



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.

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 11, 2023

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude

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

Nettleton

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect of Purity

BCP p. 355

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your

father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and

I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the

land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-12

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.

- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become

"the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 475 "God himself is with us"

Tysk

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay

your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Sarah 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 of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn 325 "Let us break bread together"

Let Us Break Bread

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

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Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP p. 369

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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 (b. 1950)

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

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 493 "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

Azmon

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

We welcome and thank our guest organist John Skelton.

Please join us for coffee hour downstairs.



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
James J. Gallo by Linda Gallo and
Arthur T. and Virginia D. Thompson given by William and Susan Thompson

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Adele Beggs, Judith Boland, Jean Childs, Zebby Dubé, Erica Gelser,
Peter Mahoney, Karen McAdams, Cynthia Scott, and Liz J. Tecca
Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Cam McCormick
Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Suzy Littlefield and Margaret Zusky
Readers Paul Merry and Karen Pekowitz
Ushers Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, Lakey MacArthur, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Parishes of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery
St. Aidan's Chapel, Dartmouth
St. Peter's Church, Dartmouth
Congregations: Organists, Choirs and other Church Musicians
Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross



About the Readings

Genesis 12:1-9 At this point in the book of Genesis, the focus changes from the story of all humanity to the story of one man, Abram, and through him to the story of a chosen people. The Lord takes the initiative and calls Abram (Abraham) out of his family structure and the social and cultural security of his present location in Haran to go to the unknown land God will show him. His response is the first of the trustful acts that define him as preeminently the Old Testament man of faith. Abraham and his descendants are chosen to inherit a land, become a great nation and mediate blessing to all the world. The story of Abraham shows how God acts in history through the responses of individuals and peoples. Abraham's decision to yield to the will of God no matter the sacrifice demonstrates the nature of the friendship he had with God.

Psalms 33:1-12 This psalm was probably recited at the great autumn festival of Tabernacles, which celebrated both the creation and the history of Israel. It is introduced by a call to the congregation to praise the Lord (vv. 1-5). Then it praises God as Creator (vv. 6-9) and as the Lord of history (vv. 10-12). The psalmist knows that God's word and works are unchanging (v. 4) and that God

delivers the chosen people (v. 12) because of the covenant promises.

Romans 4:13-25 In his proclamation that salvation comes through Christ and not the Mosaic Law, Paul calls upon the example of Abraham's faith in order to show that a right relationship with God (justification) was available through faith long before Moses codified the covenant law. Paul argues that Abraham's readiness to believe and act upon God's promise (the foundation of the covenant) put him in right relationship to God. This covenant relationship is now available to all—Jew or Gentile—who trust in God, regardless of whether they keep the Mosaic law. The promised inheritance comes through faith to Abraham's true descendants who are those who follow his example of faith. Paul's summary of Abraham's idea of God contains the same core as that professed by Christians. God the creator "calls into existence the things that do not exist" (not only all creation but also the son of the aged Abraham and those descended from him) and "gives life to the dead" (as God did for Jesus after his death on the cross). Our new covenant Christian faith requires trust like Abraham's and we stake our lives on the promise that what happened to Jesus

(resurrection after his death) will also happen to us through God's grace even "against hope," against all human expectation.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26 Today's reading narrates the calling of Matthew, a controversy with the Pharisees and a double healing story. In this section, Matthew follows Mark very closely, except for a few specific changes. The first of these is giving the name of the tax collector as Matthew rather than Levi, as in Mark and Luke (Mark 3:18; Luke 6:15). The story of the call is very like that of the call of the fishermen Peter, Andrew, John and James (4:18-22), No motive is given for their ready response, for the call is a free gift, to be given by them to others (10:8). Matthew's quick and whole-hearted response serves as a model for other would-be followers of Christ to imitate. Table fellowship with tax collectors, who were considered oppressors of their own people because of their

collaboration with the occupying Romans, and with "sinners," who were not observant of the law, was abhorrent to the Pharisees who desired a zealous obedience to the law's demands. Jesus speaks in defense, not of sinners, but of God's freedom to reach out and draw in those who know their need of healing. All are called to the messianic banquet (8:11), if they will but hear. Jesus' resuscitation of the dead girl and the cure of the woman with internal bleeding reveal the ways that Jesus uses God's power to reorder life. Although Jesus' interpretation of what is happening seems laughable to the bystanders, his actions reveal the deeper truth of our world. Since in Jesus' time both sickness and its consequence, death, were traced to the presence of evil, Jesus' wondrous signs reveal that the power of God's kingdom rule is already making itself felt. Where evil appears to rule, now God is taking over.



