

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 11, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier* Dear Jesus we are here J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Processional Hymn 129 "Christ upon the mountain peak" Mowsley

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 forever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

S 236 Benedictus es, Domine (front section of hymnal) John Rutter (b. 1945)

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; In the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the

light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you

yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus

Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 133 "O Light of Light, Love given birth"

Elmhurst

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to

say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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 of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *O nata lux*

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world,

with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members of thy blessed body.*

Doxology Hymn 380 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" *Old 100th*

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

Eucharistic Prayer B *BCP p. 367*

S130 Sanctus (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

S164 Fraction Anthem (front section of hymnal) Franz Peter Schubert

*All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.
Gluten free wafers are available.*

Communion Anthem *We are marching in the light of God* *South African*

*We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
Siyahamb' e kukhanyen' kwenkos, siyahamba' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'
Marcharemos en la luz de Dios, Marcharemos en la luz de Dios.*

Communion Hymn 325 "Let us break bread together on our knees"

Let Us Break Bread

Thanksgiving after Communion *BCP p. 365*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 137 "O wondrous type! O vision fair"

Wareham

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude in C major* *J.S. Bach*

**Join us for coffee hour after the service,
hosted today by David & Elizabeth Guydan**



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.



Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
David G. Powell by Elizabeth P. Powell and Marta Gertrud Allen by her daughters
Jill and Kirsten Allen.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

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

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov
Ushers Nancy Kohl and Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Tiffany Horter; Torch, Tanner Francour; and Torch, Peter Mahoney
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Laura Brown MacKinnon, Sarah Dent,
David Hamlin, and Ann Johnson
Readers Megan Burns and Madison Riley
Ushers Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston
The Crossing
MANNA Community
The Cathedral Chapter
Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry
Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders



About the Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12 This story recounts the bodily ascension of Elijah and the commissioning of Elisha as his successor. “The company of prophets” (v. 3) come to meet Elisha. They are members of the prophetic guilds, often advisors to the king. When they come to the Jordan, Elijah parts the waters like Moses at the Red Sea and Joshua at the Jordan. Elisha asks Elijah for “a double share” (v. 9)—the portion of a firstborn son—of his spirit. The fire that separates the two men is associated with the power of God acting through Elijah.

Psalm 50:1-6 Psalm 50 focuses on the meaning of sacrifice. God’s people have abandoned the covenant and forgotten the real significance of sacrifice. Their offerings do not feed a hungry God nor assure God’s favor; they should rather be an expression of the people’s reliance upon and thankfulness to God.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Paul defends his apostolic ministry against opponents in the Corinthian Church. To the charge of self-glorification, he replies that he

preaches to make God known. He summarizes Christian belief in “Jesus Christ as Lord” (v. 5) and Christian ministry as service to others for Jesus’ sake. The God of creation is now manifested in the new creation through Christ. The light of Christ is unfading, in contrast to the fading light of the law. It now shines in the hearts of believers, gradually changing them into Christ’s likeness.

Mark 9:2-9 The account of Jesus’ transfiguration echoes God’s appearance to Moses on Mount Sinai (see Exodus 24:15-18 and 34:29-35). The voice from the cloud repeats the statement from Jesus’ baptism (1:11) with the additional command “listen to him” (v. 7). As Moses represents the tradition of the law, so Elijah represents the prophetic tradition. Mark emphasizes Peter’s confused responses. The dwellings he proposes building would be like those built in the vineyards at the time of the Jewish Feast of Booths.



