

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 11, 2018

Prelude "Nimrod" from Enigma Variations

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

arr. Alan Ridout

Processional Hymn 594 "God of grace and God of glory"

Cwm Rhondda

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Bles

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 278

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose

young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and

go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Psalm 127 John Goss

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
 their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; * vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, * and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior * are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
 he shall not be put to shame
 when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation

of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 656 "Blest are the pure in heart"

Franconia

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into

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

the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Sermon

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem So they gave their body to the Commonwealth Peter Aston (1938-2013)

So they gave their bodies to the commonwealth and received praise that will never die, and a home in the minds of men. Their story lives on without visible symbol, woven into the stuff of other men's lives.

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

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus S 127

BCP p. 361

Fraction Anthem S 151

Calvin Hampton

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 Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you.

Deep peace of the flowing air to you.

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.

Deep peace of the gentle night to you.

Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.

Deep peace of Christ, of Christ the light of the world to you.

Deep peace of Christ to you.

Communion Hymn 712 "Dona nobis pacem, pacem"

Dona nobis pacem

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 307 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

Bryn Calfaria

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Jerusalem

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)

Please join us for coffee hour after the 10am service today,

hosted by Linda & Peter Lull.



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

Frances Hadden, Herbert G. Hill, William S. Stewart, and Anne Marie Washburn & Robert Minot Knowles.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild D.D. Alexander, Dell Beggs, Terri Burnell, Jean Childs, Elizabeth Clarke, Caren Parker, Cynthia Scott, Carol Sullivan, and Liz Tecca

Flower Guild Katie Barrack and Debbie Lorenz

Serving at 8am

Lay Reader/Chalice Bearer Paul Criswell Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Elizabeth Robbins-Cole, Scott Sawyer, Miles Olivetti,
Annika Svedlund, and Sterling Williams

Chalice Bearers Adams Carroll, Eliot Heher, Paul Shackford, and Margaret Zusky
Greeters Jack & Jill Whiting
Lay Readers Eliot Heher, Joe Hamilton, and Janet Giele

Ushers David Boghosian, Giles Boland, Tim Phillips, Larry Scott, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Taunton River Deanery
All Saints' Church, Attleboro
Trinity Church, Bridgewater
Grace Chapel, Brockton

Commission on Ministry Leadership Development Initiative



About the Readings

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

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Despite being a foreigner in Israel, Ruth's faithfulness to her mother-in-law Naomi demonstrates that belonging to God's kingdom is granted, not on the basis of ancestry, but on that of devotion to God. In the first part of today's reading, Naomi responds to Ruth's fidelity by desiring to find a husband for her, specifically her kinsman Boaz. So she hatches a scheme that will bring Ruth and Boaz together. The second part of the reading describes the happy ending as Ruth and Boaz marry and conceive a son who is named Obed. The elders of the village offer their blessings and recognize Ruth's value to Naomi. The author ends by affirming her importance to the covenant people for her greatgrandson will be King David.

Psalm 127 This psalm reflects on two proverbs (1-2 and 3-5) praising God's work in establishing households and families. Human groups do not simply prosper by our human efforts, but require the gift of God for continued life and happiness.

Hebrews 9:24-28 This reading stresses the superiority of Jesus' sacrificial work to that of the Jewish high priest's. Jesus' work excels the other work by where, when and how it takes place. It is presented in the presence of God, not in an earthly temple. It is not made repeatedly but "once for all at the end of the age" (v. 26). His offering is definitive and unique, as final as death. And his offering is himself, not the "blood of goats and calves" (9:12). His continuing work is not a continual self-offering but the continual representation of and intercession for humanity.

Mark 12:38-44 This reading ends the series of Jerusalem controversy stories that conclude Jesus' public teaching. Although Jesus related positively to some scribes or scripture scholars, today's sayings indicate his inevitable breach with their general approach. This reaction was especially significant in the light of the clash of the early Church with a Judaism grown defensive after the fall of the temple.