Icon of the Week

St. Mitrophan Tsi Chung

December 10, 1855–June 10, 1900

Tsi Chung was born into an Orthodox Christian family in China on December 10, 1855. His father died when he was a child, and he was raised by his grandmother Ekaterina and his mother Marina. Marina was a teacher at the Orthodox mission school for girls. The mission priest charged his teacher to take great care in educating Tsi Chung, to prepare him for the priesthood. Before reaching twenty years of age, he was appointed to the post of catechist for the Orthodox Mission. However, he did not want to accept ordination, saying “How can a person with insufficient abilities and charity dare to accept this great responsibility?” But under the urging of his priest and the persuasion of his teacher, Tsi Chung obeyed and was ordained to the priesthood.

As a priest, he assisted in translating and editing the Bible, the service books, and writings of the Church fathers into Chinese. For 15 years, he tirelessly served God and the faithful entrusted to his care. Fr. Mitrophan had a reputation as a very humble, quiet, and peaceful person. Together with his wife, children, and the people of his parish he was murdered on June 10, 1900, during the Boxer Rebellion.

His feast day is June 11.

We pray for your faithful martyrs who gave their lives spreading your Word. Lord, we are mindful that so great is our love for you that even though we walk in a world where speaking your name can mean certain death, your faithful still speak it. Help us work for a world where all may speak their creeds and pray their prayers without fear of violence. Hear the prayers of those who abide with you in dangerous times and in dark valleys, and who die with your name on their lips. Draw them quickly to your side where they might know eternal peace. Amen.



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, 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

No Service at 5pm

There will be no 5pm Service on **Sunday June 11**.

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.

Summer break

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

Church School 2023-2024

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**.

2023-2024 Church School Teachers Needed

Church school classes **resume on September 10**. If you are interested in becoming a church school teacher, please speak to Susan Jackson, Sarah Robbins-Cole, or Pamela Grossetti, our vestryperson for youth

• youth-learning@standrewswellesley.org

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 (click on SERVE and SIGN UP for St. Stephen's B-SAFE 2023). 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.

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

Save the Date—for a Night of Fellowship and Fun

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



Gratitude

Youth Sunday

Thank you to all the church school teachers and youth who participated in Youth Sunday, who includes our bakers, our intercession leaders, ushers, greeters, readers, and our preachers. Thank you Caroline Condon and Francesca Grossetti for your sermon, your message for us of managing major transitions in our lives with gratitude, and for what God has done “for us,” and for the strength and courage to face those challenges with faith that God is always with us!

Parent and Teacher Picnic

Thank you to the church school committee for our parent picnic on Sunday. Despite the chilly weather we had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun!

Confirmation Service

Thank you to everyone who helped make Saturday’s confirmation service such a great success. Thank you to our hospitality committee, ushers, greeters, readers, altar guild, and flower guild.

Bible Deliverers

Thank you to all those who took the time to pick up Bibles designated for our high school seniors and delivered them. They have all been delivered!

Vestry

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Staff

- In an emergency, please contact Adrian on his cell phone, 603/831-4938. Additional clergy cell phone numbers are: Margaret Schwarzer, 617/733-0661, and Sarah Robbins-Cole, 603/831-4711.
- 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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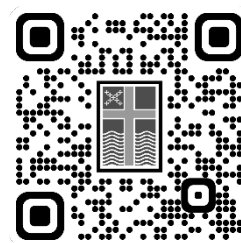
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Weekly Calendar

- 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 3pm**, 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 11

9am Christian Learning
11am Coffee Hour

Monday, June 12

7pm Fellowship Committee

Tuesday, June 13

11am Bible Circle

Wednesday, June 14

7pm Bible Circle

Thursday, June 15

11am North Hill Holy Eucharist

Sunday, June 18

11am Coffee Hour



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