



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 26, 2021

Please note, we are live streaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 7 "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Ratisbon

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355 (top)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

BCP p. 355

S 277 Gloria (front section of hymnal) *Gloria in excelsis*

David Hurd

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen

Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor,

O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at

Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 If the LORD had not ^{been} on our ^{side}, *
let ^{Israel} ^{nöw} say;
- 2 If the LORD had not ^{been} on our ^{side}, *
when ^{enemies} rose ^{up} a ^{gainst} us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us ^{up} a ^{live} *
in ^{their} fierce ^{anger} toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have ^{over} ^{whelmed} us *
— ^{and} the ^{torrent} gone ^{over} us;

- 5 Then would the ¹raging ¹waters *
 have ¹göne ¹right ¹over us.
- 6 Blessèd ¹be the ¹LORD! *
 he has not given us over to be a ¹prèy ¹for their ¹teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the ¹snare of the ¹fowler; *
 the snare is ¹broken, and ¹we have es¹caped.
- 8 Our help is in the ¹Name of the ¹LORD, *
 the ¹maker of ¹heaven and ¹earth.

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and

effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate"

Munich

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of

power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you

put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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 of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Teach me, O Lord*

Thomas Atwood (1765-1838)

text psalm 119 vs, 33

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

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

Old 100th

Eucharistic Prayer A

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S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Richard Proulx

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S 151 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) *Christ our Passover*

David Hurd

Ushers will direct the congregation during communion, starting from the rear of the church. Please kneel or stand at one of the yellow markers on the rail so social distancing can be maintained. Families are welcome to receive communion together at one of the yellow markers. You have the choice of receiving a traditional wafer or a packaged container of bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are welcome to receive communion.

Communion Anthem *O salutaris Hostia*

Edward Elgar (1857-1943)

*O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of Heaven to us below;
Our foes press hard on every side;
Thine aid supply; thy strength bestow.*

*To thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three.
Oh, grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with thee. Amen.*

Communion Hymn 309 “O Food to pilgrims given O”

Welt, ich muss dich lassen

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 344 “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in a minor*

J.S. Bach

Please join for the fellowship immediately following the service on the patio.

If this is your first time at St. Andrew’s — Welcome!



We’re glad you found us. Please look for someone from our membership committee during fellowship to welcome you and answer questions you may have. Please also feel free to use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



We offer special prayers in loving memory of

The family of Edward L. Anthony: Ted, Connie, Vicki, Richard and Ralph O. West, Remembered by Mimi West

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Laura Brown MacKinnon, Erica Gelser, Heidi Harper, and Liz Parsons,
Altar Flowers Katie Barrack and Debbie Lorenz

Serving at 8am

Usher Harriet Thompson

Serving at 10am

Greeters the MacArthur family

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Elspeth Grant Pruett and Joanna Horobin

Lay Readers Jen Martin, Karen Pekowitz, and Elspeth Grant Pruett

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

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the North Shore Deanery

Grace Church, Salem

St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem

Christ Church, South Hamilton

Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott

Trinity Church, Topsfield



About the Readings

Esther 7:1-6,9-10; 9:20-22 The book of Esther, named after the Jewish heroine who, together with her uncle Mordecai, saves her people by foiling the murderous plot of Haman, an official in the Persian empire, which controlled the fate of Israel after the exile. Because the Jew Mordecai would not do homage to him, Haman plotted his death and the death of all the Jews in the Persian empire. Today's reading tells how Esther reveals Haman's plot to the Persian King and how the King orders Haman to be hanged on the same gallows that he had constructed to execute Mordecai. The memory of Esther's triumph is the basis for the Jewish feast of Purim (the word for "lots," since through Esther the lot or fate of Jews was reversed from destruction to deliverance). It is celebrated with much merriment and feasting.

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.

