

# 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.*

## Trinity Sunday June 4, 2023

*We are livestreaming the 10am service.*

Prelude *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Processional Hymn 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

*Nettleton*

### 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

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Together we pray.

*People* Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*The Children's Illustrated Bible, Stories*

retold by Selina Hastings, DK Publishing, 1994. (pp. 8-10)

In the beginning God created heaven and earth. Water lay deep over the surface of the earth and the darkness was absolute. God said, "Let there be light." And suddenly there was light. And God saw that it was good.

God divided the light, which was day, from the darkness, which was night. And so ended the first day and night of creation.

Next God said, "Let there be sky over the waters," and called the sky heaven; and this was the second day.

On the third day the land rose up through the waters, and God called the dry land earth, and the waters sea. At once grasses took root on the earth and every kind of plant; buds opened, seeds sprouted, and trees grew heavy with fruit. And God saw that it was good.

On the fourth day God said, "There must be light in the sky to divide night from day and to mark the seasons." For

this God created two lights: the greater, which he called the sun, to shine over the day, and the smaller, the moon, to shine at night. Around the moon God set the stars. On the fifth day God created all the creatures of the sea and sky. Birds flew through the air, while in the watery depths great fish swam silently.

On the sixth day God made all the animals, from the wild beasts of desert and jungle to cattle grazing in the fields. And God saw that it was good.

And God said: "I shall make people in my own image to rule over them." And so God created people, both male and female, in God's own likeness. And that was on the morning and the evening of the sixth day.

On the seventh day God rested, for the work was done, and all was well with the world.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

Hymn 383 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*St. Elizabeth*

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the

saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*Song* "Prepare Ye (The Way of the Lord)"

from *Godspell*

sing

All are invited to

music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz

*All are invited to join in*

*Prepare ye, the way of the Lord* (repeats)

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go

therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Clergy* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Caroline Condon and Francesca Grossetti

Affirmation of Faith

*Clergy* Let us declare our faith in God.

*People* We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
And fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

Children's Song "My God is so great,"

*Anonymous*

*My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do.  
The mountains are God's, the rivers are God's, the stars are God's handiwork too.  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty, there's nothing my God cannot do.*

Prayers of the People

*After each bidding the Reader says, God of Compassion.  
The People reply, Hear our prayer.*

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

## The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Earth Song*

Frank Ticheli (b. 1958)

*Sing, Be, Live, See.  
This dark stormy hour,  
The wind, it stirs.  
The scorched earth  
Cries out in vain:  
O war and power,  
You blind and blur,  
The torn heart  
Cries out in pain.*

*But music and singing  
Have been my refuge,  
And music and singing  
Shall be my light.  
A light of song  
Shining Strong: Alleluia!  
Through darkness, pain, and strife, I'll  
Sing, Be, Live, See...  
Peace.*

Doxology Hymn 380 v3 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p. 361

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 Hymn 744 **Wonder Love and Praise** "O Trinity of blessed light"

*St. Martin*

*The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn.*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part features a prominent triplet pattern in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are as follows:

1. O Trin - i - ty of bless - ed light, O U - ni - ty of roy - al might, the  
2. To thee our morn - ing song of praise, to thee our eve - ning prayer we raise; O  
3. To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, to Christ re - vealed in earth - ly night, to  
fier - y sun now goes its way; shed thou with - in our hearts thy ray.  
grant us with thy saints on high to praise thee through e - ter - ni - ty.  
God the Ho - ly Ghost we raise our e - qual and un - ceas - ing praise.

