

Rogation Day Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017

Prelude Seasonal Music

Elizabeth Alexander, fiddle;

Torrin Ryan, penny whistle; and Joey Sullivan, bodhrán

Processional Hymn 292 "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

Kingsfold

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

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Robert Powell

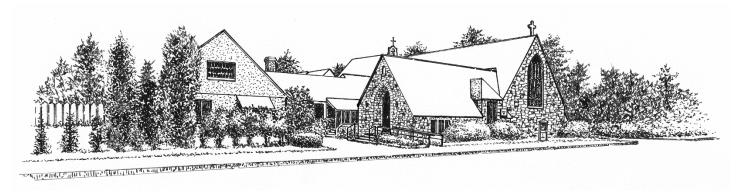
Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they

would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7-18 David Hurd

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
 make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O'God, have proved us; *
 you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
 you laid heavy burdens up on our backs.

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11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
   we went through fire and water; *
     but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
   and will pay you my vows, *
     which I promised with my lips
     and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
   with the smoke of rams; *
     I will give you oxen and goats.
14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
     and I will tell you what he has done for me.
15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
     and his praise was on my tongue.
16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
     the Lord would not have heard me;
17 But in truth God has heard me; *
     he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessèd be God, who has not reljected my prayer, *
     nor with held his love from me.
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Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffer

ing should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from

the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 291 "We plow the fields, and scatter"

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Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "The Naming" from Children of Eden

Stephen Schwartz

Doxology Hymn 380 v. 3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

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Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 125

Robert Powell

Fraction Anthem S 151

David Hurd

Breaking of the Bread

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 "God is seen"

Captain Kidd

arr. by Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around; Search hills and valleys through, There He's found.

The growing of the corn,
The lily and the thorn,
The pleasant and forlorn
All declare God is there.
In meadows drest in green,
God is seen.

See springing waters rise, Fountains flow, rivers run; The mist that veils the sky Hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour,
The ocean, it doth roar
And beat upon the shore,
And all praise, in their ways,
The God who ne'er declines
His designs.

The sun with all his rays Speaks of God as he flies. The comet in her blaze, "God!" she cries.

The shining of the stars,
The moon, when she appears
His awful name declare;
See them fly, through the sky
And join the solemn sound
All around.

Communion Hymn 325 "Let us break bread together"

Let Us Break Bread

Thanksgiving after Communion

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Rite-13 Blessing

Final Blessing



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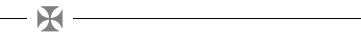
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Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!



Please join us for coffee hour following the 10am service,

hosted today by the MacKinnon family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Barbara Bergstrom, Nancy Echlov, Erica Gelser, Becky Hamlin, Debbie Monti, Ellen Staelin, Laura Stettner, and Jill Whiting Flower Guild Ann Johnson

Greeters Bruce & Laura Brown MacKinnon (and family)

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Debbie Lorenz Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Diana Faust, Elizabeth Robbins-Cole, Maggie Donahue,
Kelly Rawson, and Drew Donahue
Chalice Bearers Al Bornemann, Joe Hamilton, Ann Johnson,
Donna Kell, Suzy Littlefield, and Anne Prensner
Lay Readers Paul Merry and D.D. Alexander
Ushers David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Alan Joachim, David Osborn,
Ryan Osborn, Terri Rawson, and Larry Scott

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery
Trinity Church, Haverhill
Grace Church, Lawrence
Esperanza Academy, Lawrence

Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors



About the Readings

From Preparing for Sunday http://standrewswellesley.org/worship reading.html

Acts 17:22-31 Rather than drawing upon the fulfillment of Old Testament texts about the Messiah, Paul presents to learned Greeks the one God as Creator. The Creator of the world is not dependent upon human shrines or offerings. Humans "search for God" (v. 27), who is indeed "not far from each one of us" (v. 27). Paul supports this point by alluding to Greek literature. Paul then advances an argument against popular polytheism. In the last two verses, his listeners are called to repent before judgment by "a man" (v. 31) whose authority was validated by resurrection.

Psalm 66:7-18 This psalm of praise and thanksgiving is divided into several parts. Verses 4-11 give thanks for the deliverance of people through God's saving power. In verses 12-18, one who has experienced rescue helps others understand what God has done.

1 Peter 3:13-22 Today's reading explains how Christians should relate to those outside the community. Peter recognizes that those who follow Christ often encounter painful trials, just as Christ did. The Christian's call in Christ is both the reason and the source of strength to answer evil with good. Christians are to give an explanation, possibly before formal tribunals but more likely in day-to-day interactions with hostile neighbors, for the hope that characterizes their attitude both in the present and toward the future. The Christian attitude is grounded in Christ's example.

John 14:15-21 Today's reading contains Jesus' repeated assurances that his death will not leave his disciples "orphaned." Jesus promises an indwelling presence to those who keep his commandments. That presence is described in three ways.

First, the Father will send "another Advocate" (v. 15), who will remain with believers. The word "Advocate" (Greek, paracletos) may also be translated Counselor or Helper. Second, Jesus himself will come, visibly after the resurrection, invisibly in the Christian community and finally at the second coming. Third, Jesus and the

Father are in union and they will dwell with those who love Jesus and obey him (v. 23). John does not particularly distinguish among these three kinds of presence. As these verses show, the presence of Jesus after his return to the Father is accomplished in and through the Advocate.



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!

