

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Sheep May Safely Graze*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

arr. by James Woodman (b. 1957)

Processional Hymn 529 "In Christ there is no East or West"

McKee

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road

that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up

and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



24 My praise is of him in the¹great as¹sembly; *
I will perform my vows in the¹presence of¹those who¹worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the¹LORD shall¹praise him: *
"May your¹heärt¹live for¹ever!"

- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and ^{turn} to the ^{LORD}, *
and all the families of the ^{nations} shall bow be^{fore} him.
- 27 For kingship be^{longs} to the ^{LORD}; *
he ^{rúles} ^{over} the ^{nations}.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow ^{down} in ^{worship}; *
all who go down to the ^{dúst} ^{fall} be^{fore} him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my des^{cendants} shall ^{serve} him; *
they shall be ^{known} as the ^{LORD's} for ^{ever}.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a ^{people} yet un^{born} *
the saving ^{deeds} that ^{he} has ^{done}.

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and

they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who

abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah 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 *I sat down under his shadow*

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)
text from Song of Solomon II, vv. 3,4

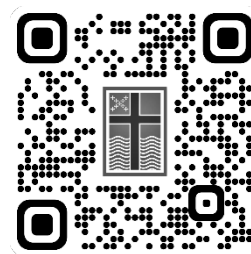
I sat down under His shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love.

- 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*
- 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.
Gluten free wafers are available.
- Communion Anthem *Bist du bei mir* *J.S. Bach*
Be thou with me and I'll go gladly
To death and on to my repose.
Ah, how my end would bring contentment,
If, pressing with thy hands so lovely,
Thou wouldst my faithful eyes then close.
- Communion Hymn 309 "O Food to pilgrims given" *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*
The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn.
- Thanksgiving after Communion *BCP p. 365*
- Blessing
- Recessional Hymn 296 "We know that Christ is raised and dies no more" *Engelberg*
- Dismissal
- Clergy* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!
- Postlude *Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou* *Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)*

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.



Assisted Listening We use the *Listen Everywhere* app for worshipers who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. 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.



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
Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell
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 Joe Hamilton, Laura Brown MacKinnon,
Adams Carroll, and Elizabeth Carroll
Readers Megan Burns and Paul Merry
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Concord River Deanery
St. John's Chapel, Groton School, Groton
St. Michael's Church, Holliston
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton
St. Luke's Church, Hudson
Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women



Icon of the Week

Johann Sebastian Bach

March 31, 1685 to July 28, 1750

Johann Sebastian Bach was the youngest of eight children born into a large family of German organists and musicians. Admired by his contemporaries as an outstanding harpsichordist and organist, he is also considered one of the greatest composers in the history of western music. He held several musical posts across Germany: Director of Music to Leopold, Prince of Anhalt-Kothen; Cantor of the Thomasschule in Leipzig; and Royal Court Composer to August III. He had 19 children with two wives, only nine of whom lived to adulthood.

Bach has been called the “Fifth Evangelist” so effectively as he proclaimed the mystery of Christ in the language of art. His work has nourished the spiritual lives of millions, regardless of culture, language, or creed. Bach’s compositions include the Brandenburg concertos, the Mass in B minor, The Well-Tempered Clavier (harpsicord), two Passions, keyboard works, and more than 300 cantatas. A devout Lutheran, he represents the mystical side of Protestantism—those who move beyond moral teachings and the printed word, to encounter the living Word, face-to-face.

His feast day is July 28.

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty and majestic in holiness, who teaches us in Holy Scripture to sing your praises and who gave your musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederic Handel, and Henry Purcell grace to show forth your glory in their music: Be with all those who write or make music for your people, that we on earth may glimpse your beauty and know the inexhaustible riches of your new creation in Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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.

Photos for Parish Directory

We are working in Realm on our parish photo directory (see below announcement). We need photographs of *each parishioner as well as each family unit*. **We encourage you to add your own individual photos, but you will have to send the family photo to Kate.** There are additional instructions in the Realm Connect news feed for assistance.

