



# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.*

## Ascension Day Observed

### Sunday, May 21, 2023

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Variations sur "Lasst uns erfreuen"*

Denis Bédard (b.1950)

Processional Hymn 216 "Hail thee, festival day!"

*Salve festa dies*

### The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn 174 (verses 1&4) "At the Lamb's high feast we sing"

*Salzburg*

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken

up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering

he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his

own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.*



- 1 Clap your hands, <sup>1</sup>all you <sup>1</sup>peoples; \*  
shout to <sup>1</sup>God with a <sup>1</sup>cry of <sup>1</sup>joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most <sup>1</sup>High is to be <sup>1</sup>feared; \*  
he is the great <sup>1</sup>King <sup>1</sup>over <sup>1</sup>all the <sup>1</sup>earth.
- 3 He subdues the <sup>1</sup>peoples <sup>1</sup>under us, \*  
and the <sup>1</sup>nations <sup>1</sup>under our <sup>1</sup>feet.
- 4 He chooses our in <sup>1</sup>heritance <sup>1</sup>for us, \*  
the pride of <sup>1</sup>Jacob <sup>1</sup>whom he <sup>1</sup>loves.
- 5 God has gone <sup>1</sup>up with a <sup>1</sup>shout, \*  
the <sup>1</sup>LORD with the <sup>1</sup>sound of the <sup>1</sup>ram's-horn.

- 6 Sing praises to <sup>1</sup>God, sing <sup>1</sup>praises; \*  
sing <sup>1</sup>praises to our <sup>1</sup>King, sing <sup>1</sup>praises.
- 7 For God is King of <sup>1</sup>all the <sup>1</sup>earth; \*  
sing <sup>1</sup>praises with <sup>1</sup>all your <sup>1</sup>skill.
- 8 God reigns <sup>1</sup>over the <sup>1</sup>nations; \*  
God <sup>1</sup>sits upon his <sup>1</sup>holy <sup>1</sup>throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have <sup>1</sup>gathered to <sup>1</sup>gether \*  
with the <sup>1</sup>people of the <sup>1</sup>God of <sup>1</sup>Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth be <sup>1</sup>long to <sup>1</sup>God, \*  
and <sup>1</sup>he is <sup>1</sup>highly ex <sup>1</sup>alted.

## Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for

us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 214 “Hail the day that sees him rise”

*Llanfair*

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and

the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise

from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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 *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Jesus, joy of man's desiring  
Holy wisdom, love most bright*

*Word of God, our flesh that fashioned  
With the fire of life impassioned*

*Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light*

*Striving still to truth unknown  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne*

Doxology

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Eucharistic Prayer A

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S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

*All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.*

Communion Anthem *The Lord bless you and keep you*

John Rutter (1945)

*The Lord bless you and keep you*

*The Lord lift up the light*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you*

*Of his countenance upon you*

*To shine upon you and be gracious*

*The Lord lift up the light*

*And be gracious, unto you*

*Of his countenance upon you*

*The Lord bless you and keep you*

*And give you peace*

*The Lord make his face to shine upon you*

*Amen*

*To shine upon you and be gracious*

*And be gracious, unto you*

Communion Hymn 328 "Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord"

Song 46

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn.*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

Coronation

Dismissal

*Clergy* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *Vivace*

Denis Bédard

**We welcome and thank our guest organist Jennifer Velázquez**

**Please join us for coffee hour hosted by Yael & Eliot Heher**



**The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of**  
Henry H. Thayer, Margaret B. & Edward C. Thayer, Edward C. Thayer, Jr.;  
Margaret T. Hollingsworth given by Ellen Thayer.

**Serving St. Andrew's this week**

*Altar Guild* Bonnie Akins, Becky Hamlin, Jennie Hunnewell Kaplan, Debbie Lorenz,  
Linda McCammond, Libby McClintock, Debbi Monti, Caren Parker, and Liz Rogers  
*Flowers* the Flower Guild

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Paul Criswell  
*Ushers* Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

**Serving at 10am**

*Acolytes* Crucifer, Eloise Svedlund; Torch, Alex Dehn; and Torch, Ben Dehn  
*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt  
*Greeters* the Anza family  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Sarah Dent and Meg Harris  
*Readers* Joanna Horobin and Karen Pekowitz  
*Ushers* David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Marie Dunell,  
Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery*  
Grace Church, Lawrence  
Esperanza Academy, Lawrence  
St. Anne's Church, Lowell  
St. John's Church, Lowell

Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors



**If this is your first time at St. Andrew's, Welcome!**

We are happy you found us. Please use this QR code to fill out a *seeker information form* or check with a member of our membership committee in the narthex so that our clergy and members of our congregation can welcome you and help you get engaged with our church.