Hypocrisy and oppression among the scribes will "receive the greater condemnation" (v. 40) since they should know better. The sayings are linked to the story following—that of the widow and her gift—by the word widow (vv. 40, 42).

Her self-giving is also a comment on the self-serving of the scribes. The widow gives out of her need rather than out of her surplus, offering her emptiness to God—an emptiness that indicates her capacity to be filled.



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!

Bring a Friend to Church Next Week for St. Andrew's Day!

We encourage you to invite your friends or neighbors to church on St. Andrew's Day, **Sunday, November 18**. This will be a wonderful occasion to give your friends a joyful glimpse into the life of our parish. We encourage everyone to WEAR RED and, as is our tradition, a bagpiper will pipe us in and out of the service. — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

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Shortbread on St. Andrew's Day Sunday, November 18, we will celebrate St. Andrew's Day with shortbread at coffee hour. Traditional or creative, all shortbreads are welcome. Please bring your creations (home-made or purchased) to the parish hall prior to the 10am service. — Hillary Madge

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Pledging for 2019

Thank you to all who have sent in pledges for the 2019 Stewardship Campaign. The results are very encouraging, but we still have a ways to go to meet our target. If you have not yet pledged, please do so as soon as possible so we can finalize our 2019 budget. You

can send in a pledge form by mail, put one in the plate, or pledge on the GIVE tab of our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me, a member of the stewardship campaign, the wardens, or the rector. — Allen Jones

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Faith & Practice: Practicing Anger

How does anger fit into a religious life? When is it righteous? When is it toxic? Hear a practical perspective and share your own experiences of anger in a faithful life. Join us today, Sunday, November 11 from 11:30am to 12:15pm in the Harvey Room. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer • margaret@standrewswellesley.org

St. Stephen's Holiday Dinners

In today's bulletin you will find an envelope labeled "Holiday Dinners." This collection helps us provide 60+ bags of Thanksgiving meal fixings and Christmas gift boxes for seniors, among other things, for those at St. Stephen's Church in Boston. Make checks payable to St. Andrew's, with "Holiday Dinners" in the memo. — Heidi Harper

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Rite-13 Pie Baking

All Rite-13 (grades 6-7) youth are invited to bake apple pies for the Wellesley Food Pantry today, Sunday, November 11, from 3 to 5pm in the parish hall. Please bring a bag of apples, a package of two pie crusts, a disposable aluminum pan, and corers, peelers, or paring knives to share. — Rev. Catherine Healy • catherine@standrewswellesley.org

9am Christian Learning

Join us today, Sunday, November 11 at 9am in Room 2 to reflect on *The Seven Gifts Of The Holy Spirit*. Church tradition tells us that there are seven spiritual gifts from the Spirit that we are meant to make our own: join us to learn about them and reflect on their strengths. On Sunday, November 18 and Sunday, November 25, The Reverend Dr. James Weiss will join us for his presentations on the Vatican Council and the Protestant Reformation. — Rev. Margaret K. Schwarzer

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Firearm Safety Task Force

Did You Know: Massachusetts has a legal mechanism for dealing with persons whose behavior indicates their access to firearms poses a threat to their own safety or that of others. The "red flag" law authorizes a district court judge to order surrender of firearms if, after hearing the evidence, he or she finds that there is a serious risk to public safety. Forms for requesting court intervention are available on line or at any district court. For more see www.mass.gov/extreme-risk-protection-orders. Wellesley is covered by Dedham District Court.

