



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.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 51 "We the Lord's people"

Decatur Place

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.

The Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked

up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down

to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said,

"There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint

us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 383 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

St. Elizabeth

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them

authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among

the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn 321 "My God, thy table now is spread"

Rockingham

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

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p. 369

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 539 "O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling"

Tidings

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee hour downstairs.



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.



The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
James Rigney and Philip Rigney given by Sandra Rigney
P. Barnard Bergstrom and Peter Carl Bergstrom given by Barbara Bergstrom
Elizabeth Arnold Haynes given by Carol Haynes Nelson

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild the Altar Guild

Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell

Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Robert Brandt

Greeters Barbara Bergstrom and Sandy Rigney

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Meg Harris and Sarah Harris

Readers Nora Tracy Phillips and Michael Vanin

Ushers David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Marie Dunell,

Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery

Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River

St. Luke's Church, Fall River

St. Gabriel's Church, Marion

St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett



About the Readings

Genesis 18:1-15 Today's reading is both an epiphany story—an account of the Lord's appearance to Abraham—and an annunciation story, a proclamation of the coming birth, contrary to all human expectation, of a significant person. The precise identity of the "three men" is not clear; that is, whether all three are angels representing the Lord in earthly manifestation (hence the shift from plural to singular in vv. 1, 13) or whether one is indeed the Lord and the other two are attendants (18:22, 19:1). Abraham's reception of these sudden guests illustrates the hospitality of a nomadic society.

Psalms 116:1, 10-17 This psalm of thanksgiving recounts the vindication of a righteous sufferer. Such a psalm was recited as a testimony to other worshipers. The one who was delivered paid vows (vv. 12, 16) in the temple (v. 17). It is not clear whether this deliverance was from illness (v. 2) or false accusation (v. 9). The "cup of salvation" most likely refers to a drink offering to the Lord (Numbers 28:7), or it may be a metaphor of deliverance opposite in meaning to the Lord's "cup of wrath" (Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15). Verse 13 indicates that the untimely death of God's servants is not a matter of indifference to God but God will act to deliver them.

Romans 5:1-8 Paul uses two equivalent metaphors to describe God's redeeming act in Christ: justification, that is, the ending of a legal dispute (3:21-26), and reconciliation, that is, the termination of a state of enmity. Paul makes it clear that it is we who are estranged from God; there is no room here for a doctrine of the cross in which Christ's sacrifice pacified an angry God. Instead, in Christ's sacrifice God manifests God's justifying, reconciling love for us. Although Christians are still sinful, transformation through the gift of the Holy Spirit has begun. One effect is that they have peace with and access to God (5:1-2). A second effect is that they now possess confident hope, leading them to look forward to the fullness of sanctification. Whereas justification marks the start of this process, salvation marks its future completion. Christians enter ever more fully into salvation by participating in Christ's risen life and by anticipating a share in God's glory.

Matthew 9:35–10:8-23 Today's reading contains an introduction (9:36-38) and the beginning of the mission discourse (10:1-42), the third of the five main discourses that form the structural backbone of Matthew's gospel. In this discourse, Jesus invites his disciples to begin to participate in his service to the kingdom of God. Jesus' ministry is identified as teaching, preaching and healing (4:23; 9:35). The people are "like sheep without a shepherd," a traditional description of the people of Israel when their leadership has failed (Ezekiel 34:1-6; Zechariah 10:2). He tells the disciples to ask God "to send out laborers." The harvest is often an image of the last judgment (13:39), already underway in Jesus' ministry. The Twelve named disciples, recalling the twelve tribes of Israel, symbolize the fullness of the new covenant community. Jesus now gives them the authority to preach and heal (10:7-8), but reserves authority to teach until after the resurrection (28:20).

Like Jesus during his earthly ministry, the disciples are at this time to limit their ministry to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The exceptions (8:5-10, 15:21-28) foreshadow the mission to the Gentiles (8:10-12, 28:19) validated by Jesus' resurrection and enthronement. The disciples show Jesus to the people, for their message and ministry is that of Jesus himself. The greeting of "peace," shalom, is a dynamic word sent out by the speaker that, if it finds no effect in the hearer, returns to the speaker. If there is no response, the disciples are to disassociate themselves from that town by the prophetic action of shaking off its dust. The fate of Sodom and Gomorrah was a traditional illustration of God's judgment on wickedness (Genesis 18:16–19:28), but the judgment on unbelief will be more severe. Using the form of the commission of a prophet (Jeremiah 1:4-10), Matthew has outlined the authoritative mandate (28:18) and the mission of the disciples (28:19).