# Icon of the Week

## The Children of Abraham

Abraham sits on golden clouds in Paradise, with the countless stars of the heavens behind him. In Chapter 22 of Genesis, God promised him that his descendants would be as numerous as these stars. Jews, Christians, and Muslims all consider Abraham to be their father in faith, and a throng of these children crowd onto his lap. The Arabic Inscription reads, “Abraham, the Friend of God,” which is how Muslims often refer to him. The Hebrew inscription is taken from Genesis and reads, “Abraham, the Father of many Nations.” And from the New Testament, we have the following quotations that speaks of the Christian appreciation of Abraham.

*The promise was made on the ground of faith in order that it might be a matter of sheer grace, and that it might be valid for all Abraham’s descendants, not only for those who hold by the law, but also for those who have Abraham’s faith. For he is the father of us all. —Romans 4:16*

*You may take it, then, that it is those who have faith who are Abraham’s sons. And scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles through faith, declared the gospel to Abraham beforehand: ‘In you all nations shall find blessing.’ Thus, it is those with faith who share the blessing with faithful Abraham. —Galatians 3:7-9*

*You are the heirs of the prophets, and of that covenant which God made with your fathers when he said to Abraham, “And in your offspring all the families on earth shall find blessing.” —Acts 3:25*



# Notices and 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.*

## 9am Christian Learning

Please join us in the parish hall **today, May 21**, when Rev. Dr. Jim Weiss will talk about the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. Back by popular demand, he will discuss the historic and modern changes that make it a radical revision. Join us on **Sunday, June 11** for our last class of the year, a re-presentation of D.D. Alexander's *Images of Heaven*, paintings and images of heaven through the ages. (Technical issues resolved.) Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is provided for parents with young children. These classes are hybrid: the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Mimi West's Funeral

A celebration of the life of Mimi West will be held at St. Andrew's on **Tuesday, May 23, at 11am in the transept chapel**. A reception will follow in the parish hall.

—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Youth Sunday

Mark your calendars for **Youth Sunday, June 4**. We will have children and youth participating in all aspects of our service from greeting to preaching!

## Books in Sermons

The following books were referred to in the **May 7 sermon by Adrian**:

- *Tokens of Trust: An Introduction to Christian Belief*, Rowan Williams
- *Dostoevsky: Language, Faith, and Fiction*, Rowan Williams

The following books were referred to in the **May 14 sermon by Sarah**:

- *Aristotle's Way: How Ancient Wisdom Can Change Your Life*, Edith Hall

## Church School News

Community Learning combined class on Memorial Day weekend, **Sunday, May 28**, K through Grade 7 Community Learning. We will be preparing for youth Sunday including making communion bread and practicing readings and prayers.

## Picnic in the Playground for Parents & Children

The church school committee invites parents and children to please join us for a picnic in our playground immediately following the **Sunday, June 4, 10am service**.



## Confirmation

Mark your calendar for our Confirmation service here at St. Andrew's. **On Saturday, June 10, at 10:30am**, the Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher will be here to confirm ten youths from our own parish, along with others from the deanery. Please keep our confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for this important day in their life of faith.

## No Service at 5pm

There will be no 5pm Service on **Sunday, June 11**. The Service will also go on summer break for July and August.

## Summer break

There will be no **Morning Prayer** or **5pm Service** for the months of July and August.

## Inquirers' Class: Fall 2023

What makes a Christian an Episcopalian? Join us for "Episcopal 101" a chance to reflect upon the core beliefs and practices of our Episcopal Church. This five-week class, offered from **11:30am to 1pm** with a light lunch (and babysitting if needed), will give newcomers and curious long-term members of St. Andrew's an opportunity to reflect on our Christian identity together. Classes will begin in October. —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer



# Gratitude

## Happiness and the Christian Life Research project

Thank you to the 45 individuals who have signed up so far for the Happiness and the Christian Life Research project! If you have not signed up but are still interested, please let me know.

—Sarah

# Vestry

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- 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 the clergy 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**. **Morning Prayer** online is offered **Monday through Thursday at 8:30am** on our website, our YouTube Channel (*use the QR code for a link to our YouTube channel*), and on Facebook.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm** unless otherwise noted.
- Staff is working some hours remotely. Generally, **parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise noted or announced. **Tuesday at noon is the deadline for all materials** to be included either in the bulletin or by email for the following Sunday.
- **12-Step Programs** Men's AA, Wednesdays at 8pm; Women's AA, Thursdays at 7pm; Emotions Anonymous, Saturdays at 9:30am; Sober Sisters AA, Saturdays at 10:30am.



## Sunday, May 21

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery  
9am Coffee hour for 8am worshipers  
9am Christian Learning Series  
9:45am Church School & Rite-13  
11am Coffee Hour

## Sunday, May 28

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery  
9:45am K through Grade 7 Community Learning  
11am Coffee Hour

## Tuesday, May 23

7pm Vestry Meeting



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