Icon of the Week

Jesus Christ: Liberator

Naming Jesus “the Liberator” is synonymous with naming him “Savior,” “Redeemer,” and “Deliverer.” The contemporary understanding of Jesus Christ, the Liberator, has targeted various arenas of oppression for example, gender (white feminist, womanist, and mujerista theology), sexual orientation (gay and lesbian theology), race (Black theology), class (Latin American theology), culture (African theology), religion (Asian theology), and political oppression (Middle Eastern theology). The work of Christ, the Liberator, is the core thread between the kingdom here and now, and the kingdom yet to come. J.P. Meier, a biblical scholar and priest, states that through the beatitudes, Jesus is promising to do in his kingdom “what Israel’s human kings often failed to do: defend widows and orphans, secure the rights of the oppressed, and in general see justice done.” He also expresses his view that in Jesus’ sermon in the synagogue in Nazareth, Luke was expressing “what Jesus’ proclamation aimed at: a new religious and social order that would bring liberation for those oppressed by various forms of evil.”

In this icon, the Greek letters in the cross in Christ’s halo are the divine name revealed to Moses in the burning bush: “I am who I am.” The inscriptions in the upper corners of the icon are Greek abbreviations for “Jesus Christ.” Christ wears the traditional Greek garments of icons, whether they are from Russia, Syria, or Ethiopia, but now they have African colors: burnt orange of the Maasai and white of the Saharan peoples. Like most African men, He wears necklaces.

The justification for this icon lies in the text Christ holds (Matthew 25:31-46). “When did we see you...?” those on Christ’s left will ask him at the Last Judgement.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. —Galatians 5:1



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.

Ash Wednesday Services

We strongly encourage you to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent with ashes. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14.** We hope to see you at one of the Ash Wednesday services at church at **7am, noon, and 7pm**, the last of which will be with music. Margaret will also be doing “Ashes-to-Go” at the Wellesley Square train station starting at 7:15am.

—[Adrian Robbins-Cole](#)

Shrove Tuesday

Please join us **Tuesday, February 13, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the parish hall** to observe Shrove Tuesday with a traditional pancake supper. The fellowship committee is teaming up to serve a meal that will prepare you for the Lenten season. Suggested donation is \$5 per person and \$10 per family. **At 6:30pm** everyone is invited to **process to the children’s chapel** for an Ash Wednesday Service. —[Ginny Snow](#)

Church School

- **Godly Play I** pre-k to first grade meet in the children’s chapel which is adjacent to the church sanctuary.
- **Godly Play II** grades two and three meet in Room 201 (formerly known as the Rite-13 room).

- **Upper School/Way of Love** grades four and five meet in room 204.
- **Rite-13** grades six and seven meet in room 202.

No Church School

Please note that on **Sunday, February 18**, there will be no church school on account of the Presidents’ Day weekend. However, please come to church because there will be an intergenerational sermon during the main service. **Church school resumes on Sunday, February 25.**

9am Christian Learning

Join us **today, February 11**, for *The History of Ash Wednesday*. Join us **Sunday, February 18**, for our first class on *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross* by Jon Meacham. For the next five weeks, we will be reflecting on Jesus’ last words together. Come to class if you have read the book or you haven’t. Everyone is welcome; come to every class or just ones that interest you. There is childcare at 8:55am in Kids’ Place so parents can join (or sing in the senior choir). Classes are hybrid and the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.

—[Rev. Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Lenten Book

During Lent, we will be reading Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham's book *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross*. This short book, 100 pages long, offers beautiful questions and insights on Jesus' final words to humankind. Each book is \$18. We will share reflections and insights in our **9am** Christian learning classes during Lent. Email me if you want to order the book and mail a check made out to "St. Andrew's" with "Lenten Book" in the memo. I will email you when you can pick up your book at Wellesley Books.

—[Rev. Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Lenten Potluck & Program

Join us on **Wednesday nights** during Lent. At **6:30pm** we will enjoy a potluck dinner; the church will provide the entrée and drinks; you bring a salad or a dessert. **From 7:10pm to 8pm, join us in person or on Zoom** for a program on the theme *Ancient Scripture/ Modern Life*. Each talk will apply one of Scripture's formative teachings to modern life. Zoom link is in the e-Pistle.

