

Fourth Sunday in Lent March 11, 2018

Prelude Canson in d minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 620 "Jerusalem my happy home"

Land of Rest

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue BCP p. 350

The Confession p. 352

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal) William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven

to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take

away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses

made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Richard Farrant

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
 from the east and from the west,
 from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * they were af flicted be cause of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * and he de livered them from their dis tress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving * and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have

been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 474 "When I survey the wondrous cross"

Rockingham

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Sermon Rev. Catherine Healy

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.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem God so loved the world

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,

That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,

But have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,

But that the world through Him might be saved.

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

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP p. 361

Sanctus S128 (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)

Mason Martens

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 Hear my prayer

Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

O Lord, please hear my prayer,

In the morning when I rise.

It's your servant bound for glory.

O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

O Lord, please hear my prayer, Keep me safe within Your arms.

It's your servant bound for glory.

O dear Lord, please hear my prayer.

When my work on earth is done, And you come to take me home.

Just to know I'm bound for glory.

And to hear you say well done.

Done with sin and sorrow, have mercy, mercy. Amen.

Communion Hymn 337 "And now, O Father, mindful of the love"

Unde et memores

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 495 "Hail, thou once despised Jesus"

In Babilone

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)



Please join us for refreshments following the 10am service, hosted today by Kathryn Condon.

We offer special prayers in loving memory of Iames Beattie Tedesco.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild D.D. Alexander, Dell Beggs, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Jean Childs, Elizabeth Clarke, Cynthia Scott, Carol Sullivan, and Liz Tecca

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Donna Kell Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Elizabeth Robbins-Cole, Miles Olivetti, Scott Sawyer, and Annika Svedlund Chalice Bearers Al Bornemann, Joanna Horobin, Ann Johnson, and Margaret Zusky Greeters Linda & John McCammond Lay Readers Nora Tracy Phillips, Randy Parker, and Madison Riley Ushers David Boghosian, Giles Boland, Tim Phillips, Calvin Place, Bill Wiberg, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Cape & Islands Deanery
Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown
St. John's Church, Sandwich
St. David's Church, South Yarmouth
Grace Church, Vineyard Haven
Ministries with the Aging



About the Readings

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

Numbers 21:4-9 This reading describes the incident that the evangelist John uses to understand the healing power of Christ's death on the cross. For their lack of faith in God's power to provide food for them on their wilderness journey, the people are punished by poisonous serpents. When the people admit their sinfulness and seek God's forgiveness through Moses' intercession, God provides an outward sign—the bronze serpent—that when looked upon unleashed God's life-giving power.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 This psalm encourages those whom God has rescued to give praise (vv. 1-3). Verses 17-22 recall God's healing in time of illness.

Ephesians 2:1-10 This letter was probably first circulated as an encyclical letter to a number of churches in Asia Minor. Chapter 1 centers upon the privileges of the believer's new life in Christ. Today's reading focuses on the process of restoration. God alone takes the initiative. In verses 8-10, there is a double aspect to salvation. It begins with "grace" (v. 5) and results in "good works" (v. 10). Faith is here a gift from God, not something we do. Works

are required, but not as a prerequisite. The living out of the Christian life is not the cause of salvation, but its effect. Faith must always lead to good works.

John 3:14-21 Today's reading is taken from the first of John's lengthy expositions of Jesus' teachings. This discourse as a whole (3:1-21) moves from the work of the Spirit (3:3-8) to that of the Son (3:11-15) to that of the Father (3:16-21). Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night because of his interest in the signs Jesus has performed. Jesus seeks to draw him past these outward manifestations to a recognition of their inward significance. The lifting up of the Son of Man points to his exaltation on the cross and in the resurrection and ascension; for John, these are one single act of glorification, offering believers eternal life by participation in God's life. Verse 16, one of the most familiar verses of scripture, succinctly describes God's goal—to offer eternal life, God's motivation—love for the world, and God's strategy—giving the Son. Jesus has become the watershed for life, both now and in the future. Those who reject Jesus face condemnation in the

day of judgment, and they live now in darkness and fear. Those who believe "in the name of the only Son of God" (v. 18)

have escaped future condemnation, enjoy the promise and reality of eternal life, and live in light and truth.



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!

