

# The Last Sunday after Epiphany February 26, 2017

Prelude Vater unser im Himmerlreich

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 618 "Ye watchers and ye holy ones"

Lasst uns erfreuen

#### 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.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

Gloria S 278

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses

set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 2

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

  Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot to gether, \*

  against the LORD and a gainst his A nointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*
  "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \* the Lord has them in de rision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and his räge fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the de cree of the LORD: \*
  he said to me, "You are my Son;
  this day have I be gotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your in heritance \* and the ends of the earth for your pos session.

- †9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \* and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*
  be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, \*
  and with trembling bow be fore him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*
  for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all \*
   who take refuge in him!

Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 129 "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Mowsley

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Clergy

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

People G

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here,

one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came

and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily St. Andrew's Clergy

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 Ubi caritas Eleanor Daley (1955)

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" Old 100<sup>th</sup>

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 130 Franz Schubert

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S 151 David Hurd

Ushers will direct the congregation to communion stations, starting from the rear of the church and moving forward. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Anthem Stone circles

Anne Lyman

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365
Blessing

Recessional Hymn 307 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor" Bryn Calfaria

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten J.S. Bach



# We welcome Doctor Lisa Graham and The Wellesley College Choir to St. Andrew's this morning.

Please join us for coffee hour following the 10am service, hosted by Anne Prensner and the Melican Family.

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

Altar Guild Jo Dermer, Linda Gallo, Blair Glennon,
Wendy Haering-Engels, Pam Henrikson, Donna Kell,
Debbie Lorenz, Linda Reineman, Cynthia Scott, and Beverly Wood
Flower Guild Frances Antonelli and Anne Manners
Greeters Amanda & Charlie Curtis

#### Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Paul Criswell Ushers Janet Flett and Charlie Zabriskie

#### Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lily Curtis, Emily Grape, Caroline Grape, Miles Olivetti, and Ben Clarke
Chalice Bearers Margaret Blackwell, Al Bornemann, Adams Carroll,
Wendy Haering-Engels, Suzy Littlefield, and Margaret Zusky
Lay Readers Marissa Caldwell and Mary Scanlon
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter,
Scott Jones, Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

## Serving at 5pm

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Nancy Echlov

## Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery
Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs
Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans
St. Peter's Church, Osterville
Christ Church, Plymouth

Boston Episcopal Charitable Institute



# **About the Readings**

From Preparing for Sunday <a href="http://standrewswellesley.org/worship">http://standrewswellesley.org/worship</a> reading.html

Exodus 24:12-18 Many scholars today believe that Exodus, traditionally attributed to Moses, is a composite of the work of several different sources. The tablets God promises will record the commandments. Keeping these commandments was the condition of the covenant, under which God pledged providence and protection. Moses ascends a mountain top covered in cloud, a symbol of God's glory. His faithful vigil there brings the gift of the law to God's people.

Psalm 2 This psalm is a divine affirmation of the Jewish king. Amidst the rebellion of other kings (vv. 1-3), God reaffirms the choice (vv. 4-6) and adoption of the king as God's son (v. 7) in order to establish God's rule over the nations (vv. 8-9). The psalm ends with a warning to the kings of the nations to submit to God and "serve the Lord" or expect God's wrath (vv. 10-11). Christians have applied this psalm to Christ, the "anointed" one of God (v. 2).

**2 Peter 1:16-21** The author writes in response to anxieties about different teachings in the community and about the delay of the second coming. He appeals to

the tradition of apostolic testimony, particularly to his experience as a witness to the transfiguration. The transfiguration manifests Christ in his power, confirming the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament and pointing toward his return in glory. Christian teaching is based upon real historical events, not mythic and timeless explanations of God's activity. Thus, the Church founds its beliefs upon the apostles' testimony and upon the Old Testament as interpreted, not individually, but within the community tradition. These beliefs will be confirmed when "the day" (v. 19) of the Lord dawns in the believer's own heart—the personal dimension of the cosmic last times—and in the climactic event of history.

Matthew 17:1-9 Matthew's account, marked by allusions to Moses' own mountain top encounter with God, links the transfiguration to the final coming of the Messiah as prefigured in the Church. As Matthew tells it, Jesus' transfiguration is primarily a manifestation of who Jesus really is. The promise of his return receives the beginning of its fulfillment in the event of Jesus' death, resurrection and appearance to the disciples. Peter,

overwhelmed by the presence of those most intimately acquainted with God's ways—Moses and Elijah—wishes to enshrine the three and thus capture the revelation. But the voice from heaven redirects their attention to a living, breathing, active person—Jesus. Relationship with God cannot be a static experience of localized worship, but must

be as dynamic as attending to the voice of One they love. Moses and Elijah vanish, for the law and the prophets have been fulfilled in what Jesus has done, and Jesus alone remains with them always. Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.



