

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2017

Prelude

Processional Hymn 535 "Ye servants of God"

Paderborn

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

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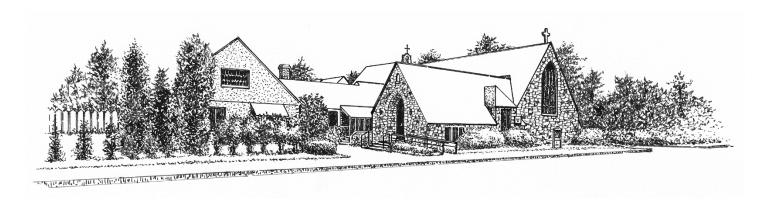
Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.



First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd. and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set

it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Reader The Word of the Lord.*People* Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

- I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord * for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation * and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people.

- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord * is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving * and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord * in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, * in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not

disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 321 "My God, thy table now is spread"

Rockingham

Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were

harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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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

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

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Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus S 125 Robert Powell

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 Hymn 653 "Dear Lord and Father of mankind"

Repton

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 381 "Thy strong word did cleave the darkness"

Ton-y-Botel

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



Special thanks to guest organist Leonardo Ciampa, who played at the 10am service this morning.

Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service hosted today by Joanna Horobin & Alan Joachim.

Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

P. Barnard Bergstrom, Peter Carl Bergstrom, Gertrude G. Cronk, Elizabeth Arnold Haynes, James Rigney, and Philip Rigney.

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 Ruth Wilson

Greeters Betsy Millane and Sandra Rigney

Serving at 8am

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

Serving at 10am

Chalice Bearers Al Bornemann, Nancy Echlov, Joanna Horobin, and Anne Prensner

Lay Readers Karen Pekowitz and Paul Merry

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 Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery
St. Anne's Church, (North) Billerica
All Saints' Church, West Newbury
St. Mark's Church, Westford



About the Readings

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

Genesis 18:1-15 Today's reading is both an epiphany story—an account of the Lord's appearance to Abraham—and an annunciation story—a proclamation of the coming birth, contrary to all human expectation, of a significant person. The precise identity of the "three men" is not clear; that is, whether all three are angels representing the Lord in earthly manifestation (hence the shift from plural to singular in vv. 1, 13) or whether one is indeed the Lord and the other two are attendants (18:22, 19:1). Abraham's reception of these sudden guests illustrates the hospitality of a nomadic society. The Lord then renews the promise of many descendants (12:2, 13:15f), now specifying the birth of a son (15:1-6) to Sarah (17:15-21) in the spring (v. 10). As Abraham has typified the natural virtue of hospitality, so he also typifies the theological virtue of trust in the Lord's promise. The meaning of Isaac's name is here explained by Sarah's incredulous laugh.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 This psalm of thanksgiving recounts the vindication of a righteous sufferer. Such a psalm was recited as a testimony to other worshipers. The one who was delivered paid vows (vv. 12, 16) in the temple (v. 17). It is not clear whether this deliverance was from illness (v. 2) or false accusation (v. 9). The "cup of salvation" most likely refers to a drink offering to the Lord (Numbers 28:7), or it may be a metaphor of deliverance opposite in meaning to the Lord's "cup of wrath" (Isaiah 51:17; Jeremiah 25:15). Verse 13 indicates that the untimely death of God's servants is not a matter of indifference to God but God will act to deliver them.

Romans 5:1-8 Paul uses two equivalent metaphors to describe God's redeeming act in Christ: justification, that is, the ending of a legal dispute (3:21-26), and reconciliation, that is, the termination of a state of enmity. Paul makes it clear that it

is we who are estranged from God; there is no room here for a doctrine of the cross in which Christ's sacrifice pacified an angry God. Instead, in Christ's sacrifice God manifests God's justifying, reconciling love for us. Although Christians are still sinful, transformation through the gift of the Holy Spirit has begun. One effect is that they have peace with and access to God (5:1-2). A second effect is that they now possess confident hope, leading them to look forward to the fullness of sanctification. Whereas justification marks the start of this process, salvation marks its future completion. Christians enter ever more fully into salvation by participating in Christ's risen life and by anticipating a share in God's glory.

Matthew 9:35–10:8 Today's reading contains an introduction (9:36-38) and the beginning of the mission discourse (10:1-42), the third of the five main discourses that form the structural backbone of Matthew's gospel. In this discourse, Jesus invites his disciples to begin to participate in his service to the kingdom of God. Jesus' ministry is identified as teaching, preaching and healing (4:23; 9:35). The people are "like sheep without a shepherd," a traditional description of the people of Israel when their leadership has failed (Ezekiel 34:1-6; Zechariah 10:2). He tells the disciples to ask God "to send out laborers." The harvest is often an image of the last judgment (13:39), already underway in Jesus' ministry. The Twelve named disciples, recalling the twelve tribes of Israel, symbolize the fullness of the new covenant community. Jesus now gives them the authority to preach and heal (10:7-8), but reserves authority to teach until after the resurrection (28:20). Like Jesus during his earthly ministry, the disciples are at this time to limit their ministry to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." The exceptions (8:5-10, 15:21-28) foreshadow the mission to the Gentiles (8:10-12, 28:19) validated by Jesus' resurrection and enthronement. The disciples show Jesus to the people, for their message and ministry is that of Jesus himself. The greeting of "peace," shalom, is a dynamic word sent out by the speaker that, if it finds no effect in the hearer, returns to the speaker. If there is no response, the disciples are to disassociate themselves from that town by the prophetic action of shaking off its dust. The fate of Sodom and Gomorrah was a traditional illustration of God's judgment on wickedness (Genesis 18:16-19:28), but the judgment on unbelief will be more severe. Using the form of the commission of a prophet (Jeremiah 1:4-10), Matthew has outlined the authoritative mandate (28:18) and the mission of the disciples (28:19).



