

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 26, 2018

Prelude

Processional Hymn 460 "Alleluia! sing to Jesus"

Hyfrydol

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 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: 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before

you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear

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

the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! * My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; * by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! * they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! * whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, * and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; * and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, * and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; * he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold * from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, * happy are they who put their trust in you!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make

you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 408 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"

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Gospel: John 6:56-69

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are

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

Sermon

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 BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 561 "Stand up, stand up, for Jesus" Morning Light

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 124 David Hurd

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.

Thanksgiving after Communion BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 530 "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word" Gott sei Dank

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for iced tea and lemonade following the 10am service.



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Jo Dermer, Blair Glennon, Wendy Haering, Heidi Harper, Donna Kell, Debbie Lorenz, Linda Reineman, and Beverly Wood

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Margaret Blackwell
Usher Harriet Thompson

Serving at 10am

Chalice Bearers Joe Hamilton, and Meg Harris
Greeters Liz Dean
Lay Readers Joanna Horobin and Karen Pekowitz
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

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43

David's dream for a temple in Jerusalem is now fulfilled by Solomon. Today's readings describe the solemn ceremony of the dedication of the Jerusalem temple, in particular the transfer of the ark of the covenant that was the sacred dwelling place of God and the tangible sign of God's enduring presence with the people. As at the time of the exodus, God's presence is signified by the cloud that fills the temple and reveals God's glory. Solomon's dedication prayer recalls the long relationship of the people with Yahweh and asks that God's promises be fulfilled and that God will continue to be faithful to the people. God's powerful presence will even answer the prayers of foreigners who come to pray in this temple.

Psalm 84 This psalm combines elements of hymn (vv. 1, 10-11), lamentation and intercession (vv. 8-9). It resembles the songs of Zion (found in Psalm 46, 48, 76 and 87) and the pilgrim Songs of Ascent (Psalms 120–124). Likely composed on the

occasion of a pilgrimage to the temple, the psalm express the strength of the psalmist's longing for the temple and the trials and rewards of the journey.

Ephesians 6:10-20 Suddenly, after the quiet consideration of domestic matters (5:21–6:9), today's reading sounds a call to battle. Christians are to "be strong," not from their own resources but by the strength of the Lord that fills them from baptism. Christians are to put on "the whole armor of God" (v. 11) in order to battle the spiritual forces of evil. These are active both in the world and in the supernatural realm, although in Christ's victory the decisive battle is already won (1:20-22; Colossians 2:15). Paul had a strong sense of the world as being under the domination of evil powers. The struggle of Christian freedom is to overcome this evil domination and live under the domination or rule of God. The description of the "whole armor" (vv. 13-17) for Christians to use is drawn from the image of the armor worn by God (Isaiah

59:17) and by the messianic king (Isaiah 11:5). The list here also reflects the equipment of Roman soldiers. The breastplate protected the vital areas of heart and lungs. The half-shoes of the Roman soldier gave a solid stance for combat. The long shield, covered with several layers of leather and soaked in water, was an effective aid even against incendiary darts. The helmet protected the head, and a decorated one denoted victory. The short, straight sword is the only offensive weapon mentioned. Through the word of God (Hosea 6:5; Hebrews 4:12), the Christian can not only defend but make conquests. The setting for the battle is persevering prayer and preaching (Colossians 4:2-4).

John 6:56-69 Today's gospel reading describes the reaction of the large group of disciples following Jesus, and especially of the twelve disciples, to Jesus' words. The question is: To which words in particular are they responding? Overall, the passage returns to the terms of 6:35-50 (Jesus as the word/bread of revelation) rather than continuing the specifically eucharistic theme of 6:51-59. The particular claim that the disciples call a "hard saying" (that is, offensive or difficult, but not in itself obscure) may be the assertion that Jesus is