# **Notices & Announcements**

Newcomers and visitors: We extend a warm welcome to those who are new in our community. Please fill out one of the welcome cards in the narthex (foyer) and hand it to a greeter for a fuller welcome!

# Ash Wednesday

Lent begins this coming week on **Ash Wednesday, March 1**. We strongly encourage you to mark the beginning of this holy season by attending one of the Ash Wednesday services which will be **at 7:30am, 12pm, and 7:30pm,** the last of which will be with music. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

ary 28, anytime between 5:30 and 7:30pm. Members of the Rite-13 class will be serving pancakes (with choice of toppings), egg stratas, and sausage links. It's breakfast for dinner, and always a good time! A donation of \$5 per family is suggested at the door. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated! If you are interested in setup, cleanup, or flipping pancakes, please contact Terri Rawson. • terrinrawson@gmail.com

Join us in the parish hall on Tuesday, Febru-

## Shrove Tuesday Talent Show

All children and youth (grades K-12) are invited to perform in the first-ever St. Andrew's Shrove Tuesday Talent Show to be held **Tuesday**, **February 28**, **at 6:15pm**.

Amanda Kern will host an optional runthrough after church **today**, for those who would like to practice. Sign up online or on the sheet posted outside the parish hall. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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# Lenten Program and Potluck: What Do We Believe?

On Wednesday evenings, **beginning March** 8, we will gather for a potluck supper at 6:30pm, followed by a program from 7 to 7:45pm. Each week during Lent, we will listen to prominent author and New Testament scholar Dr. Marcus Borg reflect on fundamental questions of our Christian faith. After his presentation, we will break up into small groups, each with a facilitator, and discuss the topic of the evening.

Each evening stands as an independent unit, and topics include: Who is God?, What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith?, What does "salvation" mean?, and How do we practice our beliefs? We provide the entrée; please bring a salad or a dessert. We hope you can join us for the series Embracing an Adult Faith. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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# Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible study will meet on **Saturday**, **March 4**, **from 8 to 9am** in Room 2. The group meets once a month. Feel free to come along. No homework, just bring a bible with you—coffee and donuts provided. We start promptly at 8am and finish at 9am on the dot.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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# Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself A Focus on Family Promise

This year, St. Andrew's is undertaking a parish-wide Lenten outreach focus on Family Promise Metrowest (FPM), one of our local ministry partners. We are excited that Judy Mongiardo, network coordinator for FPM, will join us next **Sunday, March 5**, to deliver the homily at the **10am** service and meet with church school and Rite-13 students. Come and learn more about Family Promise and our commitment to Christ's commandment to "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself."

Additional opportunities to learn about, support, and volunteer with Family Promise Metrowest will follow during Lent.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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## St. Andrew's Lent Meditation Guide

This year a Lent Meditation Guide, with meditations written by members of the St. Andrew's congregation for each day in Lent, will be available **today and next Sunday**, **March 5**. Forty-one parishioners have participated in this project masterminded by Cat

Healy, writing personal reflections on the bible reading for the day. The meditations will be available as a booklet or a daily email.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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# Confirmation and Youth Group

Confirmation class and youth group will meet **today**, **Sunday**, **February 26**. Confirmation class begins **at 5pm**; youth group (grades 9-12) begins **at 6:45pm**. All are welcome! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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# 9am Adult Christian Learning

On **Sunday, February 26**, Catherine Healy will facilitate the second class about *The Different Christian Denominations in the USA*. Join us **at 9am** in Room 2.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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# 9am Adult Christian Learning Lenten Reading: Zealot by Reza Aslan

We are reading this 2013 New York Times best seller with a unique perspective of Jesus during our Lenten classes. If you would like to read the book before our **March 19 to March 26** discussions, please buy a book from Margaret for \$15. Please bring cash, or make check out to "St. Andrew's."

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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# Parish Prayer List Update

We will be refreshing the parish prayer list on **Sunday**, **March 5**, the first Sunday in Lent. If there is a loved one whose name you would like to keep on the list, please inform me **before March 5**. We will assume that the people we do not hear about are no longer in acute need and we will take them off the list. At the end of Lent we will start a new prayer list for the season of Easter. Our intention is to update and revise our prayer list every couple of months in this way. Praying for loved ones at our services is a very important element of our parish life together and we want to make sure that our prayer list is fresh and current.

