



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Prelude in C*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation"

Westminster Abbey

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 forever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 236 Benedictus es, Domine (front section of hymnal)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from

among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

- 7 The works of his hands are ¹faithfulness and ¹justice; *
 — ¹all his com¹mandments are ¹sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ¹ever and ¹ever, *
 because they are ¹done in ¹truth and ¹equity.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
 he commanded his ¹covenant for ¹ever; *
 holy and ¹awesome ¹is his ¹Name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the be¹ginning of ¹wisdom; *
 those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
 his ¹praise en¹dures for ¹ever.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become

so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 707 “Take my life and let it be”

Hollingside

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked

him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 Anthem "How lovely is thy dwelling place" from *A German Requiem*

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord.

My soul and body crieth out, yea for the living God.

O blest are they that dwell in thy house: they praise thy name evermore.

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" *Old 100th*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Eucharistic Prayer B *BCP p. 367*

S130 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S164 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert

*All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.
Gluten free wafers are available.*

Communion Anthem *Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz* Johannes Brahms

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Communion Hymn 339 "Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness" *Schmucke dich*

Thanksgiving after Communion *BCP p. 365*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling" *Hyfrydol*

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



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 Kim Carlson, Blair Glennon, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson,
Paige Manning, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie
Altar Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Thomas Palmer
Ushers Bob Ware and Nancy Kohl

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Conor Donahue; Torch, Christina Lowe;
Torch, Jason Lowe; and Banner, Ben Mahoney
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers David Hamlin, Sarah Harris, Joe Hamilton,
and Keileigh McReynolds
Readers Jen Martin and Nora Tracy Phillips
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
St. John's Church, Charlestown
St. Mark's Church, Dorchester
St. Mary's Church, Dorchester
Epiphany School, Dorchester
The Diocesan Council



About the Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 This passage describes the role of the prophet to make known God's will, a role distinct from the fortune telling, communication with the dead and divination practiced by pagans. Moses' teaching validates prophetic practice by telling of the establishment by Moses of a succession of prophets to mediate as he did between God and the people. A criterion is established to aid in distinguishing the true prophet from the false. In the postexilic period, when prophetic activity ceased, the statement about the raising of "a prophet like me" (v. 15) was interpreted as the promise of a "prophet like Moses" to come in the last days. The early Church saw this fulfilled in Jesus.

Psalms 111 Psalm 111 is a psalm of praise, celebrating God's presence in the history of God's covenant relationship with Israel. The psalmist recites a brief history of God's actions as clues to God's character.

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 In this reading, Paul discusses the guiding principle for resolving misunderstandings among Christians about participation in non-Christian culture. Most of the meat sold in the marketplace came from animals offered for sacrifice in pagan temples, and many social groups met for dinner in pagan shrines,

though this did not necessarily involve recognition of the god. Christians in Corinth were divided on the issues of eating such meat or going to such dinners. Some felt that there was no harm in it. Paul quotes several of their slogans with which he in theory agrees. They claim a knowledge that justifies their freedom from constraint. The "weak" (v. 9), however, avoid such meat and such occasions out of a fierce desire to follow the law. They are upset by the actions of their fellow-Christians. They may be Jewish Christians still influenced by the prohibition of such meat, or they may be Greek Christians still influenced by their pagan past. Paul claims that the "strong" are correct in their knowledge of the issue, but deficient in their love for fellow believers. For Paul the gospel means freedom from servitude to the law, the world and Satan, but freedom exercised in love. Charity to one's fellow-Christians takes first place.

Mark 1:21-28 Jesus' teaching in the synagogue and freeing a person possessed by a demon in the synagogue illustrate the nature of Jesus' message. Mark emphasizes Jesus' activity as teacher, but in contrast to Matthew and Luke, he gives less of the content of Jesus' teaching. Rather, he stresses Jesus' effective, powerful authority. One manifestation of this authority is

Jesus' exorcism of an unclean spirit. Mark does not tell miracle stories for the sake of arousing awe. He tells them to give witness to the meaning of Jesus' presence. In the Old Testament, the title Holy One is used preeminently of God, but the same words are also applied to humans. As applied to Jesus, the term takes on the meaning of one who uniquely reveals the power of God. In the first half of this gospel (1:1–8:26), Jesus teaches in veiled

language (4:11), through action and parable. The authority of his "new teaching" (v. 27) is seen in its effect upon others. The description Matthew gives of the crowd's reaction to the Sermon on the Mount (see Matthew 7:28) is in Mark their response to Jesus' total self-presentation. Jesus' authority is manifested in his deeds and words. His destiny is one of obedience to his Father, not one of status.