Parishioners here are meeting regularly to discuss responses to the tragically ongoing killings by firearms around our country. If you would like to receive emails reporting on the task force's work and possible activities, please send an e-mail to Paul Merry

paul.merry@fairworkplace.net or Jane
 Andrews • <u>imlandrews@gmail.com</u>

Bible Circle: Isaiah

Bible Circle will meet on the morning of **Tuesday, November 13, at 10:30 am** in the **Harvey Room,** and the evening of **Wednesday, November 14, at 7 pm** in **Room 2**. This year, our topic is the book of Isaiah, one of the most important prophetic books in Judaism and Christianity. In it, the prophet calls God's people to lead a life of service and honor. At our November meeting, we will read and discuss Chapters 6 and 7. All are welcome to join our lively and informative sessions for one or more meetings. Please bring your Bible although we do have Oxford Annotated Bibles to share.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Confirmation Prep & Youth Group

Confirmation prep and youth group will next meet on **Sunday**, **November 18**, with eighth-grade confirmation prep 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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Advent Calendar Making

The church school committee invites all ages to join in making Advent calendars on **Sunday, November 18**, at **11:30am** in **Room 2**. Children should bring their parents for this family activity. — Heather Schaefer

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Consider Honduras Next Summer

Plans are underway in the outreach committee to take a team of young people and adults to El Hogar in early **August 2019**. Please attend an information session on **Sunday, November 18,** at **11:30am** in the **Harvey Room** if interested. Attendance does not commit you to the trip. The team can be as big as 15 people. Youth travelers must have completed grade nine by June 2019. Come and learn more about El Hogar and its mission to transform the lives of children born into extreme poverty—and how you can be part of that work in a "hands on" way. Contact Becky Taylor

- <u>beckyt21@verizon.net</u> or Steve Taylor
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Wellesley Turkey Trot 2018: Team St. Andrew's

Consider joining Team St. Andrew's for the **Thanksgiving Day** Turkey Trot. Sign up by following the link on the front page of our website. Choose "Join a Team" under the blue "Team Registration Style" banner, then choose "St. Andrew's, Wellesley." I'm also happy to help people sign up after church.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Informal Service & Potluck

Our next informal service will be on **Sunday, November 25, at 5pm**, focusing on thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives. A potluck dinner will follow. A main dish will be provided; bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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Family Promise Metrowest

Four times a year, St. Andrew's volunteers of all ages help to feed and host homeless families as they spend evenings and overnights at Village Church for a week. Our next hosting week runs from November 25 to December 1. Volunteers who have completed the orientation OR those interested in learning more and going to the orientation may sign up by visiting the St. Andrew's website and clicking on SERVE and then on VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP. Questions? — Heidi Harper • heidiharper73@gmail.com OR Debbie Osborn • debbieosborn@verizon.net

Advent Lessons & Carols

All are invited to our annual Advent Lessons & Carols Service on **Sunday, December 9 at 5pm**: a candlelight reception will follow. — Wardie Mannix

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Gathering of the Greens

Join us in gathering greens, rain or shine, on **Saturday, December 1**, at **9:30am** at the home of Luisa Hunnewell, 845 Washington Street, Wellesley. Bags will be provided; bring your own gloves and clippers. Afterward, join us in the parish hall for hot chocolate. — Christine Beach

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Advent Wreath Making

Join us **Sunday**, **December 2**, **after the 10am service** in the parish hall to help us transform our greens into beautiful Advent wreaths. Wreath frames and candles will be available for purchase, or feel free to bring your own! — Christine Beach

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Christmas Pageant Signups

All children and youth are invited to join in the Christmas pageant. Auditions and rehearsals are as follows:

- Sunday, December 2, 11:15am:
 Auditions for speaking roles
- **Sunday, December 9, 11:15am:** Rehearsal for speaking roles
- Saturday, December 15, 9:40am to 12pm:
 Rehearsal for all participants
- **Sunday, December 16, 9am:** Participants gather for 10am pageant!
- Amanda Kern
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Advent Taizé-style Service

Please join us on **Sunday, December 2 from 5:45 to 6:30pm** in our main sanctuary, for mystery, silence, and flickering candles in Advent. This service is shaped by the worship of the monastic Christian community in Taizé (www.taize.fr), France, and is offered instead of our regular 5pm service that evening. All are welcome. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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Blue Christmas Service

Sometimes Advent and Christmas are full of joy and soulful satisfaction; in other years, we find ourselves in the midst of loss, disappointment, or illness. If you, or someone you care about, has had a hard year, and you are longing to make room for the Spirit of God in a time of struggle or loss, please join us on **Wednesday**, **December 19 from 6:30pm to 7:15pm.** We will rest in the promise of Christ, remembering that even in times of sorrow, God's love and grace can find us and support us. This service will be held in the Children's Chapel. All are welcome.

