

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 27, 2017

Prelude

Processional Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord"

Lobe den Herren

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

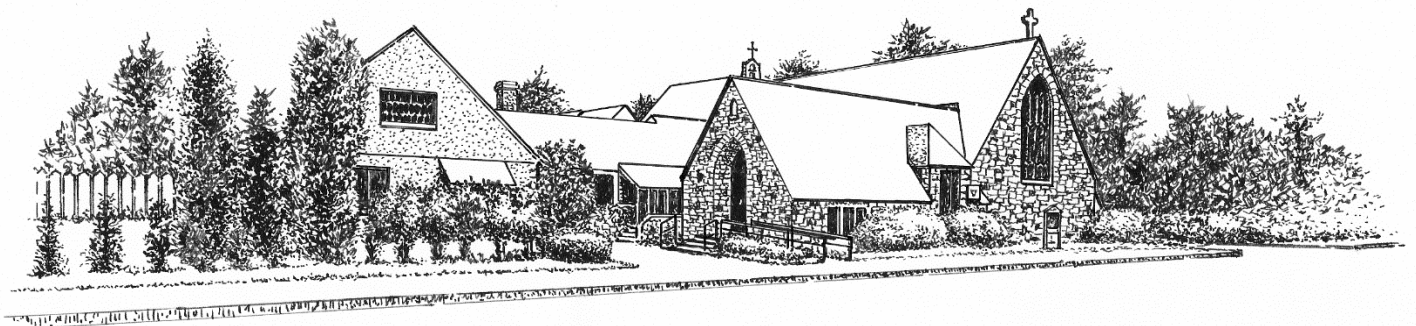
Gloria S 280 (front section of hymnal)

Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous

and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will

give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her

son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of

yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in

proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity;

the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 581 "Where charity and love prevail"

Cheshire

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in

heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed

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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

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Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 379 "God is Love, let heaven adore him" *Abbot's Leigh*

Presentation of Bread and Wine

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

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S 125 (front section of hymnal) 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.

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 518 "Christ is made the sure foundation" *Westminster Abbey*

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude



Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Jo Dermer, Linda Gallo, Wendy Haering, Pam Henrikson,
Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, Linda Reineman, and Beverly Wood

Flower Guild Debbie Lorenz

Greeters Jane Andrews & Bob Harrington

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Margaret Blackwell

Usher Charlie Zabriskie

Serving at 10am

Chalice Bearers Adams Carroll and Joe Hamilton

Lay Readers Nora Tracy Phillips and Jane Andrews

Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Greg Hunter,
Scott Jones, Peter Lull, and Jeff Waldron

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Neponset River Deanery

Christ Church, Medway

St. Michael's Church, Milton

Grace Church, Norwood

St. John's Church, Sharon

Jubilee Ministry



About the Readings

From *Preparing for Sunday* http://standrewswellesley.org/worship_reading.html

Exodus 1:8-2:10 The Exodus account of God's liberation of the Hebrew people from their slavery in Egypt begins as the Egyptian Pharaoh plots to subject the slaves to greater forced labor and kill all their newborn males, which would mean the end of God's promise to Abraham of numerous descendants. The heroism of the midwives is highlighted as they refuse to submit to the Pharaoh's practices of genocide. Their resistance is also recognized by God, who rewards their efforts. This result is the first indication that the contest between Pharaoh's evil plans for extinction are no match for God's plans for the people's survival. The story moves from the general situation to the particular story of Moses. To avoid the Pharaoh's death sentence, Moses' mother hides him in a basket near the river, where he is found by the Pharaoh's daughter. She makes arrangements that the child be raised by a Jewish woman until he is old enough to be raised as her son.

Psalms 124 This is a psalm of thanksgiving that recalls that the existence of the people of Israel depends upon God who saved them from the various enemies that threatened them. Their response is thanks

and a continued resolve to depend on God's help.

Romans 12:1-8 Paul begins the next section of his letter with a "therefore" that depends upon the whole of chapters 1-11. Paul has set forth God's act of redemption in Jesus Christ and has explained the outworking of salvation history. Now he turns to the Christian response. As Christians have received new life from God, so now they live a new life for God. In verse 1, he uses the terminology of cultic sacrifice to make his point: Christians are to present, not dead animals, but their own whole selves to God as a "living sacrifice." "Spiritual" (Greek *logikos*) is a difficult term to translate. It refers to worship that involves not just the external act but the entire internal self-surrender of the worshiper. Paul exhorts the Romans not to "be conformed," to the pattern of "this world," the present age that is slipping away. Rather, by the renewal of their minds, Christians are to live now as if in the age to come. Thus they are being "transformed" from within. No longer bound by the external law, Christians discover whether their behavior accords

with the will of God by proving or testing it in relation to the image of Christ being formed within. They have all received different gifts from God, which are to be used for the various ministries they do. Underlying all these is love, as the next section will show.

