

Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018

Prelude Joy comes in the morning

James Woodman (b. 1957)

Processional Hymn 448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high"

Deus tuorum militum

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

BCP p. 355

Gloria S 280 Robert Powell

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so

perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian

eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone

The Word of the Lord.

People

Reader

Thanks be to God. Psalm 22:24-30 David Hurd

to Caesarea.

else?" Then Philip began to speak, and

claimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road,

they came to some water; and the eunuch

said, "Look, here is water! What is to pre-

vent me from being baptized?" He com-

manded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down

into the water, and Philip baptized him.

When they came up out of the water, the

Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away;

the eunuch saw him no more, and went

himself at Azotus, and as he was passing

good news to all the towns until he came

on his way rejoicing. But Philip found

through the region, he proclaimed the

starting with this scripture, he pro-

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as sembly; * I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heärt live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow be fore him.

- 27 For kingship be longs to the LORD; *
 he rüles over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the düst fall be fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my des cendants shall serve him; * they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.
- †30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Gradual Hymn 379 "God is Love, let heaven adore him"

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rodney the Mouse

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 "You Are the Light of the World" from Godspell

Stephen Schwartz (b. 1948)

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

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Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p. 369

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 Pilgrim's Hymn

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Even before we call on Your name

Even with darkness sealing us in,

To ask You, O God, We breathe Your name,

When we seek for the words to glorify You, And through all the days that follow so fast,

You hear our prayer; We trust in You;

Unceasing love, O unceasing love, Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace,

Surpassing all we know. Beyond all mortal dream.

Glory to the father,

and to the Son,

Both now and forever,

And unto ages and ages,

And to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Communion Hymn 529 "In Christ there is no East or West" McKee

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 610 "Lord, whose love through humble service" Blaenhafren

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Canzona quarti toni dopo il postcommunio Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)



Flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of the life of

Hannalou & Sam Coco, Thomas & Grace Pine, Carol Thiessen, Martin & Thelma Thiessen

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Margaret Blackwell, Laura Brown MacKinnon, Heidi Harper,
Donna Kell, Margarethe Kulke, Debbie Lorenz,
Linda McCammond, and Cynthia Scott
Flower Guild Ruth Wilson and Anne Manners
Greeters the McAdams family

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Paul Criswell Ushers Jane Givens and Mark Housel

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Lily Nystrom, Gale Bennett, James Bennett,
Hazel Nystrom, and Dillon Salvin

Chalice Bearers David Hamlin, Meg Harris, Paige Manning, and Paul Shackford

Lay Readers Karen Pekowitz, Janet Giele, and Jane Andrews

Ushers Jim Blackwell, David Boghosian, Ian Dwyer,

David Giele, and Herb Manning

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Concord River Deanery
St. John's Chapel, Groton School, Groton
St. Michael's Church, Holliston
St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton
St. Luke's Church, Hudson
Episcopal Church Women



About the Readings

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

Acts 8:26-40 Philip has been presented as evangelist to the despised Samaritans. Now he has been sent to another outsider. Ethiopia in the first century referred to southern Egypt, now the Sudan. The eunuch may have been a Gentile proselyte or a "God-fearer," who accepted much but not all of the Jewish law. As a eunuch, he would have been barred from Jewish worship, although Isaiah prophesied the inclusion of eunuchs. The fourth servant song from Isaiah (Isaiah 52:13–53:12), which becomes the inspiration for the eunuch's inquiries, was central for the early Church's understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection as Christians searched the scriptures to find confirmation of what they had seen to be true.

Psalm 22:24-30 Psalm 22 consists of a lament and a thanksgiving in which the psalmist describes the distress he is suffering and his trust in God. These verses express unwavering confidence in God's saving deeds.

1 John 4:7-21 The author repeats his earlier theme: God's indwelling in the Christian is manifested in love for one another. In this reading, the theme is set in

the context of the nature of God. Love is God's most characteristic activity. But the author's assertion that "God is love" (v. 8) cannot be inverted to include the maxim that "love is God." Much of what we experience as "love" is far from God's love. God's love is not an emotion but an event, made known to us in and through Christ's incarnation and our redemption. Because this love is so intricately tied to Christ, the Christian's mission of love is of necessity a mission of witness. We love one another as a manifestation of God's life in us.

John 15:1-8 Jesus, as Son, the representative of Israel, is "the true vine" (v. 1) who fulfills the calling of Israel. The Father is the vinegrower who "prunes" (v. 2, "trims clean") the branches. Jesus reassures the disciples that they are already "pruned" (v. 3, translated "cleansed" in the NRSV) by his word. For John, Christian life is an active and committed life. There cannot be a living, unproductive branch. Those who do not remain, or abide, are taken away. Those who do abide through prayer bear fruit and show themselves as Jesus' disciples.



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!

Bargain Haul Starts Today!