- Rev. Margaret Schwarzer
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Sox Box

Twice a year, in **June** and **November**, for over 10 years, St. Andrew's parishioners have generously provided socks for homeless women and their families. Since 2007 we have donated 8,453 pairs of socks! As we step towards the cold and wet of winter, we have the option of warm and weather resistant boots. Our marginalized citizens do not. Hence, changing socks and washing and drying them at the shelters becomes paramount. Please be a part of this vital outreach endeavor as it is one small way for each of us to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than we. Feed the "Sox Box" outside the library with men's white crew socks, size L or XL or send a check to St. Andrew's with "Sox" in the memo line. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Online Giving Available

Electronic giving is offered on our website under the GIVE tab to make pledge payments (one-time or recurring) and special contributions (e.g., memorial flowers, outreach). Creating a profile only takes a moment, and you can make changes to your donations as well as view and print your donation history. We hope you will take advantage of this convenient feature on our website.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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First Aid Kits

We have first aid kits in all the church school classroom and both kitchens. We also have a large first aid kit in the acolytes changing room. If you are in need of emergency medicine, you should of course call 911, but feel free to use the first aid kits for minor cuts and scrapes a needed.

- Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole
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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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Gratitude

B-READY Meals

Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers who made a meal for B-READY at St. Stephen's. These willing helpers and cooks made a terrific hot meal on Sunday, November 4 and delivered it: Christine Beach, Heidi Harper, Ansley Martin, Elizabeth Martin, Debbie Osborn, and Karen Pekowitz. St. Stephen's youth programs are very grateful!

Diocesan Convention Delegates

Thank you to Paige Manning and Mary Scanlon who were the lay delegates representing St. Andrew's at the Diocesan Convention last Saturday, November 3. They accompanied the clergy to the daylong annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts. At the convention, the Bishop outlined the progress of the diocesan strategic plan and the diocesan budget was approved.

Newcomers' Brunch

Many thanks to Suzanne Nystrom and her membership committee team for hosting a wonderful Newcomers' Brunch last Sunday. The brunches are a great opportunity for newcomers to make personal connections with existing members and other newcomers, and to learn more about our parish's programs and ministries. It was a lovely and lively occasion with new members, new families, and a new student from Wellesley College all enjoying a meal together. Our dessert included sugar cookies and chocolate chip cookies baked by children from our congregation and some delicious shortbread.

Vestry

Adult Formation Peter Fergusson

Clerk Sarah Harris

Communications Peter Lull

Fellowship Jenny Sawyer

Finance Alan Joachim

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Membership Suzanne Nystrom

Outreach Heidi Harper

Property Jim Blackwell

Stewardship Allen Jones

Treasurer Arnout Eikeboom

Wardens Michael Vanin

David Hamlin

Worship Cynthia Scott

Youth Formation Ien Martin

Staff

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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Weekly 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 also offered weekdays at 8:45am, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on Thursdays at 7:30pm, and Sundays at 9am; **Junior Choir** rehearsal is on 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, November 11

See service schedule above
9am Christian Learning
9:45pm Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
11:30am Faith & Practice
3pm Rite-13 Pie Baking

Monday, November 12

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, November 13

10:30am Bible Circle7:30pm Outreach Committee

Wednesday, November 14

7pm Bible Circle

Thursday, November 15

11am Holy Eucharist at North Hill

Saturday, November 17

11am Baptism

Sunday, November 18

St. Andrew's Day observed
See service schedule above
9am Christian Learning
9:45pm Kids' Place, Church School,
Rite-13
11:30am Advent Calendar Making
11:30am St. Stephen's Thanksgiving
Food Bag Packing
11:30am Consider Honduras Meeting
5pm Confirmation Prep
6:45pm High School Youth Group