the bread "come down from heaven" (6:38, 51) to which the Jews have already objected (6:41). This would balance the statement about "ascending where he was before" (3:13). The "flesh (which) is of no avail" is not the eucharistic flesh of Jesus as in 6:51-59, but the flesh (3:6) as the natural principle of frailty which cannot give eternal life. And again, as in 6:35-50, the issue is believing in Jesus, not specifically eating his flesh. The ascension, rather than the suffering, of the Son of man is obliquely prefigured in accordance with the image of the Son of man as a celestial being in Daniel 7. Peter names Jesus "the Holy One of God," that is, one consecrated to God as were Samson (Judges 13:7, 16:17a) and Aaron (Psalm 106:16). For John, this title means the Christ, the anointed one (10:36). The title appears in Mark spoken by a demon (Mark 1:24) and is used by Peter in Acts (Acts 3:14). The harsh words addressed to Peter in Mark and Matthew (Matthew 16:23; Mark 8:33) are in John transferred to Judas (6:70-71).



September Homecoming

Here are some dates to look forward to as the fall season approaches:

Thursday, September 6

Church School Committee Senior Choir

Saturday, September 8

Men's Bible Study

Sunday, September 9

Coffee Hour for 8am Worshipers Junior Choir Kids' Place, Church School, Rite-13 Rite-13 Parents' Coffee Hour

Monday, September 10

Book Circle

Tuesday, September 11

Outreach Committee
Pastoral Care Team Meeting

Wednesday, September 12

Men's Book Club

Thursday, September 13

Altar Guild Meetings

Friday, September 14

Rite-13 Lock-in

Sunday, September 16

Back-to-School Blessing Christian Learning Parish Picnic High School Youth Group

Thursday, September 20

North Hill Eucharist

Sunday, September 23

Kids' Place Coffee Hour Plug Into St. Andrew's Fair

Tuesday, September 25

Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street Cupboard & Café Vestry Meeting

Thursday, September 27

Stewardship Committee

Sunday, September 30

Blessings of the Animals Family Promise Hosting Week



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

Please plan to attend the annual All-Parish Picnic at the home of Luisa Hunnewell after the 10am service on Sunday, September 16! As always, we count on many volunteers to make this event a success. Please consider signing up for a shift or donating a baked good or both! Visit the St. Andrew's website and click SERVE, then SIGN-UP. — Jenny Sawyer• jennysawyer10@gmail.com

Register for Children's Programs

Please sign up your kids for children's and youth ministries (including Kids' Place, church school, Rite-13, confirmation prep, and youth group) **by Friday, August 31**. Visit the St. Andrew's website and click SERVE, then SIGN-UP. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Junior Choir—New Singers Welcome

The junior choir's first rehearsal for the 2018-19 season will be on **Sunday**, **September 9**, at **9am** in the **parish hall**. All young parishioners in grades K-8 are welcome and invited to sing with us. — Amanda Kern

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Acolyte Program

Youth in grades 8-12 are invited to become acolytes in Sunday worship. Training for new acolytes will be **Sunday**, **September 9** at **11:30am**. If you are interested in becoming an acolyte and can attend the training please contact Jen Olivetti • jenolivetti@gmail.com

Parent Survey

All parents of children in infancy through high school are encouraged to take a brief survey on St. Andrew's ministries with children and youth. We want to hear your opinion and implement your advice! To take the survey, check your email, contact me, or visit the St. Andrew's website and click LEARN, then CHILDREN. — Rev. Catherine Healy

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Book Circle

Book Circle will meet on **Monday, September 10 at 7pm in the Harvey Room** to discuss *The Hiding Place*, by Corrie Ten Boom. Please join us for lively conversation, perspective, and friendship. — Betsy Millane

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Men's Book Club

The men's book club will meet on Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30pm in the Harvey Room to discuss *The Great Bridge: The Epic Story of the Building of the Brooklyn Bridge*, by David McCullough. Refreshments will be served. — Michael Vanin

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9am Christian Learning Series

Our 9am Christian Learning Series will begin on **Sunday**, **September 16**, **in Room 2**. We hold adult classes every Sunday of the month except the first Sunday, when our 8am service hosts a coffee hour. Please stay tuned; our fall schedule of specific classes will be published in early September.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Bible Circles

Our Bible Circles will resume on the morning of **Tuesday**, **October 9**, at **10:30am** and the evening of **Wednesday**, **October 10**, at **7pm.** Each class lasts for an hour. This year, we will read and discuss Isaiah, one of scripture's most important prophetic books. More information will be in future Sunday bulletins and on the bulletin board outside of Margaret's office. All are welcome to join our lively and informative discussions.