Communion Anthem *Celtic 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...*

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

*Lauda anima*

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

Benediction *The Lord bless you and keep you*

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

*The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord lift His countenance upon you,*

*And give you peace, and give you peace,*

*The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you, be gracious,*

*The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.*

Postlude *Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux*

François Couperin (1668-1733)

**Please join us for coffee hour hosted by Katie Barrack and  
the altar guild and flower guild**



**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.



**The flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
Harry Heher, Jr. given by Dr. Eliot Heher.**

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

*Altar Guild* Laura Brown MacKinnon, Elizabeth Clarke, Nancy Echlov,  
Wendy Haering, Ntonhle Kekana, Jen Martin, and Heather Schaefer  
*Flowers* the Flower Guild

**Serving at 8am**

*Lay Eucharistic Minister* Thomas Palmer  
*Ushers* Jane Givens and Mark Housel

**Serving at 10am**

*Broadcast Tech Volunteer* Rob Brandt  
*Lay Eucharistic Ministers* Joanna Horobin and Youth LEMs  
*Readers* Youth Readers  
*Ushers* Matthew Benfer, Peter Lull, Lakey MacArthur, and Michael Vanin

**Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

*Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery*  
Brooks School Chapel, North Andover  
St. Anne's Church, (North) Billerica  
All Saints' Church, West Newbury  
St. Mark's Church, Westford  
Episcopal City Mission



## About the Readings

**Genesis 1:1–2:4a** Today's reading is the first of the two creation accounts. In solemn liturgical cadences, the writer shows how darkness and chaos give way to light and order as the waters part at God's command. In contrast to the strongly dualistic interpretation of this world view in other traditions, where chaos always threatens to overwhelm the world again, here God's sovereignty over creation is affirmed. God says, "Let us make human-kind" (v. 26). The "us" was taken by early Christian writers to be an allusion to the Trinity. The writer, however, may be referring to a heavenly court. "Human-kind," a collective singular noun without indication of number or gender, is created in God's image and likeness, to enter into relationship with God and to be God's representative on earth, especially to share in God's dominion.

**2 Corinthians 13:11-13** Paul concludes his second letter to the church in Corinth with an exhortation to be reconciled to one another. The exchange of the "holy kiss" (v. 12), the customary Eastern embrace, became a regular feature of the early liturgy, signaling the reconciliation of the community members. The closing triadic formula expresses a three-fold understanding of Christian experience:

grace received through Jesus leads one to the Father's love, which is expressed through the Spirit.

**Matthew 28:16-20** This Great Commission gathers up the themes that Matthew has woven throughout his work. Jesus' ministry begins and ends on a mountain in Galilee, the place of revelation. There he inaugurates the mission of the Church. Jesus makes a declaration, delivers a command and gives a promise. He has now received the authority of the exalted Son of Man and gives it to his disciples. He commands them to make disciples of "all nations," removing the geographical and ethnic restriction of Jesus' own ministry and of the disciples' previous mission. The earliest accounts of baptism mention only baptism in Jesus' name, but the living experience of the baptized assembly led to the trinitarian formula as expressing the full reality of the new life. To the disciples, Jesus now extends the full range of his ministry to them. Before they had been commissioned only to preach and heal, now they are to teach all that Jesus commanded them. Finally Jesus promises to the disciples his ongoing presence. The pledge of his name, Emmanuel, "God-with-us," is now fulfilled for his gathered people.





# Icon of the Week

## Holy Trinity

From a story in the book of Genesis called the hospitality of Abraham, Abraham meets three men later discovered to be angels. This icon depicts the unity of the Godhead—God in three persons—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Based on Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev's famous icon of the Holy Trinity painted in 1411, which was the first time the Godhead was depicted as three persons.

These angels create a circle inviting us into the center. The angels are depicted talking. The gestures are smooth and restrained, demonstrating the sublime nature of their conversation. The left angel symbolizes God the Father. His right hand is in the gesture for the exordium (saying something important). The central angel represents Christ. The red and gold stole draped over this figure's right shoulder is modeled after that worn by the sons of the Byzantine emperors indicating royalty; here it indicates Christ's divine Sonship. The right angle represents the Holy Spirit. The blue color of the Holy Spirit's robe symbolizes divinity, the green color represents new life.

