



# 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.*

## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 25, 2023

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude

Processional Hymn 675 "Take up your cross, the Savior said"

*Bourbon*

### 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* O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day

that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had

borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beersheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the

bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

- 1 Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \*  
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \*  
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \*  
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \*  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \*  
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \*  
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \*  
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \*  
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \*  
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;  
you do wondrous things; \*  
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \*  
give your strength to your servant;  
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,  
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \*  
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We

know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Matthew 10: 24-39

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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 372 "Praise to the living God!"

*Leoni*

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

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

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 530 "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

*Gott sei dank*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

**We welcome and thank our guest organist Ross Wood.**

**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  
Gertrude G. Cronk given by Carol C. Cole and Caspar Cronk**

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

*Altar Guild* the Altar Guild

*Flowers* the Flower Guild

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Nancy Echlov

*Ushers* Harriett Thompson

**Serving at 10am**

*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt

*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Joe Hamilton and Sarah Dent

*Readers* Ann Johnson and Madison Riley

*Ushers* Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Parishes of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery*

Grace Church, New Bedford

St. Andrew's Church, New Bedford

St. Martin's Church, New Bedford

Society for the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Orphans of Episcopal Clergy

Society for the Relief of Aged or Disabled Episcopal Clergy



## About the Readings

**Genesis 21:8-21** Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian servant, had borne Ishmael when it seemed impossible for Sarah to conceive. Her fertility was a sore point with Sarah who remained childless. After Sarah gave birth to Isaac, the child of God's promise to Abraham and Sarah, Sarah's jealousy erupted and she considered Ishmael's presence a threat to the inheritance destined for Isaac. She demanded that Abraham get rid of Hagar and the child. Though reluctant to do this, Abraham is reassured by God that they will be all right. So he took them to the wilderness and sent them off. When her provisions ran out, Hagar cried to God in her despair. God answered by sending an angel to ensure their survival. God continued to be with them as the child grew and prospered.

**Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17** This personal lament by one of God's devoted servants call upon God's help in a time of distress. Relying on God's goodness and forgiveness (v. 5) and knowing that God is "merciful and gracious" and full of "steadfast love" (v. 15), the psalmist is confident that God will hear and answer his prayer.

**Romans 6:1b-11** Paul defends himself against the charge (3:8; 6:1) that his emphasis upon grace as a free gift not dependent upon works was an encouragement to sin (5:20). He replies by pointing out the fact and nature of the Christian's new relationship to God: in baptism the Christian has died to sin. The waters of baptism identify the believer with Christ, indeed with the very act of redemption—his death and resurrection. By Jesus' act, the penalty for sin—death—has been paid; baptism credits us with that payment. The Christian has put off, like old clothes, the old "body of sin"—not the physical body as opposed to the soul, but the sinful impulses of both body and mind. In rabbinical understanding, death freed one from the claims of the commandments, "death pays all debts." Thus the Christian is no longer enslaved to sin, for Paul asserts that death in baptism frees one from sin. The Christian has been justified, set right, by being united to Christ. Now he or she begins to grow into this reality, although full participation in the resurrection is a future event (6:8). The Christian lives between the already and the not yet, called to "become (in life) what you are (through baptism)."

**Matthew 10:24-39** Today's reading is a part of Jesus' instructions to the Twelve (10:1-42), whom he sends out to continue his ministry. Much of the material in the first section is found in Mark and Luke, not in their mission discourses, but in the eschatological discourses near the end of the gospels (Mark 13:9-13; Luke 21:12-19). The same kind of warnings are found also in the farewell discourse in John (chaps. 14-16). Matthew, however, indicates that he sees persecution as part of the normal life of the Church rather than as a special

sign of the end. Matthew exhorts Christians to fearless confession. Disciples are encouraged three times (10:26, 28, 31) not to fear what any person can do. In contrast to fearing people, the fear of God is an open, reverent, humble awe. This trust in God bestows fearlessness upon all disciples. The death and resurrection of Jesus show that those who kill the body cannot separate disciples from God and from fullness of life. The denial or acknowledgement of Christ is the touchstone of each disciple's destiny.





# Icon of the Week

## St. Paul of the Shipwreck

St. Paul the Apostle had increasing trouble as he tried to integrate the new followers of Christ into the Jewish religion. Amongst many things, he was charged with defiling the temple by allowing Gentiles access. An enraged mob tried to kill him, but Roman centurions intervened to save his life. For two years he awaited trial in Caesarea. When a decision was made to have him returned to Jerusalem, Paul exercised his right as a Roman citizen to be heard in Rome. This initiated the trip by ship to Rome in 60 AD and the shipwreck, the subject of this icon.

Malta, a tiny island off the Italian coast, was, after many stormy days at sea, where they finally ran the ship aground. Paul worked many miracles in Malta, and after three months, made his way to Rome where he was eventually beheaded sometime between the years 64 to 68 AD.

Paul, writing in 2 Corinthians 12, states he will not boast about all the wonderful things God has done for him. He describes instead his reason to boast of his weaknesses. He believes God gave him a thorn in the flesh and told him: "My grace is all you need; power is most fully seen in weakness." Therefore, I am content with a life of weakness, insult, hardship, persecution, and distress, all for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

This icon is offered in the hope that you will find strength in your weakness.

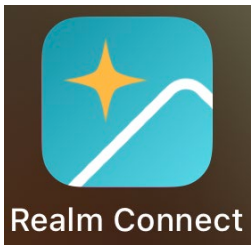
**His feast day is June 29.**

*O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —BCP, p.832*



# 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. It looks like the image here. 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."

## 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.

## 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](mailto:youth-learning@standrewswellesley.org)

## 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

## 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!

## Inquirers' Class: Fall 2023

What makes a Christian an Episcopalian? Join us for "Episcopal 101," to reflect on the core beliefs and practices of our Episcopal Church. This five-week class, **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

## Summer break

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

## 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.

## Staff

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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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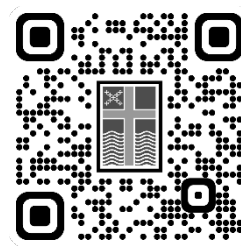
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# Weekly Calendar

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- 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.
- 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** 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 25**  
11am Coffee Hour

**Sunday, July 2**  
11am Coffee Hour



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