Informal Service

Our next informal service will be **tonight**, **March 11**, at **5pm** in the **parish hall**.

It will be followed by a potluck supper. The service is aimed at both young and old and includes an informal liturgy, contemporary music, a discussion instead of a sermon, and Holy Communion. The service is about 45 minutes long. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Potluck Dinner

Put your green on and join us after the **5pm** informal service **tonight**, **March 11**, for a St. Patrick's potluck dinner, hosted by the fellowship committee. Corned beef and cabbage (so delicious!) will be served in the parish hall, so please bring a salad or dessert to share. All ages welcome! — Jennifer Sawyer • jennysawyer10@gmail.com

Our Lenten Outreach Project

During Lent, we are raising funds and collecting toiletries for the Salvation Army. The collection will support ministries with poor and homeless families in the Framingham area. Mite boxes are available in the narthex.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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9am Christian Learning What is truth?

When Jesus stands before Pilate, the two exchange some intense words. Join us **today** in **Room 2** for a bible study on John 18:25-40 as Lent deepens and we move closer to Holy Week. All are welcome.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Lenten Program & Potluck

Mark your calendars for *Forgiveness: The Way to New Life*. This week we will hear from Rabbi Rachel Saphire. We provide the entrée and you bring a salad or dessert. Our potluck starts at **6pm**, and the program is from **6:45pm** to **7:30pm**. Join us for the last of the series on **Wednesday**, **March 21**.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

Confirmation prep and youth group will next meet **today**, **March 11**. Confirmation prep meets from **5 to 6:30pm**, and high school youth group from **6:45 to 8pm**. All youth are welcome. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Book Circle

The Book Circle will meet on **Monday**, **March 12**, at **7pm**, in the **Harvey Room**. We will discuss *Reservoir 13* by Jon McGregor. All are welcome to join us! —Betsy Millane

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Bible Circle

Bible Circle will meet on the morning of **Tuesday, March 13,** at **10:30 am** in the **Harvey Room** and the evening of **Tuesday, March 13,** at **7 pm** in **Room 2** (class is an hour). The theme for this year is the *Gospel of John: A Cosmic Perspective*. We will read and discuss Chapter 13: 1-20, and Chapter 17: 1-26. All are welcome to join our lively and informative discussions. For more information and the schedule for the year, please see the bulletin board outside Margaret's office. Margarethe Kulke • mnbkulke@verizon.net

St. Andrew's Forum: Gun Violence

The next St. Andrew's Forum will meet on **Sunday, March 18,** at **11:30am** in the **Harvey Room**. The topic will be the question of guns in our society in light of the school shooting in Florida and the conversation will be facilitated by Paul Merry. The forums provide an opportunity for parishioners to listen to one another and express their opinions on pressing current affairs issues in the context of our shared Christian faith and our commitment to one another as part of the St. Andrew's church family. All are invited. — Paul Merry

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Need a Babysitter or Odd Job-Doer?

Consider hiring a teen or young adult from

St. Andrew's. The list can be obtained in church on Sunday or by emailing Catherine Healy • catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Scout Sunday

We will celebrate Scout Sunday on **Sunday**, **March 18**, at the **10am** service. Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts of all ages (including adult leaders) are invited to wear their Scouting uniforms to church, and youth involved in Scouting will be invited to come forward for a blessing.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
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My Promise, My Faith Award

Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to earn the My Promise, My Faith award, which requires just a few hours of preparation, followed by attending a meeting on **Sunday**, **March 18**, at **9am** in the **Rite-13 room**. For more details, contact Wendy Barry

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FPM Walkathon

Please join the St. Andrew's team on **Saturday, April 7**, in supporting our outreach partner Family Promise Metrowest. We would love your participation. The walk is three miles long and starts and ends at the Natick Community Senior Center. Registration starts at **8am**. You'll find a button for registration on the VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP page of our website. — Debbie Osborn

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March for Our Lives

On Saturday, March 24, there will be marches all across the country in protest of gun violence. The Cathedral Church of St. Paul and the Diocese of Massachusetts will offer hospitality, respite, and a gathering place beginning at 10am, in partnership with the B-PEACE antiviolence campaign and Episcopal City Mission. Those interested in marching with other Episcopalians should meet at the cathedral by 11:30am. Organizers hope to offer youth-led trainings or other organizing activities, including a B-PEACE postcard-writing campaign to state and federal legislators, corporate decision-makers, and other stakeholders. For more information, or to offer help with planning, contact Rev. H. Mark Smith.