If you would prefer, we can facilitate all your photo upload, just send your photographs to Kate@standrewswellesley.org.

Realm Account Reminder

Realm is our database **and** our online directory. All our parishioners are there, and pictures of families and individuals are being uploaded! Over the last program year, you will have received a few email invitations to join the online directory. They came from *St Andrew's Episcopal Church notifications@onrealmmail.org* Please look in your spam or junk mail for the email if you cannot find it easily.

If you have not registered for an account with Realm, **please ask Kate for help:** I can send you a reminder invitation. There is also an **app** for your phone called **Realm Connect**. Look for it in the App Store or Google Play Store. —kate@standrewswellesley.org

Church School Classes Today

- **Kids' Place Babysitting** downstairs across from choir room.
- **Godly Play I** pre-K to first grade meet in the children's chapel which is adjacent to the church 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. Please have your child bring appropriate outerwear, we will be going outside during the class.
- **Rite-13** grades six and seven meet in Room 202.

9am Christian Learning

Please join us in **the Harvey Room today, April 28**, for *Understanding the Eucharist*, a study from the award-winning book *Walk in Love* by Gunn and Shobe. This class will be taught by Carrie Hawley. Join us in **the parish hall Sunday, May 5**, for *Just War Theory: A Christian Perspective* taught by Alan Henrikson, Professor Emeritus of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Come for all our classes or just the ones that interest you. Everyone is welcome. There is childcare at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join. Classes are hybrid and the [Zoom link](#) is in the e-Pistle. —[Rev. Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Faith in Action:

Support Bargain Haul!

Bargain Haul is a major source of funds, clothing, and household goods for our outreach partners. Please do your part.

- Donate clothing and housewares.
- Donate your time, and come to the sale.
- Buy! Buy! Buy!

Families with Youth

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

Bake for Bargain Haul Bake Sale

One of the many highlights of Bargain Haul will be the bake sale during the public sale on **Saturday, May 4**. Shoppers will need fuel (think sugar) to sort through the many wonderful rooms, and we are looking for volunteers to bake their favorite finger food desserts to sell at the bake sale. Popular items include Rice Krispies treats, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. If you are able to bake something, it will be greatly appreciated! Please label your treats "Bake Sale" and drop them off in the St. Andrew's kitchen on **Friday, May 3**. (No need to bag anything individually.)

Contact [Jenny Sawyer](#).

Bargain Haul 2024 is Here!

- Bargain Haul drop-off starts **today after the 10am service and runs until 3pm**. You may also drop your donations **Monday (9am to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm) and Tuesday (9am to 2pm only)**. Please drop your sorted treasures in good condition so we can get them to the right room and ready for sale.
- **Bargain Haul cannot accept the following:** broken/stained/incomplete items; tires; suitcases; mattresses; pet bedding; textbooks; magazines; anything gas-powered or combustible (e.g., lawn equipment, camp stoves); VCR/cassette tapes; curtain hardware and rods; older cribs; car seats; adult ski equipment; televisions or large appliances, furniture, and rugs.
- **Find yourself with a free hour or two this week?** Please stop by during the above hours or on Wednesday morning, and we will find you a department to work in. Come for work and fellowship and stay for lunch: We offer delicious selections at a great price Monday through Wednesday.
- We look forward to seeing everyone this coming **Friday, May 3, from 6pm to 8pm for Parish Night**. There will be fun for the whole family with food, beverages, shopping, and a silent auction. What better way to spend your Friday night!
- The Public Sale begins bright and early **Saturday, May 4, at 8am**.
- We hope to see you participate. Contact [Wendy Barry](#) and/or [Bob Ware](#).

