



**ST. ANDREW'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Second Sunday of Lent**  
**February 25, 2024**

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude “Adagio and Grave” from *Sonata II (Golden Sonata)* Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Processional Hymn 401 “The God of Abraham praise” *Leoni*

**The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 351

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* God’s mercy endures for ever.

Confession BCP p. 352

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal) William Mathias

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make

you exceedingly numerous.” Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but

your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God

to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22-30

Richard Farrant (ca.1530-1581)

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

†30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become

"the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

*Nyland*

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief

priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and

began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it,

and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Clergy*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*      Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margret 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.*

Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "Mache dich, mein Herze rein" from *St. Matthew's Passion*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Make yourself pure, my heart, I want to bury Jesus myself.*

*For from now on he shall have in me, forever and ever, his sweet rest.*

*World, get out, let Jesus in!*

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 A

BCP p. 361

S128 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)

Mason Martens

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

***Gluten free wafers are available.***

Communion Anthem *O Lord, increase our Faith*

Henry Loosemore (c.1600-1670)

*O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;  
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience, in all our adversity.*

*Sweet Jesu, say Amen.*

Communion Hymn 336 "Come with us, O blessed Jesus"

*Werde munter*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 455 "O Love of God, how strong and true"

*Dunedin*

Dismissal

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Gigue" from *Suite in D Major*

Marin Marais (1656-1728)

**Join us for coffee hour after the service,  
hosted today by St. Andrew's Stitchers.**



**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.



**We offer special prayers in celebration of the life of**  
Bertha Orberg Danielson and Shirley A. Johnston, requested by the Johnston family.

**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

*Usher* Harriet Thompson

**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* Adams Carroll, Joe Hamilton,  
Cam McCormick, and Keileigh McReynolds

*Readers* Madison Riley and Karen Pekowitz

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

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery*

St. Barnabas' Church, Falmouth

Christ Church, Harwich Port

St. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket

Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers & Clerks



## About the Readings

**Genesis 17:1-7,15-16** This reading recounts God's surprising gift of an everlasting covenant to Abram. God also promises to bless Abram with numerous descendants even though he and his wife Sarai are in their nineties. Such an astounding promise challenges their trust in God to provide. Their new identity in relation to God is signified by receiving new names (Abraham and Sarah), much like newly-baptized Christians as they become members of the new covenant community.

**Psalms 22:22-30** Psalm 22 consists of a lament and a thanksgiving. The psalmist describes his suffering and his trust in God. The Lord has always been faithful to Israel and to him.

**Romans 4:13-25** In chapter 4, Paul cites the examples of Abraham to prove that justification by faith is not contrary to the Old Testament. In Judaism at that time, Abraham was held up as a model of righteousness through works. Paul argues that Abraham's faith, his readiness to believe and act upon God's promise, put him in right relationship to God, apart from any works. This righteousness is open to all—Jew and Gentile—who trust in God, regardless of whether they keep the law. Paul, on the other hand, argues that Abraham's faith, his readiness to believe

and act upon God's promise, put him in right relationship to God apart from any works. This righteousness is open to all—Jew or Gentile—who trust in God, regardless of whether they keep the law or not. The promised inheritance comes through faith to Abraham's true descendants who are those who follow his example of faith. To make the fulfillment of the promise contingent upon the later Mosaic law would render the promise void. The law serves only to make transgression evident. This was probably developed from the Roman maxim, "no punishment without a law." God "gives life to the dead" (v. 17: a phrase from the daily Jewish prayers, perhaps used here especially in association with the later rabbinic belief that Abraham had indeed sacrificed Isaac but that God had raised him) and "calls into existence the things that do not exist" (v. 17; the son of the aged Abraham and those descended from him). God can through his grace, his favor, fulfill his promise to all, even "against hope" (v. 18), against all human expectation.

