,
God is seen.*

*See springing waters rise,
Fountains flow, rivers run;
The mist that veils the sky
Hides the sun.*

*Then down the rain doth pour,
The ocean, it doth roar
And beat upon the shore,
And all praise, in their ways,
The God who ne'er declines
His designs.*

*The sun with all his rays
Speaks of God as he flies.
The comet in her blaze,
"God!" she cries.*

*The shining of the stars,
The moon, when she appears
His awful name declare;
See them fly, through the sky
And join the solemn sound
All around.*

Doxology Hymn 380 v3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.

Communion Anthem *Panis angelicus*

César Franck (1822-1890)

May the Bread of Angels

Become bread for mankind;

The Bread of Heaven puts

All foreshadowings to an end;

Oh, thing miraculous!

The body of the Lord will nourish

the poor, the poor,

the servile, and the humble.

Communion Hymn 315 “Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray”

Song I

The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn.

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing



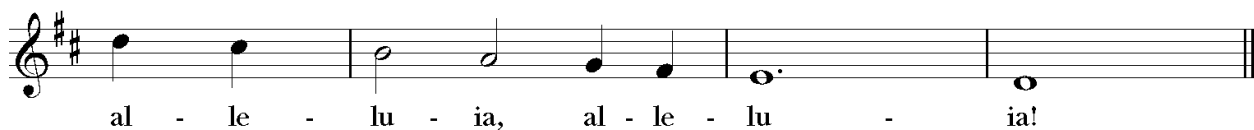
1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O__ sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O__ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The congregation is encouraged to sing with the choir during the recessional while processing after the clergy and choir out of the church where a madrigal will be sung on the steps.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Please join us for coffee hour hosted by Pam & Elmore Alexander



If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Adele Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Zebby Dubé, Erica Gelser,
Peter Mahoney, Karen McAdams, Cynthia Scott, and Liz J. Tecca
Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Thomas Palmer
Ushers Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Cameron Cowperthwaite; Torch, Caroline Martin;
and Torch, Rebecca Martin
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Greeters the Mitchell family
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joe Hamilton and Sarah Harris
Readers Paul Merry and Margaret Zusky
Ushers Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, Lakey MacArthur, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery

St. James' Church, Amesbury

Christ Church, Andover

All Saints' Church, Chelmsford

St. James' Church, Groveland

Trinity Church, Haverhill



About the Readings

Acts 17:22-31 Rather than drawing upon the fulfillment of Old Testament texts about the Messiah, Paul presents to learned Greeks the one God as Creator. The Creator of the world is not dependent upon human shrines or offerings. Humans “search for God” (v. 27), who is indeed “not far from each one of us” (v. 27). Paul supports this point by alluding to Greek literature. Paul then advances an argument against popular polytheism. In the last two verses, his listeners are called to repent before judgment by “a man” (v. 31) whose authority was validated by resurrection.

Psalms 66:7-18 This psalm of praise and thanksgiving is divided into several parts. Verses 4-11 give thanks for the deliverance of people through God’s saving power. In verses 12-18, one who has experienced rescue helps others understand what God has done.

1 Peter 3:13-22 Today’s reading explains how Christians should relate to those outside the community. Peter recognizes that those who follow Christ often encounter painful trials, just as Christ did. The Christian’s call in Christ is both the reason and the source of strength to answer evil with good. Christians are to

give an explanation, possibly before formal tribunals but more likely in day-to-day interactions with hostile neighbors, for the hope that characterizes their attitude both in the present and toward the future. The Christian attitude is grounded in Christ’s example.

John 14:15-21 Today’s reading contains Jesus’ repeated assurances that his death will not leave his disciples “orphaned.” Jesus promises an indwelling presence to those who keep his commandments. That presence is described in three ways. First, the Father will send “another Advocate” (v. 15), who will remain with believers. The word “Advocate” (Greek *paracletos*) may also be translated Counselor or Helper. Second, Jesus himself will come, visibly after the resurrection, invisibly in the Christian community and finally at the second coming. Third, Jesus and the Father are in union and they will dwell with those who love Jesus and obey him (v. 23). John does not particularly distinguish among these three kinds of presence. As these verses show, the presence of Jesus after his return to the Father is accomplished in and through the Advocate.