Parents of Infants/Toddlers

Parents of infants, toddlers, and pre-K'ers are invited to a special outdoor coffee hour on **Sunday, May 5, after our 10am service** hosted by our membership and church school committees. It's a chance to get to know one another over coffee and juice boxes. Meet on the playground, or in case of inclement weather, in the Kids' Place room downstairs. We hope to see you and your children there! —Travis Anza and [Amanda Curtis](#)

Confirmation Class Parent Meeting

There is a parent meeting for the fall 2024-spring 2025 confirmation class on **Sunday, May 5, at 9am in Room 2**. Parents can sign their children up on this day and also learn more about the program and ask questions.

Faith in Motion:

Walk to End Homelessness

Please join Debbie Osborn and other St. Andrew's walkers on **Sunday, May 5, at noon, at Natick High School**, for the walk which benefits Family Promise Metrowest in their efforts to help homeless shelter residents transition into permanent housing. The walk is an easy 2.3 miles in Natick, and you can walk, run, trot, or just sponsor our team. Registration and event details are at [Register for the 2024 Walk to End Homelessness](#) or contact [Debbie Osborn](#).

Nametags for Newcomers

Welcome newcomers! If you joined our church in the past year and don't have a nametag yet, [please email membership committee member Becky Hamlin](#) who can get a magnetic name tag for you.

April Showers Food Drive

We are calling for April Showers of (no, not rain) dried pasta, macaroni and cheese, and dried beans! Please add these to your shopping during April and deliver them to St. Andrew's. These will become part of our B-LOVE grocery bags for families at St. Stephen's Youth Programs (SSYP). You don't need me to tell you how the price of groceries is still much higher than in the recent past, and the SSYP families are feeling the pinch. Thank you for your generous donations! [Cam McCormick](#).

Holy Communion Prep Night and Sunday Celebration

St. Andrew's first and second graders are invited to explore Holy Eucharist more deeply. Open to children whether they have already been receiving communion or not. Holy Communion Prep night with Sarah and Adrian will be **Wednesday, May 15, from 6 to 7pm**. The Holy Communion Sunday Celebration will be **Sunday, May 19 at the 10am service** which is also the Youth Service. Be on the lookout for a Realm sign-up or reach out to Sarah to sign up and/or ask questions.

Youth Bake Sale Fundraiser

This year's confirmation class chose [Give Directly](#) and [The Pine Street Inn](#) for their Lenten outreach projects. We will be baking and selling baked goods during coffee hour on **Sunday, May 19**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to contribute: cookies, cakes, pies, bread, and any other baked goods you can imagine for this outreach effort. Please contact Sarah with questions.

Youth Sunday

There will be a youth service at **10am on Sunday, May 19**. Any children or youth who would like to participate in the youth

service please see Sarah! The more the merrier! We need readers, intercessors, preachers, ushers, and greeters.

Outreach Grant Nominations



Each year, as part of our outreach ministry, we provide grants of up to \$5,000 each to selected charitable organizations nominated by parishioners. Have a favorite charity? Nominate it! Selection details and grant applications are available on our website, under Serve: Outreach. **Applications for the next round are due by May 31.**

Vestry

- 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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Tom Faust

Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

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.
- **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, April 28

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9:45am Church School
11:30am Bargain Haul Drop-off
11:30am Inquirer's Class

Monday, April 29

9am Bargain Haul Drop-Off & Sorting
6pm Bargain Haul Drop-Off & Sorting

Tuesday, April 30

9am Bargain Haul Drop-Off & Sorting
6pm Bargain Haul Drop-Off & Sorting

Wednesday, May 1

9am Bargain Haul Drop-Off & Sorting
7:30pm Men's Book Club

Thursday, May 2

9am Workers Sale
9:45am Church School Meeting
12pm Beginners Bible Study

Friday, May 3

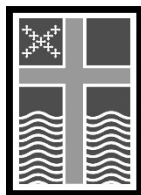
6pm Parish Night Bazaar

Saturday, May 4

8am Bargain Haul Public Sale

Sunday, May 5

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9:45am Church School
11am Coffee Hour
11:30am Kids' Place Coffee
11:30am Inquirer's Class



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