James 5:13-20 James concludes his book with a final instruction to pray. Every occasion of life is an opportunity for prayer. Prayer must be both private and communal. It builds on the individual's relationship with the Lord and it intensifies the individual's relationships with others. The author underscores the power of prayer to affect the will of God by reminding his readers about Elijah, who prayed according to God's instructions and controlled nature. The letter closes with an encouragement to believers to be their brothers' and sisters' keepers. James recognizes that it is entirely possible to "wander from the truth" (v. 19). The language of "wandering" recalls the sheep who goes astray; Christians are called to shepherd one another, gently leading each other to the saving work of Jesus..

Mark 9:38-50 This reading comes from a passage that consists of a series of Jesus' sayings on a variety of subjects. They do not follow a logical sequence but are grouped by the occurrence of a catchword, thus allowing easier memorization of the material for oral transmission. The first section (9:37-41) is centered around the words "(in) the name (of Christ)." The incident of the unauthorized exorcist echoes the story of Eldad and Medad (Numbers 11:26-29). The disciples were jealous of their special relationship with Jesus, but Jesus acknowledges that a relationship with him comes through sharing his work and appealing to his authority. The next section (9:42-49) is linked to the previous one by the phrase "one of these little ones" (v. 42) and is

held together by the word used for sin, literally "stumble or scandalize." The first verse of this section (9:42) addresses the situation of being an occasion of sin to other believers, especially new or weak disciples. The rest of the section concerns occasions of sin in one's self. The word for hell is literally Gehenna, which is the Greek translation for the name of a valley southwest of Jerusalem, where at one time children were sacrificed to Molech, the god of the Ammonites. After this practice was ended by King Josiah (2 Kings 23:10), the place became the trash dump for the city and so a symbol of the place of eternal punishment. The point of the passage, and its link to verse 41, is that present actions have eternal consequences..



Notices & Announcements

Note: all staff email addresses are on the second to last page. Deadline for materials is noon on Tuesdays for both the bulletin and the e-Pistle.

“Regathering” Coventry Suppers



As part of regathering this fall, we encourage you to join a Coventry group, so we can reconnect with each other.

Coventry suppers have been a meaningful tradition for years, providing an opportunity to gather for simple meals at each other's homes. These casual dinners that everyone contributes to are especially nice for newcomers, as they allow members of the parish to get to know one another in a small, intimate setting.

If you would *rather regather on Zoom*, Coventry cocktails are the way to go: for those not yet ready to venture into someone else's home.

Please sign up on our website through sign-up genius **with this QR code**, or on the sign-up sheets **in the narthex or by emailing Linda Lull • linda.lull9597@gmail.com**. Small groups will be formed after **the October 10 deadline**, and a list of the members in your group will be distributed in mid-October. A “first convener” will also be designated as the first dinner/cocktail host(s) where the group can then discuss how often to gather during the year.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us **Sunday, October 3, at 5pm** for the annual blessing of the animals, in honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The service will take place in the front lawn of the church on Washington Street. Creatures of every species are welcome to come for a blessing! — Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

9am Christian Learning



9am Christian Learning class starts **today in Room 2** with masks on. We will gather with chairs at a safe social distance from each other.

Our adult formation committee and I are looking forward to welcoming you to another term of engaging topics. Today, you will be joining us for *Claiming Resilience: Christian scripture, a 4-minute meditation, and prayer to support our resilience*. We will remind ourselves about the power of resilience, a spiritual skill each of us can build, and engage some tools of our Christian tradition to support us. **Next Sunday, October 3**, join us for *Claiming Hope: Christian scripture, a short meditation, and prayer to strengthen our hope*. — Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Health Care Without Walls!

Health Care Without Walls (HCWW) has provided care every day to women who rely on Boston area shelters for 25 years. Now HCWW is opening their first brick and mortar health clinic in Boston. HCWW's Grand Opening Celebration will be **on October 20**. You can support this directly **for the next**



three Sundays, or by providing much needed supplies in the form of gift cards (\$5-\$25) or contribute infant diapers to the Diaper Drive. *Use*

this QR code for more information or contact Donna Kell donna1b.kell@gmail.com with questions.