Bargain Haul kicks off **today**, **April 29**. Please bring your gently used and clean clothes, toys, bric-a-brac, homewares, linens, books and small furniture items to the parish hall starting next Sunday. The Bargain Haul schedule is as follows:

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

Bargain Haul needs many, many volunteers to succeed — Ruthie Klinck

- <u>ruthklinck1@icloud.com</u> Carolyn McCoy
- carolynbmccoy@gmail.com

Grace Knight Babson Performance

The Grace Knight Babson Fund for Religious Education Interfaith Program features biblically inspired performances from children of the many faith communities in Wellesley and surrounding towns. It takes place at the Knight Auditorium on the Babson College campus **today Sunday**, **April 29 at 4pm**. Come and support for our junior choir who will be sharing a short scene from the musical *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz. All are welcome; Free event. — Amanda Kern

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9am Christian Learning Series Letters To A Young Muslim Book \$14

We will be reading and reflecting on the American Muslim experience **today**, **April 29** and **Sunday**, **May 13**. When you read *Letters To A Young Muslim*, by Omar Saif Ghobash, you will engage a beautiful letter a modern Muslim father has written to his two sons. Discover what it means for the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to France to invite his children to become Muslims of the 21st century. We will meet in the Harvey Room. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Class of 2018 Graduates

The names of all St. Andrew's graduates from the Class of 2018 (high school, college, and graduate school) will be listed in the summer edition of The CALL. If you would like your graduate's name on the list, please email me with their name and institution by the end of today, Sunday, April 29. All graduates who have been members of the parish may be included. — Rev. Catherine Healy • catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Men's Book Club

The next meeting of the men's book club will be **Wednesday**, **May 2** at **7:30pm** in the **Harvey Room** to discuss *One Summer: America*, 1927, by Bill Bryson. Refreshments will be served. — Michael Vanin

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A Night to Celebrate El Hogar

Invite your friends and family and join us for live music—featuring the band *Scatter-shot*—dancing, auctions, and food, **Saturday**, **May 5, at 6pm.** Wine, beer, and margaritas available for purchase. Concord scout house 74 Walden St. Tickets \$75. — Heidi Harper

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Holy Communion Prep

Children who would like to learn more about the sacrament of Holy Communion (the Eucharist), or who are preparing to receive Communion for the first time, are invited to bring their parents to an evening of learning and fun with the clergy on Wednesday, May 9, from 5:30 to 7pm. Participants will be honored at the church

service on **Sunday, May 13, at 10am**. To sign up, please contact Rev. Catherine Healy.

• catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Afternoon Tea

The St. Andrew's fellowship committee invites you to celebrate the spring with delicious tea and treats in the parish hall on **Thursday, May 10,** from **2pm** to **4pm**. All members of the parish are welcome! RSVP to Jenny Sawyer

• <u>fellowship@standrewswellesley.org</u> or Pat MacKinnon • 781/400-1755

Parents' Circle

All parents of children ages 0-18 are invited to an adults-only gathering on **Friday**, **May 18**, **at 7pm** at the home of Heather & Sam Schaefer, 113 Hampshire Road in Wellesley. Bring a beverage to share and get to know your fellow parents from St. Andrew's.

- Rev. Catherine Healy
- catherine@standrewswellesley.org

Book Circle

Book Circle will meet on **Monday night**, **May 14**, at **7pm** in the **Harvey Room**. We will be reading *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan and *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* by Thornton Wilder. All are welcome.

- --Betsy Millane 203-804-4520
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Hotel and Airline Toiletries

We are collecting toiletries (soap, lotion, shampoo, and conditioner) that we will deliver to Salvation Army monthly. If you travel, please bring your complimentary toiletries to the back of the church where we are collecting these items. Thank you.

- Tim Phillips
- timphillips59@yahoo.com

Sox Box

Through the generosity of St. Andrew's parishioners, 7951 pairs of socks have been donated to Health Care Without Walls since 2007. Our first yearly donation will be mid-June. I, once again, humbly appeal to your generosity and request socks—new, white men's cotton crew socks, size L or XL.

Many of the homeless are on their feet constantly and most have old shoes which harbor infection. Since changing shoes is not an option for them, changing socks is one of the few ways to help protect their feet. Summer is just around the corner and as we begin to think of sandals and sand, please consider making a difference by participating in this ministry. You may do this by 1. Placing socks in the SOX BOX located outside the library or 2. Sending a check for any amount (with "sox" in the memo), which will be included in your church statement. I'll purchase the socks. Thank you for your continuing generosity. — Donna Kell

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Nametags

Nametags are a great way to get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome. The 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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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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Figure 2.1 Compared Death Livings

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Weekly Calendar

- **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am, 10am, and 5pm and every Wednesday at 7:30am—we offer healing prayer at this service; **Silent Contemplative Prayer** is offered Monday through Friday at 8:45am, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearses most Thursday evenings at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** has rehearsals Sundays at 9am, unless otherwise noted.
- **Parish Office** hours are Monday through Thursday, 9am to 5pm, and Fridays, 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, April 29

See service schedule above
9am Christian Learning Series
9:45am Kids' Place only
11:30pm Bargain Haul Drop-off
4pm Grace Knight Babson

Monday, April 30

9am Bargain Haul Drop-off 6pm Bargain Haul Drop-off

Tuesday, May 1

9am Bargain Haul Drop-off

Wednesday, May2

7pm Pilgrimage Planning 7:30pm Men's Book Club Friday, May 5
6pm Parish Night

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Saturday, May 5 8:30am Bargain Haul

Sunday, May 6

Rogation Sunday
See service schedule above
9am Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers
9:45am Kids' Place, church school,
Rite-13
11:45am Pilgrimage Planning



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