**Mark 8:31-38** Today's gospel begins with the first prediction of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. In Mark, the three predictions (8:31; 9:31; 10:33-34) are set into a common pattern: (1) prediction, (2)

misunderstanding by the disciples and (3) teaching on discipleship. Peter offers Jesus the title of Messiah, "the Christ" (8:29). In Mark, the general expectation of the Messiah seems to be a political leader. Jesus rejects this understanding. Mark reiterates throughout his gospel that Jesus' disciples cannot truly understand the meaning of Jesus as Messiah before, or

apart from, the crucifixion. Peter rejects the thought of a suffering Messiah, implicitly tempting Jesus to the same false messiahship offered by Satan in the wilderness. The disciples are called to the total surrender of all assertion of self that clings to personal desires over the will of God.





# Icon of the Week

## Japanese Christ, the Pearl of Great Price

When missionaries first arrived in Japan in the 16th century, they presented Christian theology with European trappings. They also encouraged Japanese converts to abandon their native culture and adopt Western ways. As a result, Japanese authorities suspected that the converts were foreign agents and unleashed a brutal persecution, driving any converts who survived into hiding.

The novelist Shusaku Endo became a Catholic as a child. In the second half of the 20th century, he wrote a series of novels, struggling to reconcile this religion from Europe with his Japanese identity.

He once described Catholicism as a symphony rather than a solo. He said that it could only be a true religion if it found room for a Japanese contribution. His major novels, *Silence*, and *The Samurai*, are major efforts to discover that Japanese contribution.

This icon uses Japanese symbols for compassion and enlightenment to describe the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus sits on a glorious lotus blossom, in the posture of a bodhisattva, just as in ancient Greek icons he is depicted in the robes of a philosopher like Plato or Aristotle. As the Greek artists made no effort to depict Jesus as a Palestinian Jew, but made him one of their own, so he is depicted here as a Japanese man.

The inscription on the left side of the icon reads "Jesus Christ." That on the right reads "The Pearl of Great Price." Jesus and his Gospel are the pearl of great price for all of humanity. Just as we translate the words of the Gospel into other languages, so we must find ways to describe Jesus, the Word himself, with symbols that make sense to non-Europeans.





# 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.*

## Lenten Choral Evensong

**Sunday, March 3, at 5pm** the senior choir will sing in a Lenten Choral Evensong. We will feature James Stevens's arrangement of an old familiar hymn, *Nearer my God, to Thee*, in an a cappella version. Also included in the service is George Dyson's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F*. We will conclude with *Grace before Sleep* by Susan LaBarr based on a poem by Sara Teasdale. Thomas Handel will be our guest organist. Please come and invite your neighbors and friends. There will be a reception following the service in the parish hall.

## Evensong Reception

We are happy to announce that we will have our traditional candlelight reception **following the 5pm Evensong on Sunday, March 3**. We would like to offer simple savory taste treats—tidbits that are easy to manage while balancing a glass and chatting with friends about the glorious music we just enjoyed. Sweets are also welcome. Please let us know what you would like to bring with an email to [Wendy Haering](#).

## Community Learning Class

**Today, February 25**, we will have a combined church school class **in the children's chapel starting at 9:45am**. We will be

learning about the feeding of the 5,000 in preparation for **Meal Madness on March 3** (see next page announcement), which all church school classes will take part in that day, starting **at 9:45am**. Parents are asked to accompany children under age six to the meal packing on **March 3**.

## 9am Christian Learning

Join us **today, February 25**, for our class on *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus on the Cross* by Jon Meacham. In this second class we will discuss the second and third words: "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise" and "Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother!" Laura Brown MacKinnon will be our teacher. Join us **Sunday, March 10**, when David Guydan will lead us in discussing chapter 4, the fourth word. For the next five weeks, we will be reflecting on Jesus' last words together. Come to class if you have read the book or if you haven't. 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](#)

## Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet **today, February 25, at 5:45pm**, in the transept chapel.

## Lenten Book

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](#)

## Lenten Potluck & Program

Join us on **Wednesday nights** during Lent. At **6:30pm** we will enjoy a potluck dinner; the church will provide the entrée and drinks; you bring a salad or a dessert. **From 7:10pm to 8pm, join us in person or on Zoom** for a program on the theme *Ancient Scripture/ Modern Life*. Each talk will apply one of Scripture's formative teachings to modern life. Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.