Matthew 16:13-20 Today's reading recounts Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ (Mark 8:27-29; Luke 9:18-20; John 6:67-69), and Jesus' proclamation of Peter as the rock. The common expectation was that the Christ, the Davidic Messiah, would reestablish kingly rule in some final way (24:3; Acts 1:6). Jesus radically reinterprets this expectation by joining it immediately to the charge to his disciples not to use this term and to the prediction of his suffering, death, and resurrection. In Matthew, two titles, "Son of Man" and "Son of God," are brought together to affirm and expand the understanding of the Messiah. Jesus asks his disciples for the popular opinion of the "Son of Man." This is the term Jesus has chosen as his self-designation for his public ministry on earth (8:20). The disciples' reply is based upon common expectations (14:2; Malachi 4:5). In Matthew, Peter's confession includes "the Son of the living God." Whereas "Son of Man" is the title Jesus gives himself, "Son of God" is the title given to Jesus by those who truly

recognize who he is: the demons (8:29), the disciples (14:33), the Roman soldiers at the cross (27:54). The authorities and crowds use it only in derision (27:40, 43). Verses 17-19 are found only in Matthew. Jesus responds that Peter's confession is based upon revelation from God, not upon human sources (11:25), and is the kind of faith on which the Church will be founded. In the gospels, the word "church" (Greek, "ekklesia") occurs only here and in 18:17. This word was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament and in other writings to designate both the assembly of the whole people of Israel and the local synagogue. Here it seems to refer to the people of God, the Church, as a whole. The terms "bind" and "loose" are technical terms either for the teaching authority of a rabbi to interpret a law as obligatory or non-obligatory in a given case, or the disciplinary authority to exclude from or admit to the congregation. It is this power that the Pharisees have misused (23:4,13), and that is given to all the disciples in 18:18. As he does throughout this section (chapters 14-17), Matthew here weaves together Christology (who Jesus is) and ecclesiology (the Church as the people of God assembled in faith).



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!

Parish Picnic — Date Change!

Please plan to attend the St. Andrew's annual parish picnic at the home of Luisa Hunnewell **after the 10am service on Sunday, September 17**. This not-to-be-missed fellowship event is a wonderful way to connect with the parish community while enjoying great food and fun activities for all ages, including lawn games, cotton candy, and a moon bounce! Casual attire is encouraged at both church and the picnic.

As always, we count on many volunteers to make this event a success, and working together is another great way to get to know one another. Please consider signing up for a shift or donating a baked good (or both!) using the SignUpGenius on our website www.standrewswellesley.org under the serve tab. If you prefer, you may also contact Jenny Sawyer at 781/820-6483, jennysawyer10@gmail.com to sign up.

Apply Now: Youth Leadership Academy for Grades 9-10

Youth entering grades nine and ten are invited to apply for the Youth Leadership Academy of the Episcopal Diocese of

Massachusetts. YLA applications are due **Wednesday, September 6, at 5pm**. To apply, contact Rev. Catherine Healy

- catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Youth Group Camping Trip

All high school youth are invited to join our fall camping trip on **September 8-9** at Lake Dennison Recreation Area in north central Massachusetts. We'll depart from church on **Friday afternoon at 3:30pm** and return on **Saturday around 2:30pm**. To sign up, contact Rev. Catherine Healy

- catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Confirmation Parents' Meeting

Parents and guardians of eighth grade confirmation students are invited to a meeting on **Sunday, September 10, at 9am** in the Rite-13 room. We'll discuss class logistics and plans for the year. At least one adult from each household should attend.

— Rev. Catherine Healy

- catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Confirmation Class

All eighth graders are invited to join the St. Andrew's confirmation class. The first gathering of the year will be **Sunday, September 10, from 4 to 5:30 (girls) and 5 to 6:30 (boys)**. For more information, contact Rev. Catherine Healy

- catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Junior Choir

The St. Andrew's Junior Choir will have its first practice of the year on **Sunday, September 10, at 9am** in the parish hall. All children in grades one to eight are invited to sing!