Rite-13

Our faith formation for sixth and seventh graders begins **Sunday, September 26 at 9:45am**. Parents are invited to a coffee hour to meet other parents and the leaders after the 10am service. Gather for both in front of the church office circle driveway. We'll meet outdoors whenever possible! Make sure to register your child and to sign up for the Remind app for contact tracing and notification about weather. — Rev. Mia Kano

Children and Youth Registration



Eighth graders and up are invited to participate in this year's in-person confirmation class. Our parent information session will be **this Sunday,**

September 26 at 5:30pm. Please contact Rev.

Mia if you would like your teen to be a part of this year's confirmation class or register them here.

Elementary Children's Worship



In light of the ongoing pandemic, elementary school children (K through fifth) are invited to a special weekly outdoor children's worship

in the playground starting **Sunday, September 26!** Worship is inspired by Godly Play and ends with a child-accessible Eucharist prayer by one of our priests. Bring your child with their mask for worship **at 9:45am**; they will be released either into the service for the Eucharist or directly from outdoor worship into outdoor coffee hour at the end of the 10am service. To register your child/ren for worship and sign up for notifications/contact tracing, follow this link. For more details about COVID-safety protocols including what we do in case of poor weather, please visit our children's page.

Youth Confirmation 2021–2022



Eighth graders and up are invited to participate in this year's in-person confirmation class. Our parent information session will be this **Sunday,**

September 26 at 5:30pm. Please contact Rev. Mia if you would like your teen to be a part of this year's confirmation class or register them here.

Kids' Place

We are unable to safely provide separate nursery care during the 10am for infants and toddlers two years and under at this time. Please reach out to Rev. Mia with questions or concerns!

Junior Choir



With COVID-19 still a concern for those unable to be vaccinated, we are reimagining ways for kids to participate and serve at St. Andrew's

safely. Here are a few opportunities for kids who have a love of music and technology:

- **Junior Choir and Music Leadership.** The Junior Choir are the music leaders for the outdoor children's worship on Sunday mornings. Are you an aspiring teacher or musician? We are looking to build a music leadership team (middle school and older) to step into to lead the music at children's worship. **Our first meeting will be 9:30am, Sunday, September 26.**
- **Youth Technical Leadership Team** (age 12 and above). Learn about all the new technology we are now using at St. Andrew's and serve in both the main church and children's service on Sunday mornings. This team will run on a rotating schedule on Sunday mornings starting at 9am through the end of the 10am service.

For more information on these two opportunities, please fill out the google form on our website's music page and Amanda Kern will be in touch.

In-person Services and COVID-19

Following the diocesan guidelines, these are the protocols that we will observe to keep all of us safe. (These protocols may change.)

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

- **Everyone** in church must wear a mask.
- There is no designated seating, but people will be asked **to sit six feet apart** from people not in their "bubble."
- There will be **separate hymnals and prayer books for each service.**
- We **must remain masked to sing.**
- When receiving communion, please kneel or stand **at one of the yellow markers on the communion rail.** Families are welcome to receive communion together at one yellow markers. You will have the choice of receiving a traditional wafer or a packaged container of bread and wine.
- Prayer Books and Hymnals
- At our in-person **Sunday services at 8am, 10am, and 5pm** we will ask you to pick up a prayer book and a hymnal from the tables at the back of the church when you arrive for the service. There will be separate tables with books for each service. This measure is to **comply with diocesan COVID protocols** about not having prayer books and hymnals in the pews which might allow cross-contamination.

— Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

Parent Circle

St. Andrew's Parent Circle is back! All parents with children ages 0-18 are invited to this adults-only, outdoor gathering at the home of Elizabeth & Jonas Svedlund on **Friday, October 1 from 7 to 9pm**. If your last name begins with A-O, please bring a dessert to share (desserts should be individual servings, i.e. cookies, brownies, etc.), and if your last name begins with P-Z, please bring a beverage to share. This is a fair weather only event and will be canceled in the case of rain. Please RSVP through the Evite or to Elizabeth Svedlund, ersvedlund@gmail.com.