- Margarethe Kulke
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Firearms Safety Task Force

The Firearms Safety Task Force is a group of St Andrew's parishioners who have come together to learn, educate and identify possible action steps for interested parishioners on this topic of much concern. The next meeting will be on **Sunday**, **September 23** at **11:30am** in the **Harvey Room** and is open to all.

— Jane Andrews • <u>jmlandrews@gmail.com</u>

Interfaith Bowling!

UU Wellesley has challenged other local churches to join in some interfaith bowling to meet people from all the local houses of worship. St Andrew's has taken up the challenge! We have a team of 6 and would like a few alternates. Please contact me if interested. — Heidi Harper

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"Refreshing" the Parish Prayer List

Praying for our loved ones at times of need is a central part of our worship and church life. We would like to remind you that at the beginning of every month, we "refresh" the prayer list. We remove names of people for whom we have been asked to pray if we have not heard that you wish us to keep your loved one on the list for the next month. We are happy to keep people on the list for as long as they are in need of our prayers. However, our proactive approach helps prevent a buildup of people on the list after the need for our prayers for that person has passed. Thanks for your help with this.

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole • <u>adrian@stan-drewswellesley.org</u>

Coffee Hour Hosts

Foster our sense of community!

Coffee hour following the 10am service is hosted by volunteers. New hosts will be paired with an experienced co-host to acquaint you with the process. You can host alone, with a friend, with your family, or we will set you up with a co-host. Coffee hour is a great opportunity for parishioners to better get to know one another, connect, and reconnect. Please sign up visiting the St. Andrew's website and clicking SERVE, then SIGN-UP, or notifying Hillary Madge • hillary@alum.mit.edu

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 Laura Brown MacKinnon • laura@brown-mackinnon.com or Elizabeth Parsons • epparsons@mac.com

Social Media

St. Andrew's has been using social media for a while. We have an Instagram and a Twitter account both at the same address: **@StAsWellesley**, and we have a Facebook account: **@StAndrewsWellesley**. We encourage you to find and follow us on any or

all of these platforms. Have fun. Spread the word. Post pics from your meetings and work here at church. We want to see what you are doing. — Katharine Clark

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Sox Box Donations and Thanks!

Twice a year for over ten years, St. Andrew's has gifted socks to homeless women and families: we have donated 8,453 pairs of socks to date! Our June gift to Health Care Without Walls was 502 pairs. Please remember this is a year-round ministry: we will stock-pile socks for our December delivery and the Sox Box awaits your donations. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do. — Donna Kell

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Wellesley Turkey Trot 2018: Team St. Andrew's

It isn't too early to join Team St. Andrew's for our Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot. Last year, our team ranged in age from 7 to 75, and we won the "Biggest Team" trophy, which sits proudly in my office. Sign up this year by visiting the St. Andrew's home page and scrolling to the Turkey Trot post. Then, under the blue "Team Registration Style" banner, choose "Join a Team" and choose "St. Andrew's, Wellesley." I'm also happy to help people sign up in my office after church. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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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.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole 603/831-4938
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Gratitude

Summer flowers

Many thanks to the parishioners who have volunteered to water the church gardens over the summer. We are really grateful for the time you have taken from your busy schedules to help keep our church gardens alive and beautiful during the dry summer months.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on Sundays at 8am and 10am services. 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, unless otherwise noted. *The 5pm Sunday service will resume on September 9*.
- Senior Choir rehearsal restarts on Thursday, September 6 at 7:30pm, and Sunday, September 9 at 9am; Junior Choir rehearsal restarts Sunday, September 9 at 9am.
- Parish Office hours in August are Monday through Friday, 9am to 12pm. In September, office 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 26

See service schedule above

Tuesday, August 28

5pm Dinner Volunteers at Pearl Street Cupboard & Café 7:30pm Vestry Meeting Sunday, September 2

See service schedule above

Monday, September 3

Parish Office Closed