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common cathedral

On Sunday, April 8, we will live out our call to care for the needy by serving and worshipping at *common cathedral*. We will gather in our kitchen at 8:45am to make sandwiches. At 11am we will drive to Boston Common's Brewer Fountain, across from the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's, to serve lunch and share in the outdoor worship service. The congregation is mostly homeless people and the experience can be a powerful opportunity for spiritual growth. Join us by visiting standrewswellesley.org, click on SERVE and SIGN-UP. —Cam McCormick

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Bargain Haul — Volunteers needed!

Our annual rummage sale, Bargain Haul, will be **on Saturday, May 5**. We are in need of volunteers starting **Sunday, April 29**, through the public sale day. Any time you can spare to join in the fun and fellowship is *much needed* and appreciated! Please pitch in even if you only have a few hours free.

- Sunday, April 29, Drop-off: 11:30 to 3pm
- Monday, April 30, Drop-off/Sorting:
 9am to 1pm & 6pm to 8pm
- Tuesday, May 1, Drop-off/Sorting:9am to 1pm
- Wednesday, May 2, Pricing: 9am to 1pm
- Thursday, May 3, Workers Sale: 9am to 11am
- Friday, May 4, Parish Night: 6pm to 8pm
- Saturday, May 5, Public Sale
 8:30am to 12 noon and after.
- Bargain Haul Co-Chairs, Ruthie Klinck
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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 me.

- Suzanne Nystrom
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Partnering with God

2018 Global Mission Summit: workshops, speakers, music, worship, and networking opportunities. *Ground* your missional relationship in God's Mission. *Hear and share* stories of answering God's call, and of including God in your mission relationship. *Learn and share* in best practices on the ground. *Learn* ways to invite others to join your partnership, spreading the "Good News" happening in the world. *Saturday*, *April 21*, *8:30am to 4:30pm* at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 138 Tremont St. Boston. Early registration rates end on March 17. www.diomassglobalmission.org/register

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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Gratitude

Lenten Choral Evening

Many thanks to our music minister, Wardie Mannix, and the senior choir for the wonderful choral evensong last Sunday, March 4. The beauty of the music touched all our souls. In particular many people commented on the sublime *Agnus Dei* set to music by Samuel Barber. We all marveled at the talent of Wardie and the choir to take on such a complex and moving piece with so many parts. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and talented choir and music director.

Evensong Reception

Many thanks to Wendy Haering and Margaret Zusky for organizing the lovely reception following the evensong last Sunday. Thanks also to those who brought delicious appetizers and helped with the set up and take down. The parish hall was happily crowded with folks who came to enjoy company and lovely food after the fabulous service.

Family Promise Metrowest Hosting

Thanks to all who made our families feel so welcome and supported this past hosting opportunity at Village Church: Frances Antonelli, Nancy Braun, Amanda Curtis, Lily Curtis, Heidi Harper, Isabel Lyndon, Jen Martin, Karen McAdams, Cam McCormick, Herb Nolan, Caren Parker, Randy Parker, Carol Shedd, Lynda Sperry, Jess Stanton, Mike Stanton, and Christy West.

Rite-13 5 Wits Trip

Abundant thanks to Ansley Martin, Ingrid Houghton, and Kathy Goehringer for leading the Rite-13 trip to 5 Wits last Sunday. An adventurous time was had by all!

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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** rehearses most Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** has rehearsals 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, March 11

See service schedule above
9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place and Church
School, Rite-13
5pm Confirmation Prep
5pm Informal Service & Potluck
6:45pm Youth Group

Monday, March 12

7pm Book Circle

Tuesday, March 13

10:30am Bible Circle7pm Bible Circle7:30pm Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, March 14

6pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Thursday, March 15

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

Saturday, March 17

1pm Lenten Baking Party

Sunday, March 4

See service schedule above
9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place and Church
School, Rite-13
10am Holy Eucharist and Scouting
Recognition
11am Lenten Bake Sale
11:30am Forum on Gun Violence



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