Icon of the Week

St. Anthony of Padua

1195-1231

Saint Anthony was born in Lisbon and baptized Ferdinand. Originally an Augustinian canon, he was inspired by the example of a group of Franciscans martyred in Morocco to join that order in Italy. Under St. Francis, his name was changed to Anthony and, after a failed attempt to seek martyrdom in Morocco, he stayed in Italy to practice his considerable skills as a preacher.

The story of Anthony “preaching to the fish” originated in Rimini, where he had gone to preach. When heretics there treated him with contempt, Anthony was said to have gone to the shoreline, where he began to preach at the water's edge until a great crowd of fish was seen gathered before him. The people of the town flocked to see this marvel, after which Anthony charged them with the fact that the fish were more receptive to his message than the heretics of the church, at which point the people were moved to listen to his message. Anthony was the most celebrated of St. Francis of Assisi's followers and had the reputation of a miracle worker. He won great admiration as a preacher and was noted for his simple yet profound teaching. His sermons were collected into a book called *The Sermons of Saint Antony of Padua*. In this icon, he is depicted holding the Christ child and a book to illustrate his knowledge of scripture. He died at the age of thirty-six enroute to Padua, Italy, where he is buried.

His feast day is June 13.

“The life of the body is the soul; the life of the soul is Christ.” —from *The Sermons of Saint Antony of Padua*.



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.

Looking for someone this summer?

You can look for your church friends on the Realm mobile app (phone or tablet). It's called **Realm Connect**. Look for it in your app store. The email we have listed for you is the one where you get the e-Pistle. That will be your username. It is best to sign up for the directory on your computer first. You can do that from the home page of the website, in the upper right hand corner by clicking on the word "**Realm**."

June & July Hours and Contact Info

The building is open **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm**, and on **Saturday until noon**. **Friday the administrative wing is open 9am to 12pm**. If you would like to meet with a staff person, please check with the individual you want to meet directly.

Summer break

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

2023-2024 Church School Teachers Needed

Church school classes **resume on September 10**. If you are interested in becoming a church school teacher, please speak to Susan Jackson, Sarah Robbins-Cole, or Pamela Grossetti, our vestryperson for youth

• youth-learning@standrewswellesley.org

B-SAFE, the week of July 17 to 21

Save the date, **Friday, July 21**, when we will host a fun day for St. Stephen's youth, starting with games and crafts at St. Andrew's. The kids will pack their own picnic lunch from grab-and-go options we will provide, and then take a bus to a state park for a picnic, swimming, and lawn games, returning to St. Stephen's at the end of the day.

We need volunteers—and your ideas for crafts, hobbies, and games—to make this day special for our partner parish kids. We also need short-time volunteers **Monday through Wednesday, July 17 to 19, to prepare bags** of non-perishable food to deliver to St. Stephen's. Please sign up on our website (click on SERVE and SIGN UP for St. Stephen's B-SAFE 2023). We have been engaged in this summer program for over 24 years! Now we want your help to make it a memorable day.

Summer Reading

St. Andrew's summer book is Pulitzer Prize winning author Tracy Kidder's book, *Rough Sleepers*. This book looks at Dr. Jim O'Connell's mission to bring health care and healing to the homeless people of Boston. We will reflect on this book in a 9am Christian Learning class in the fall. Please purchase the book directly from Wellesley Books. —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Inquirers' Class: Fall 2023

What makes a Christian an Episcopalian? Join us for "Episcopal 101," a chance to reflect on the core beliefs and practices of our Episcopal Church. This five-week class, offered **from 11:30am to 1pm with a light lunch** (and babysitting if needed), will give newcomers and curious long-term members of St. Andrew's an opportunity to reflect on our Christian identity together. Classes will begin **in October**.
—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Save the Date—for a Night of Fellowship and Fun

Celebrating St Andrew's Clergy & Community,
Friday, October 20, at 6:30pm, at the Wellesley Country Club. Dinner, dancing with a live band. Save-the-date!

Staff

- **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.
- Staff is working some hours remotely. Generally, **parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm**, 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, June 18

11am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 21

7pm Stewardship

Sunday, June 25

9am Coffee Hour for 8am worshippers

11am Coffee Hour



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