The wings of two angels, the Father and the Son overlap. The blue color of the Son's robe symbolizes divinity, the brown color represents earth—his humanity—and the gold speaks of kingship of God. The wings of the Holy Spirit do not touch the Son's wings, they are imperceptibly divided by the Son's spear. The poses and the inclinations of the Holy Spirit and the Son's heads demonstrate their submission to the Father, yet their placement on the thrones at the same level symbolizes equality. The tree symbolizes the Tree of Life and serves as a reminder of Jesus's death on the cross and his subsequent resurrection, which opened the way to eternal life. Finally, the mountain is a symbol of the spiritual ascent, which mankind accomplishes with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The unity of the trinity's underlying reality expresses unity and love between all things: *That they may all be one just as you, father, or in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* —John 17: 21



# 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

There is no 9am Christian learning class today., but please join us in the parish hall on **Sunday, June 11** for a re-presentation of D.D. Alexander's *Images of Heaven*, paintings and images of heaven through the ages. Everyone is welcome. Babysitting is provided for parents with young children. Classes are hybrid and the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.  
—Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

## Picnic in the Playground for Parents, Children, and Teachers

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

## 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**.

## Summer break

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

## June Hours and Contact Info

The building is open **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm**, and on **Saturday until noon**. **Friday the administrative wing is open 9am to 12pm**. If you would like to meet with a staff person, please check with the individual you want to meet directly.

## Bibles for High School Seniors

We are giving Bibles to 26 high school seniors! The bibles will be on tables at the back of the church and we ask that parishioners please pick up a bible or two that are close to your home and deliver them to the address on the front. Many thanks!

## End of Program Year 22-23

We look forward to seeing our children back again for **Homecoming Sunday, September 10!** Enjoy your summer break and **don't forget to register your children for our programs in August**.

## B-Safe, the week of July 17 to 21

Save the date, **Friday, July 21**, when we will host a fun day for St. Stephen's youth, starting with games and crafts at St. Andrew's. The kids will pack their own picnic lunch from grab-and-go options we will provide, and then take a bus to a state park for a picnic, swimming, and lawn games, returning to St. Stephen's at the end of the day.

We need volunteers—and your ideas for crafts, hobbies, and games—to make this day special for our partner parish kids. We also need short-time volunteers Monday through Wednesday **July 17 to 19 to prepare bags** of non-perishable food to deliver to St. Stephen's. Please sign up on our website for St. Stephen's B-SAFE 2023. Go to [www.standrewswellesley](http://www.standrewswellesley), click on SERVE and SIGN UP. We have been engaged in this summer program for over 24 years! Now we want your help to make it a memorable day.

## Outreach Grants Awarded

- **Esperanza Academy** is a tuition-free, all-girls, Episcopal middle school located in Lawrence, MA. This grant will support the expansion of the music therapy program, a unique alternative to conventional therapy using writing and singing songs, playing musical instruments, improvising on songs and musical pieces, listening to music, and exchanging information through music. Musical therapy has been proven to be an effective tool in healing negative stress and trauma and boosting emotional intelligence. Grant awarded: \$5000, sponsored by parishioner Randy Parker.

- **St. Francis House with Boston Healthcare for the Homeless** to provide safe, supportive footwear, particularly needed by the unhoused of Boston who walk tens of miles each day. This grant funds the purchase of sneakers and will be ready to launch within weeks of funding being secured. Katherine Jackson, sponsor of this initiative, will create a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the efforts of the program and the outcomes reached. Meanwhile, Katherine will network and continue to reach out to shoe vendors to create a sustainable and ongoing program. Grant awarded: \$5000, sponsored by Katherine Jackson, who has just graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Boston College.

## A Night of Fellowship and Fun

*Celebrating St Andrew's Clergy & Community, Friday, October 20, at 6:30pm, at the Wellesley Country Club. Save-the-date!*

## Inquirers' Class: Fall 2023

What makes a Christian an Episcopalian? Join us for "Episcopal 101" a chance to reflect on 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

## Summer Reading

St. Andrew's summer book is Pulitzer Prize winning author Tracy Kidder's book *Rough Sleepers*. This book looks at Dr. Jim O'Connell's mission to bring health care and

healing to the homeless people of Boston. We will reflect on this book in a 9am Christian Learning class in the fall. Please purchase the book directly from Wellesley Books. —Rev. Margaret Schwarzer



## Gratitude

### St. Andrew's Teachers!

Please join us in thanking the following people, all of whom have given their time, attention, and love to our church school, Rite-13, and high school students over the course of the year!