While Amanda Kern is on maternity leave, the junior choir director will be Jane Money, founding artistic director of the Boston City Singers and past director of children's music at St. Andrew's. — Wardie Mannix

- wardie@standrewswellesley.org

Rite-13 Family Coffee

Rite-13 (sixth- and seventh-grade) youth and their parents are invited to a special coffee hour on **Sunday, September 10**, after the 10am service in the Rite-13 room. Come meet the Rite-13 leadership team and learn more about what the year will hold!

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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Reading Mavens

Reading Mavens resumes on **Monday, September 11** in the **Harvey Room** at **7pm**. During the summer break we read the Dalai Lama's 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

- charlenesmithwriter@gmail.com

Acolyte Training

Youth in grades eight to twelve are invited to become acolytes in Sunday worship.

Training for eighth-graders will be **Friday, September 15, at 6pm** (before confirmation class lock-in); training for high school students will be **Sunday, September 24, at 6pm** (before the youth group meeting). — Jen Olivetti

- jenolivetti@gmail.com

Confirmation Overnight Lock-In

Eighth-grade confirmands are invited to an overnight lock-in on **September 15-16**. We'll meet at church on **Friday night at 6:30pm**; pickup time is **Saturday morning at 8am**.

Parents, join us as chaperones, or help out with dinner or breakfast! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Church School Teacher Training

New church school teachers are invited to a training session on **Sunday, September 17, at 9am** in the second-grade classroom. We'll explore the curriculum, learn how to foster a safe and peaceful classroom environment, and tour the all-important craft closet!

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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Rite-13 Overnight Lock-In

Rite-13 (sixth- and seventh-grade) youth are invited to an overnight lock-in on **September 22-23**. We'll meet at church on Friday night at 6pm; pickup time is Saturday morning at 8am. Parents, join us as chaperones, or help out with dinner or breakfast!

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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Kids' Place Family Coffee

Kids' Place (preschool and younger) children and their parents are invited to a special coffee hour on **Sunday, September 24, after the 10am service** in the Kids' Place rooms. Come meet the membership committee and get to know your fellow parents.

— Rev. Catherine Healy

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High School Youth Group

After the fall camping trip, the first high school youth group gathering of the year will be **Sunday, September 24, from 6:45-8pm**. Join us for games, worship, and a cookout! — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Wellesley Turkey Trot

Remember how much fun the Wellesley Turkey Trot was last year? We are organizing a team from St. Andrew's again this fall, and you and your family are invited to join! Runners and walkers alike are invited to join us **Thanksgiving morning, November 23** (3 miles/5K for teens and adults, less than 1 mile for children under age 10). Registration is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, with all

proceeds donated to fight cancer and help end hunger. We will post a link directly from our website next week, or you can look for the link in the e-Pistle.

— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Italian Pilgrimage

A subcommittee of our adult formation and learning committee continues to meet as we plan our Italian pilgrimage. We will be traveling to Italy **on Monday, May 14** and returning **Friday, May 25, 2018**. We will be visiting Rome, Assisi, and Florence. We anticipate that parishioners will be able to sign up for the trip in early October. Please email me if you are considering joining the pilgrimage and haven't contacted me yet. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

- margaret@standrewswellesley.org

Join the Altar Guild

We happily welcome any member of the church who would be interested in joining us "doing God's dishes" or "setting the props for the show." The time commitment is low (generally one service a month), but the rewards (and fellowship) are great. New members work alongside experienced members as they train, and there is much flexibility to work around your schedule. For more information, please contact Cynthia Scott

- cc.scott@verizon.net or Laura Brown MacKinnon • laura@brown-mackinnon.com

Become a Church School Teacher

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

- susan@standrewswellesley.org

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

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

- kate@standrewswellesley.org

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

- kate@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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Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am & 10am. The 5pm service will resume on September 10. 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** resumes on September 7 and has rehearsals Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** will restart on September 10 and has rehearsal Sundays at 9am.
- **Parish Office** hours for August are Monday through Friday, 9am to 12pm. In September, the hours will return to 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, August 27

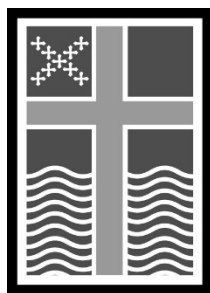
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Sunday, September 3

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