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, Sunday, May 21, our Building Up the Church Series concludes with The Broad Nature of a Modern Anglican Church in England, taught by our rector. It will explore our modern Anglican church from its historic and political center, the Church of England. On Sunday, May 28, we will have a wrapup of our past year: share which classes you enjoyed this year, and what topics you might like to explore next year. Join us in Room 2.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Your Funeral Arrangements

Recently a number of parishioners have contacted the clergy about planning (in advance!) for their funerals, including, for example, what music and readings they would like and whether they wish there to be Communion at the service. St. Andrew's maintains files of such arrangements for individual parishioners. These records can be very helpful to families when they have to arrange the funeral for a loved one. If you would like to set up a file with wishes for your funeral service, please contact one of

the clergy and we will be glad to meet with you. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Conversations about Peace

Escaping the Massacre: From Palestinian Refugee to Harvard-Smithsonian Astrophysicist.

Today, May 21, at 11:30am in Room 2, come and hear the story of Raid Suleiman, a Muslim scholar and an astrophysicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. In 1982, Suleiman was a Palestinian refugee in Beirut, when the Sabra and Shatila massacre, which killed 3,500 people, took place at the refugee camp where he was living. He will reflect on his experience and how it has influenced his views on building peace in a divided world. Recommended reading:

- Mornings in Jenin by Susan Abulhawa
- Sabra and Shatila: September 1982 by Bayan Nuwayhed Al-Hout
- "A Preventable Massacre" NYTimes <u>http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/17/opi</u> <u>nion/a-preventable-massacre.html</u>
- -Charlene Smith
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Grace Knight Babson Showcase

Come and support the Junior Choir at the 58th Annual Grace Knight Babson Fund for Religious Education Program, today, May 21, at 4pm in the Richard Knight Auditorium at Babson College. Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there!

- Amanda Kern
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Reading Mavens

The last meeting of the program year will be on Monday, June 5 at 7pm in the Harvey Room. Reading Mavens is reading Hillbilly Elegy, the remarkable testimony of a Silicon Valley success born to a heroin-addicted mother and raised by his grandparents. His critique of the white working (and unemployed) poor remains one of the most commented recent books. Reading Mavens will resume on Monday, September 4 (always the first Monday of the month) at 7pm. We'd love to have you join us. —Charlene Smith

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Men's Book Club

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 8** at **7:30pm** in the **Harvey Room** when we will discuss *Midnight Rising: John Brown and the Raid That Sparked the Civil War* by Tony Horwitz. This is our last meeting before the summer hiatus...feel free to join us. Refreshments are served.

— Michael Vanin • <u>mcvanin1@gmail.com</u>.

Bible Circle

Bible Circle will meet on **Tuesday**, **June 13**, at **10:30am** in the **Harvey Room**. We will be reading *The Letter of Paul to Philemon*. Our Wednesday evening Bible Circle will meet on **Wednesday**, **June 14** at **7pm** in **Room 2**. Please bring your Bible. — Margarethe Kulke • mnbkulke@verizon.net

Sock Collection Continues

Roseanna Means, M.D. sits humbly on the floor, always lower than her clients, holding their feet. She tenderly washes the feet, clips the nails, and dresses their suppurative diabetic sores. Lastly, she offers her clients a pair of new white socks. Through the generosity of St. Andrew's parishioners, 6,050 pairs of socks have been donated to *Health Care Without Walls* since 2007. Our second annual donation will be in mid-June. Please continue your support of the ministry by:

- Placing new white men's crew socks in the SOX BOX located outside the library.
- Sending a check to St. Andrew's for any amount (with a note in the MEMO: Sox).
 This will be noted in your church statement.
- -- Donna L. Kell kell9@verizon.net

Nametags

Nametags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. St. Andrew's membership committee offers lovely reusable magnetic nametags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact Becky Hamlin • dbhamlin@comcast.net

Hotel and Airline Toiletries

We are collecting toiletries (soap, lotion, shampoo, and conditioner) that we will deliver to Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen monthly. If you travel, please bring your complimentary toiletries to St. Andrew's—there is a box at the back of the church where we are collecting these items. The folks who come to Miracle Kitchen for the meal will very much appreciate being able to leave dinner with a toiletry kit. Thank you.

- Timothy Phillips
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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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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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Gratitude

Holy Communion Prep

Congratulations and blessings to the children who completed Holy Communion Prep this week: Lena Cardella, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Francesca Grossetti, Justin Lin, and Connor Young.

B-SAFE Prep Work

Thanks to Joyce Bukaty, Alice Campbell, Donna Kell, Margarethe Kulke, Ellen Staelin, and Jill Whiting for helping to make all the snack bags ready for the week St. Andrew's Church is responsible for feeding 175 children and counselors. They are participants in the B-SAFE youth summer camp program at our sister parish, St. Stephen's Church in the South End.

Junior Choir

Thank you to all members of the junior choir for their time, dedication, musicianship, and enthusiasm during the 2016-17 program year. We all wish you the best of luck representing St. Andrew's this afternoon at this year's Grace Knight Babson Showcase featuring children from many of Wellesley's diverse faith communities. Also, a very special thank you to Katherine Roer for sharing her talents and expertise as both junior choir assistant and choreographer over the last year! Have a wonderpful summer and we look forward to hearing your joyous music again in the Fall.

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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, May 21

Service schedule: See above
9am Adult Christian Learning
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
and Rite-13
11:30am Peace Conversations Forum
4pm Grace Knight Babson

Monday, May 22

7pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

5:15pm Service at Salvation ArmyMiracle Kitchen7:30pm Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 28

Service schedule: See above
9am Adult Christian Learning
9:45am Kids' Place, Church School,
and Rite-13

Monday, May 29

Parish Office Closed