Icon of the Week

The Children of Abraham

Abraham sits on golden clouds in Paradise, with the countless stars of the heavens behind him. In Chapter 22 of Genesis, God promised him that his descendants would be as numerous as these stars. Jews, Christians, and Muslims all consider Abraham to be their father in faith, and a throng of these children crowd onto his lap. The Arabic Inscription reads, "Abraham, the Friend of God," which is how Muslims often refer to him. The Hebrew inscription is taken from Genesis and reads "Abraham, the Father of many Nations." And from the New Testament, we have the following quotations which speak of the Christian appreciation of Abraham.

The promise was made on the ground of faith in order that it might be a matter of sheer grace, and that it might be valid for all Abraham's descendants, not only for those who hold by the law, but also for those who have Abraham's faith. For he is the father of us all. —Romans 4:16

You may take it, then, that it is those who have faith who are Abraham's sons. And scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, declared the gospel to Abraham beforehand: "In you all nations shall find blessing." Thus, it is those with faith who share the blessing with faithful Abraham. —Galatians 3:7-9

You are the heirs of the prophets, and of that covenant which God made with your fathers when he said to Abraham, "And in your offspring all the families on earth shall find blessing." —Acts 3:25



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.

Today's Church School Information

- **Godly Play I** pre-k to first grade meet in the **children's chapel**, adjacent to the sanctuary.
- **Godly Play II** grades two and three meet in **Room 201** (formerly known as the Rite-13 room).
- **Upper School/Way of Love** grades four and five meet in **room 204**.
- **Rite-13** grades six and seven meet in **room 202**.

Parish Annual Meeting

The 131st annual meeting of St. Andrew's Church will be held at **11am today, January 28**. New parish leaders will be elected, reports will be given on the work accomplished in 2023, and a budget for 2024 will be presented. This meeting will be broadcast in the Special Events box on our website. See your e-Pistle for the link.

—Adrian Robbins-Cole

Parish Prayer List Refreshment

We will be refreshing the parish prayer list at the end of this month. If you have a loved one on the prayer list and wish them to remain on the list, please contact Adrian. The new list will start next week.

9am Christian Learning

Join us at **9am in the parish hall today, January 28** to consider *Powerful Women in our Anglican/Episcopal Church: Hilda of Whitby and Florence Li Tim-Oi of Macau*. Next **Sunday, February 4**, we study *Bishop Barbara Harris: First Female Bishop in Our Anglican Communion*. Everyone is welcome; come to every class or just ones that interest you. There is childcare at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join (or sing in the senior choir). Classes are hybrid and the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle. —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Faith & Practice

Join us on **Sunday, February 4 at 11:30am in Room 2** for a conversation on *Forgiving Ourselves*. Why is it so hard? What do we gain when we do it? In Faith & Practice classes, we invite members of our parish to deepen their own practice of Christianity. We gather together to reflect on an aspect of our spiritual life and we share our own questions and experiences. You are invited to join us as we grow in faith together. —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Soup's On!

The Super Bowl is **Sunday, February 11!** So it's time to kick off the St. Andrew's Souper Bowl. Pick up a grocery bag in the narthex or the parish hall and load it with good food: soup. Our bounty will help to stock the shelves at the Wellesley Food Pantry.

Call for Warm Winter Coats

Circle of Hope is a Needham-based non-profit that partners with homeless shelters, healthcare clinics, and community programs in Boston/MetroWest. Every coat donated will go directly to migrant families staying in shelters and emergency housing facilities that Circle of Hope supports. They need coats of all sizes, small to XL, for children, teens, women, and men. Please only give gently used coats that you yourself would wear and if possible washed (dry cleaning is not necessary). There are two bins for coats, one in the office hallway and one in the parish hall.

Lenten Book

This year during Lent, we will be reading Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham's book *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross*. This short book, 100 pages long, offers

beautiful questions and insights on Jesus' final words to humankind. Each book is \$18. We will share reflections and insights in our **9am** Christian learning classes during Lent. Email me if you want to order the book and mail a check made out to "St. Andrew's" with "Lenten Book" in the memo. I will email you when you can pick up your book at Wellesley Books.

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Assisted Listening

We have recently installed listen everywhere for **parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities**. Your



hearing aids will need to be connected with your smart device via Bluetooth before you start. It's easy to use. Download the "Listen Everywhere" app from your App Store. Instructions for how you connect your app to the church system will be at the usher's table when available.

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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**.
- **Parish office hours** are (generally) **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, January 28

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9:45am Church School
11am Annual Meeting

Thursday, February 1

12pm Beginner's Bible Study

Sunday, February 4

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am Church School
11am Coffee Hour



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