- **February 28** *A Modern Take on Repentance* with Margaret Schwarzer.
- **March 6** *Loving Our Neighbor* with Pam Alexander.
- **March 13** *Considering Miracles* with David Guydan.
- **March 20** *Turning the Other Cheek* with Adrian Robbins-Cole.

## Meal Madness, Sunday, March 3



**Come one, come all from 8:30am to 9:45am!** Church school will take over at **9:45am** so others can get to the 10am service. We are committed to packing 13,000 (*yes, thirteen thousand*) rice and bean meals for the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café in Framingham. Generous donations from parishioners, added to the outreach budget, expanded our capacity for this once-a-year event. Plan to come and roll up your sleeves. It's a family affair. Please sign up on Realm using the QR code, or email [Cam McCormick](mailto:Cam.McCormick).

## Bishops' Annual Appeal

Every year the Bishop of Massachusetts invites individual Episcopalians to make a donation to the Bishops' Annual Appeal. The donations are used to make grants, allocations and program support to mission initiatives, congregations, and special ministries, as well as support for the wider church. Examples are: Food 4 Kids, sponsored by the Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans MA; the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Campus Ministry; work with immigrant communities in Boston; a collaboration between Grace Church, Medford and Divine Savior Parish in Bogota, Colombia. Go to the Diocesan website here to give:

<https://www.diomass.org/bishops-appeal>

## Invitation to Temple Beth Elohim

We have been invited, along with the other Christian churches of Wellesley, by Temple Beth Elohim to join them on **Friday, April 5**, for **Shabbat worship (6pm)**, a **tour of the sanctuary (7:15pm)** and **dinner (7:30pm)**.

This is an opportunity for us to deepen our bonds of affection and support for our local Jewish community. If you have questions or would like to attend, please [contact Adrian](#).

## Families with Youth for Bargain Haul

Please mark your calendars to help with Bargain Haul. We need youth to help on **Sunday, April 28** drop-off day, to staff layaway during Bargain Haul, and clean-up afterwards on **Saturday, May 4**.

## It's Coming! Bargain Haul 2024

That's right, Bargain Haul 2024 is on the way, celebrating 90 years of serving our community! Mark your calendar **now** for: **drop-off Sunday, April 28; work week, Monday, April 29 to Wednesday, May 1; parish night, Friday, May 3; and the public sale, Saturday, May 4.**

As St. Andrew's comes together to serve our community, there are many ways YOU can be part of making Bargain Haul successful. Start thinking about what YOU can donate and how YOU can volunteer your time. We look forward to working with ALL of YOU! We are still looking for Chairs/co-

Chairs for the Furniture and Linens departments. For more details, please contact:

[Wendy Barry](#) or [Bob Ware](#).

## 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 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 give only gently used coats that you yourself would wear and if possible washed (dry cleaning is not necessary). There are two bins, one in the office hallway and one in the parish hall.

## Assisted Listening

We have recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for worshipers 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 are at the ushers table.



# Vestry

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- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

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## 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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# 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, February 25

8:55am Kids' Place  
9am Christian Learning  
9:45am Combined Church School  
11am Coffee Hour  
5:45pm Confirmation Class

## Tuesday, February 27

7pm Vestry Meeting

## Wednesday, February 28

6:30pm Lenten Potluck & Program

## Thursday, February 29

9:30am Altar Guild Meeting  
12pm Beginner's Bible Study  
7:30pm Altar Guild Meeting

## Saturday, March 2

9am Choir Practice  
9:30am Men's Bible Study

## Sunday, March 3

8:30am Meal Packing Madness  
8:55am Kids' Place  
9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers  
9:45am Church School (meal packing)  
11:30am Newcomers Brunch  
5pm Lenten Evensong  
7pm Stained Glass Window Task Force



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