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# Lenten Evensong Sunday, March 5

Please join us at St. Andrew's for Evensong on the **first Sunday of Lent, March 5, at 5pm**, to hear the exquisite 16<sup>th</sup> century anthem by Thomas Tallis, *The Lamentations of Jeremiah*. Tallis lived through the small pox epidemic of 1562, which rendered Queen Elizabeth I bald and pox marked. He also lived through the plague of 1563—wiping out a quarter of the population of London—as well as the Reformation, which ripped the fabric of religious life asunder. Miranda Loud will be our guest organist and refreshments will follow. — Wardie Mannix

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# **Evensong Reception Contributions**

Following the Evensong service at 5pm on March 5, there will be a reception. All of the edibles are contributed by parishioners so we invite you to bring something savory for the table. Please contact me to say what you will bring. Thank you in advance for your offering. — Margaret Zusky

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#### Faith and Practice Series

Join us on March 5 at 11:30am for *Practicing Mercy*. Shawn Mendes's lyrics to his song *Mercy* puts the idea of mercy in the "Top 40" on FM 107.9, but what is mercy? Come discover what Holy Scripture teaches us about mercy, learn about other parish members' wisdom, and share your own.

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## Reading Mavens

The next meeting is **Monday**, **March 6**, in the **Harvey Room**, **7pm**. Please bring a snack or drink to share. The book, *A Country Year: Living the Questions* by Sue Hubbell, is beautifully written by a woman living in the Ozarks. At the age of 50 she has to start over after her husband leaves her; she does it through bee-keeping, nature, and rediscovering herself and the community she lives in.

- Charlene Smith.
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# Sox Update

Thank you for the continued delivery of socks to the Sox Box and for your donations toward the purchase of socks at the Alternative Gift Fair this past December. Because of your generosity we were able to deliver 900 pairs of socks to Roseanna Means, M.D., founder and CEO of Health Care Without Walls. Please remember that this is an ongoing ministry during which we stockpile socks and make two deliveries: one in December and one in June. These socks make a profound difference in the lives of our marginalized brothers and sisters. Thank you.

## Our Sister Parish, St. Stephen's

- Donna Kell • donnalb.kell@gmail.com

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is a vibrant and welcoming faith community in Boston's South End. You may be aware of its extensive youth and teen programming, of which the summer B-SAFE program is one facet.

But did you know they are active in many issues to promote social justice, to advocate for safer neighborhoods, and to reduce income inequality? For example, St. Stephen's is part of a network discussing becoming a Sanctuary congregation, in response to fears of increased deportations. They partner with other groups for a Youth Jobs Coalition Rally to advocate at the state legislature. They invite partner churches, to join them in these, and many other efforts. Find out more by reading their monthly *B-Connected* e-newsletter. Contact Cam McCormick • cammccormick@earthlink.net or Betsy Walsh (partner coordinator)

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## **Nametags**

Name tags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. St. Andrew's membership committee offers lovely reusable magnetic name tags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact Jane Andrews • jmlandrews@gmail.com

# Deadlines for Weekly Leaflet and e-Pistle Announcements

Announcements and gratitudes (and anything else) for inclusion in the weekly leaflet or e-Pistle are due on Tuesdays at noon. Please limit your announcement to 50-100 words. — Katharine Clark

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## Illness and Off-Hour Emergencies

The clergy are always available to assist you. Please email or call the clergy if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited. Also, please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list. Our prayers and concerns are with all those in need.

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# Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and 5pm. The **Holy Eucharist** is also celebrated every Wednesday at 7:30am. We offer healing prayer at this service. **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered weekdays at 8:45am.
- **Senior Choir** has rehearsal Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** also has rehearsal Sundays at 9am.
- Parish Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Friday, 9am to 12pm.
- **12-Step Programs** Al-Anon, Tuesdays, 7:30pm; Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am; Sober Sisters, Saturdays, 10:30am.

#### Sunday, February 26

9am Adult Christian Learning9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, and Rite-135pm Confirmation Prep6:45pm High School Youth Group

#### **Tuesday February 28**

5:15pm Service at Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show

#### Wednesday, March 1

7:30am Ashes to go7:30am Holy Eucharist and Ashes12 noon Holy Eucharist and Ashes

7pm Confirmation Prep 7:30pm Holy Eucharist and Ashes

#### Thursday, March 2

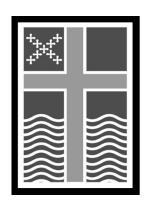
10:30am Church School Meeting

#### Saturday, March 4

8am Men's Bible Study 8:30am Vestry Retreat

## Sunday, March 5

Service schedule: See above
9am Coffee Hour for 8am
Worshippers
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School, and Rite-13
11:30am Faith and Practice
5pm Evensong



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