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!

B-SAFE 2017: July 5, 6 and 7

Thank you to the many volunteers who have signed up to support our church's work with B-SAFE at St. Stephen's from **Wednesdsay, July 5 to Friday, July 7**. There are just a few spots left, but contact one of us if you'd like to help out on a day that is full! Please visit the St. Andrew's website and click SERVE, then SIGN-UP.

Thank you! — Karen Pekowitz

- <u>kpekowitz920@gmail.com</u>
- Cam McCormick
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Support for Immigrants and Refugees

Over the last months a number of parishioners have approached the clergy and wardens about wishing to be involved in supporting immigrants and refugees. After discussing the issue with the vestry, the clergy and wardens agreed to research opportunities for this ministry. The rector and one of the wardens have attended a diocesan meeting on immigrant support ministries and we have also been exploring opportunities for supporting these vulnerable groups with local Episcopal churches and other diocesan agencies. If this is a ministry to which you feel God is calling you to be involved, please let

Adrian or a warden, Michael or Nancy know of your interest. Our plan is to offer concrete opportunities for St. Andrew's parishioners to be involved.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
- adrian@standrewswellesley.org

Italian Pilgrimage

A subcommittee of our adult formation and learning committee continues to meet as we plan our Italian pilgrimage. We are certain that we will be traveling to Italy in **May of 2018**. The dates will likely be May 14 to 25. We anticipate being in Rome, Assisi, and Florence. We hope parishioners will be able to sign up for the trip in late September or early October. As the summer unfolds, the specifics of the trip will become clearer. Please email me if you are considering joining the pilgrimage.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
- margaret@standrewswellesley.org

From the Treasurer's Office

As you plan for your summer holiday, please remember to keep your pledge payments current over the next three months. Our expenses continue in the summer, and we rely on pledge income to pay our bills promptly. Thanks and best wishes for a refreshing summer! — Ruth Hubert

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Acolyte Ministry

Students in grades 8-12 are welcome to serve as acolytes and must commit to one Sunday per month. If you would like to join this wonderful youth ministry, please contact Jennifer Olivetti at <u>i.olivetti@verizon.net</u>

Parish Directory

The directories are available for pick-up anytime—ONE PER FAMILY. They are in the narthex and the administrative hallway. If you cannot find them, please ask in the parish office. Remember that the directory is also available on our website: look for "Directory" on the top right of the site and follow the instructions to sign-in. —Katharine Clark

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Become a Church School Teacher

St. Andrew's is looking for caring teachers for next fall. We welcome parents, grandparents, and non-parents alike! Teacher training and materials are provided, and we have a wonderful curriculum. Teachers commit to 1-2 Sundays per month, and can begin as assistants. Please email for more information.

- Susan Jackson
- susan@standrewswellesley.org

Plug Into St. Andrew's This Summer

Summer is on the horizon, but the needs in our community never take a break. St. Andrew's has a variety of outreach opportunities to suit your family's schedule. Here is a sampling:

- St. Andrew's Recyclers: Ongoing
- B-SAFE 2017 with our partner church,
 St. Stephen's: July 5-7 (children are welcome to help)
- Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen: the fourth Tuesday of every month (June 27, July 25, and August 22). Children ages 10 and up are welcome to help.

The serve tab on our website makes it easy to volunteer. — Debbie Osborn

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Reading Mavens

Reading Mavens resumes on **Monday**, **September 4** in the **Harvey Room** at **7pm**. During the summer break we will read the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Tutu's, *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*.

Optional reads are American classic *The Farm in the Green Mountains* by Alice Herdan-Zuckmayer and John Le Carre's partial memoir, *The Pigeon Tunnel: Stories from My Life.* RSVP to Charlene Smith

• <u>charlenesmithwriter@gmail.com</u>

Church Flower Garden Watering

We seek parishioners to water the flowers in the gardens outside the main entrance to the church on Washington Street. The flowers need to be watered about once a week over the summer, and if we have several volunteers, this will not be a very onerous task. If you are willing to help, please contact Adrian • adrian@standrewswellesley.org or Steve Killeen

• steve@standrewswellesley.org

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.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole 603/831-4938
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August Ecumenical Worship Schedule

Please join the communities of Wellesley in ecumenical worship at 10am during the first three Sundays of August. 8am services at St. Andrew's will continue as usual.

August 6 Location Village Church (UCC), 2 Central Street

Preacher The Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole (Episcopal)

August 13 Location Wellesley Hills Church (UCC), 207 Washington Street

Preacher The Rev. Sarah Sarchet Butter (UCC-Village)

August 20 Location St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 79 Denton Road

Preacher The Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster (UCC-Hills)

August 27 Return to standard St. Andrew's worship services at 8am and 10am

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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 8:50am. The Sunday 5pm service will go on summer vacation after Father's Day.
- Parish Office hours for June and July are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm, 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, June 18

See service schedule above

Saturday, June 24

3pm Kay Lorenz and Matt Young Wedding

Sunday, June 25

See service schedule above **No 5pm Service**