Faith & Practice *Be Swift to Love:* *Re-engagement after Quarantine*

Join us Sunday, October 3, from 11:30am to 12:15pm. Now that quarantine isn't required, we are in the process of establishing a "new normal." We'll talk together about the gifts and challenges of this transition time. In our Faith & Practice classes, we gather together to discuss how we live out our faith in our daily lives. Each Sunday, we focus on a particular topic. We meet four times a year. (On the first Sunday of October, the second Sunday of November, the first Sunday of February, and the first Sunday of March.) We meet **in the Harvey Room** (or on Zoom if the church is closed).
— Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Name tags

Get to know folks and help everyone feel welcome by wearing a name tag. The membership committee offers reusable magnetic name tags for all members. If you would like a new or replacement name tag, please contact Becky Hamlin • dbhamlin@comcast.net

Wednesday 7:30am Holy Eucharist

The 7:30am in-person Holy Eucharist service has resumed. The service takes place in the Transept Chapel and lasts about 35 minutes. Masks will be required. Given the small size of this congregation there will be ample room for social distancing. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole.

Donation Envelopes

If you ordered envelopes for 2021, they were delivered to the church but not distributed. Now that we are back open, you can pick up your envelopes by the usher's table. If you have any questions, please email or call me at the church. Thank you!
— Joanne Butler



Gratitude

Confirmation Service

Thank you to all who made our diocesan confirmation service yesterday possible, especially to our music team.

Congratulations to our St. Andrew's youth confirmands!

Parish Picnic

A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved in helping to make the parish picnic a big success! It was great to see everyone again and have the chance to reconnect with old friends as well as welcome new members to the parish. A very special thank you to Luisa Hunnewell and the Hunnewell family for hosting this wonderful event. What a glorious setting! And we could not have done it without all of our amazing volunteers: D.D. Alexander, Frances Antonelli, Megan Burns, Elizabeth Clarke, Dan & Sarah Dent, Bianka Eichelberger, Becky Hamlin, Heidi Harper, Pam Henrikson, Joanna Horobin, Alan Joachim, Linda Lull, Hillary Madge, Michael Mahlenkamp, Herb & Paige Manning, Ansley & Jen Martin, Libby McClintock, Cam McCormick, Llynda McFarlane, Bonny Nothern, David & Debbie Osborn, Quincy Rawson, Liz Rogers, Jenny Sawyer, Mary Scanlon, Barbara & Paul Shellito, Harriet Thompson, Coryell Urban, Terri Rawson-Wakefield & Michael Wakefield, and Christine West. Finally, a huge thank you to Steve Killeen for all of his behind the scenes work!

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Staff

- **In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone: 603/831-4938.**
- The clergy are available to assist you if you email or call them if you or a member of your family expects to be in the hospital and wishes to be visited.
- Please let us know of names that should be added to our prayer list.

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Weekly Calendar

- The **Holy Eucharist** is celebrated on **Sundays at 8am, 10am** (*also online*), and **5pm**, and every **Wednesday at 7:30am**; **Online Morning Prayer** is also offered weekdays at **8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel to watch the recording after the service*), or on Facebook, unless otherwise noted.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**, and **Sundays at 9am**; Junior Choir rehearsal (**starting September 26 outside**) is on Sundays at **9:30am**.
- **Parish Office hours** are Monday through Thursday, **9am to 5pm**, and Friday, **9am to 12pm**. Staff is continuing to work some hours remotely.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays, 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays, 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays, 9:30am.



Sunday, September 26

9am Christian Learning
9:45am Children's Worship
11:15am Rite-13 Coffee hour
5:30pm Confirmation Class
Information Session

Monday, September 27

7pm Finance Committee

Tuesday, September 28

7pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, October 1

7pm Parent Circle

Saturday, October 2

3pm Rite-13 Hangout

Sunday, October 3

9am Christian Learning
9:45am Children's Worship
9:45am Rite-13
11am Coffee on the patio
11:30am Faith & Practice
5pm Blessing of the Animals
5:30pm Confirmation Class



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