Icon of the Week

St. Catherine

1347–1380

Catherine Benincasa was the youngest of 25 children of a wealthy dyer of Siena. At six years of age, she had a remarkable vision that decided her life's vocation. Walking home from a visit, she stopped on the road and gazed upward, oblivious to everything around her. "I beheld our Lord seated in glory with St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. John." From then on, Catherine spent most of her time in prayer and meditation, despite her mother's attempts to force her to be like other girls. The family harassed her continually. To settle matters, Catherine cut off her hair, but in the end, her father let her do as she would. She closed herself away in a darkened room, fasted, and slept on boards. She was accepted as a Dominican postulant. Catherine had numerous visions and was tried most severely by loathsome temptations and degrading images. Frequently, she felt abandoned by the Lord. At last, in 1366, the Savior appeared with Mary and the Heavenly Host, and espoused her to himself, ending her years of lonely prayer and struggle. She became a nurse, caring for patients with leprosy and cancer whom other nurses disliked treating. Catherine was a courageous worker in time of severe plague; she visited prisoners condemned to death; she was constantly called upon to arbitrate feuds and to prepare troubled sinners for confession. During the great schism of the papacy, Catherine wrote tirelessly to princes, kings, and popes, urging them to restore the unity of the church. Besides her many letters to all manner of people, Catherine wrote a Dialogue, a mystical work dictated in ecstasy. Exhausted and paralyzed, she died at the age of 33.

Her feast day is April 29.

Start being brave about everything. Drive out darkness and spread light. Don't look at your weaknesses. Realize instead that in Christ crucified you can do everything. — St. Catherine



Notices and Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

Realm

This fall, we will be moving signups to Realm. This is where you will find your church directory. Please go to [Onrealm.org](https://onrealm.org) to sign up for your account.

When you do, the reply emails they send will come from one of these addresses.

- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church notifications@onrealmmail.org
- Or Kate Clark at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church notifications@onrealmmail.org
- The security email comes from noreply@mail.ministrylogin.com

And you should **look in your junk and spam** for them if you don't find it in one of your normal boxes. Also, it can take five or more minutes for a response email to come through from them (which is a little frustrating I know).

There is also a phone app you should download called *Realm Connect* when you are done with the sign up.

Need Help? Contact [Kate Clark](#) at the office or [Holly Anza](#), vestryperson for communications.

The Flower Guild is exhibiting at Books in Bloom

The Wellesley Free Library Foundation will celebrate spring with *Books in Bloom*, "floral interpretations of favorite books," this **Friday, May 12, through Sunday, May 14**. The St. Andrew's Flower Guild are reimagining *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. Floral arrangements will be on view at the library through **Sunday, May 14**.

9am Christian Learning

Please join us in the parish hall **today, May 14**, when we engage *Vision Divina: Images of Resurrection*. We will look at two paintings featuring Jesus' resurrection and reflect on what we find in the artists' work. Join us **Sunday, May 21**, when Rev. Dr. Jim Weiss will talk about the 1979 *Book of Common Prayer*. Back by popular demand, he will discuss the historic and modern changes that make it a radical revision. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is provided for parents with young children. These classes are hybrid: the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle. The full schedule of spring classes is on the website.

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Holy Communion Celebration Today

Today we will be celebrating with our children who have undergone Holy Communion preparation and will be receiving Holy Communion with their families this Sunday, many of them for the first time.

Mimi West's Funeral

A celebration of the life of Mimi West will be held at St. Andrew's on **Tuesday, May 23, at 11am in the transept chapel**. A reception will follow in the parish hall.
—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Books in Sermons

The following books were referred to in the **April 28 sermon by Sarah:**

- *The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit*, Michael Finkel, 2017.
- *The Blue Zones: 9 Lessons for Living Longer from the People who've Lived the Longest*, Dan Buettner, 2008.
- *The Children's Illustrated Bible*, stories told by Selina Hastings and Illustrated by Eric Thomas, Dorling Kindersley, 2003.

The following books were referred to in the **May 7 sermon by Adrian:**

- *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*, Rowan Williams
- *Dostoevsky: Language, Faith, and Fiction*, Rowan Williams

Youth Sunday

Mark your calendars for **Youth Sunday June 4**. We will have children and youth participating in all aspects of our service from greeting to preaching!

Confirmation

Mark your calendar for our Confirmation service here at St. Andrew's. **On Saturday, June 10, at 10:30am**, the Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher will be here to confirm ten youths from our own parish, along with others from the deanery. Please keep our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this important day in their life of faith.

No Service at 5pm

There will be no 5pm Service on **Sunday June 11**.

Summer break

There will be no **Morning Prayer** or **5pm Service** for the months of July and August.

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- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let the clergy 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** (*also online*) and **5pm**. **Morning Prayer** online is offered **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm** unless otherwise noted.
- Staff is working some hours remotely. Generally, **parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise noted or announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



Sunday, May 14

Rogation Sunday

First Communion Sunday

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery

9am Christian Learning Series

9:45am **NO** Church School & Rite-13

10am Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism

11am Coffee Hour

Monday, May 15

7pm Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, May 16

7pm Worship Meeting

Thursday, May 18

9:15am Altar Guild Ascension Service

11am North Hill Holy Eucharist

Sunday, May 21

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery

9am Christian Learning Series

9:45am Church School & Rite-13

11am Coffee Hour



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