D.D. Alexander, Matt Benfer, Rob Brandt, Marie Dunell, Bianka Eichelberger, Lee Eichelberger, Heidi Emerson, Caleb Farny, Erica Gelser, Francesca Grossetti, Pamela Grossetti, Ntonhle Kekana, Tawanda Masiwa, Lakey MacArthur, Tommy MacArthur, Hunter MacArthur, Jed MacArthur, Steve Mahoney, Ellen Staelin, Elizabeth Svedlund, Carolyn Urban, Coryell Urban, and Anna Lee Wahls.

### Church School Committee!

Many thanks to all those who served on the church school committee this year: D.D. Alexander, Pamela Grossetti, Heather Schaefer, Elizabeth Svedlund, Anna Lee Wahls, and a special thanks to Coryell Urban (2022) and Pamela Grossetti (2023) who both served as our vestry person for youth formation.

### Online Streaming

Many thanks to our team of volunteer technicians who help run the streaming of our Sunday services. The streaming is very much appreciated by people who are not able to be in church on Sundays, as well as those who are traveling or far away.

## **Senior Choir**

As the senior choir takes its summer break, we would like to thank them for the wonderful music during the year, which does so much to touch our souls during our worship services. We would like to thank them for their enthusiasm and willingness to regather when we reopened the church in September, despite the ongoing challenge of COVID. And of course, we want to thank our amazing music minister, Wardie Mannix, for the enormous gifts she brings to St. Andrew's.

## **Acolytes**

Many thanks to Wendy Barry who is our acolyte coordinator. Sunday by Sunday she has worked hard to ensure that we have acolytes in place to be part of our worship services. Thanks to all the teenagers who have served as acolytes. Having the teenage acolytes as part of our worship services is very much appreciated by the congregation.

## **Altar Guild**

We also take this opportunity to thank the altar guild for their ongoing work to prepare our church for worship. Their dedication in preparing the altar and caring for the church altar silver and hangings, means that Sunday by Sunday, when we enter the church sanctuary we experience a sacred space of beauty.

## **Sunday Bulletin Proofers & Editors**

Many thanks to our small dedicated team who each week spend time proofing and editing our bulletins.

## **Readers and Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

Thanks for all the volunteers from the congregation who have served as readers and lay Eucharistic ministers since September. These volunteers play a central role in our Sunday worship. Thanks also to Joe Hamilton who works tirelessly to coordinate the readers and lay Eucharistic ministers.

## Flower Guild

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the flower guild for their creativity and hard work in designing such beautiful flower arrangements for the altar and for special holy days. Their arrangements are a reminder of the beauty of God's creation.

## Ushers

Thanks to all the members of the usher teams. Their work and dedication is so important in welcoming people as they arrive at church and helping with the smooth running of the service, especially at communion. Many thanks to Lakey MacArthur and Terri Rawson-Wakefield for heading up the usher ministry.

## Membership Committee

Many thanks to the members of our membership committee, who have welcomed over 30 newcomer families in the last year. Your kindness, discipline, and ministry-of-welcome make sure that all who come to St. Andrew's feel welcomed, engaged, and counted. We know that everyone can find a place in St. Andrew's; you each make sure newcomers feel it. Thanks to Elizabeth Clarke, our chair, Travis Anza, Connie Barnes, Ciara Cheli, Amanda Curtis, Becky Hamlin, Carrie Hawley, Tad Heuer, Ntonhle Kekana, Lakey MacArthur, Suzanne Nystrom, Will Nystrom, and Anne Prensner.

# Vestry

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## Staff

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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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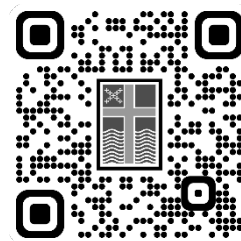
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# Weekly Calendar

- 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.
- 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, June 4

### *Youth Sunday*

8:55am Kids' Place Nursery

11am Coffee Hour

11:15am Church School Picnic

## Saturday, June 10

10:30am Confirmation Service

## Sunday, June 11

9am Christian Learning

11am Coffee Hour

## Wednesday, June 7

7:30pm Men's Book Club



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