- **February 21** *Welcoming the Stranger* with Rabbi Rachel Saphire, Temple Beth Elohim
- **February 28** *A Modern Take on Repentance* with Margaret Schwarzer
- **March 6** *Loving Our Neighbor* with Pam Alexander.
- **March 13** *Considering Miracles* with David Guydan
- **March 20** *Turning the Other Cheek* with Adrian Robbins-Cole

Call for Warm Winter Coats

Circle of Hope is a Needham-based non-profit that partners with homeless shelters, healthcare clinics, and community programs in Boston/MetroWest. Every coat donated will go directly to migrant families in shelters and emergency housing facilities that Circle of Hope supports. They need coats of all sizes, small to XL, for children, teens, women, and men. Please give only gently used coats that you yourself would wear and if possible washed (dry cleaning is not necessary). There are two bins, one in the office hallway and one in the parish hall.

Bible Studies

- **Beginners Bible Study** Join us [online every Thursday at noon](#) for the study of Matthew's Gospel.
—[Adrian Robbins-Cole](#)
- **Open Bible Study** For **February**, we are reading *The Gospel of Mark*, the oldest, shortest, and most breathlessly told Gospel; only 16 chapters long. Join us to read and consider *Chapter 8: The Healing of a Blind Man*. We will meet on [Tuesday, February 13 at 11am](#) and on [Thursday, February 15 at 7 pm](#). (Wednesday night study moved to Thursday in February to accommodate our Lenten Potluck and Program on Wednesday nights.) Both events meet in the Harvey Room and on Zoom. —[Rev. Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Assisted Listening



We have recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for **worshipers who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities**. Your hearing aids will need to

be connected with your smart device via Bluetooth before you start. It's easy to use. Download the "Listen Everywhere" app from your app store. Instructions for how you connect your app to the church system are at the ushers table.

Invitation to Temple Beth Elohim

We have been invited, along with the other Christian churches of Wellesley, by Temple Beth Elohim to join them on **Friday, April 5**, for **Shabbat worship (6pm)**, a **tour of the sanctuary (7:15pm)** and **dinner (7:30pm)**.

This is an opportunity for us to deepen our bonds of affection and support for our local Jewish community. If you have questions or would like to attend, please [contact Adrian](#).

It's Coming! Bargain Haul 2024

That's right, Bargain Haul 2024 is on the way, celebrating 90 years of serving our community! Mark your calendar **now** for: **drop-off Sunday, April 28; work week, Monday, April 29 to Wednesday, May 1; parish night, Friday, May 3; and the public sale, Saturday, May 4.**

As St. Andrew's comes together to serve our community, there are many ways YOU can be part of making Bargain Haul successful. Start thinking about what YOU can donate and how YOU can volunteer your time. We look forward to working with ALL of YOU! We are still looking for Chairs/co-Chairs for the Furniture and Linens departments. For more details, please contact: [Wendy Barry](#) or [Bob Ware](#).

Families with Youth

Please mark your calendars to help with Bargain Haul. We need youth to help on **Sunday, April 28** drop-off day, to staff layaway during Bargain Haul, and clean-up afterwards on **Saturday, May 4.**

Vestry

- Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: <https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/>

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Wardens Megan Burns

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Worship Erica Gelser

Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

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- 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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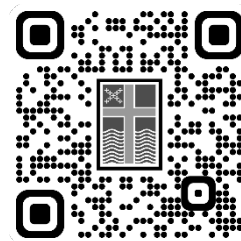
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Weekly Calendar

- 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.
- **Senior Choir** rehearsal is on **Thursdays at 7:30pm**.
- **Parish office hours** are (generally) **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, February 11

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9:45am Church School
11am Coffee Hour

7:15am Ashes-to-Go
12pm Ash Wednesday Service
6pm Senior Choir Practice
7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Monday, February 12

7pm Communications Meeting

Thursday, February 15

10:30am North Hill Holy Eucharist
12pm Beginner's Bible Study
7pm Open Bible Study

Tuesday, February 13

11am Open Bible Study
5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Supper
7pm Outreach Meeting

Sunday, February 18

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9:45am NO Church School
11am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, February 14

7am Ash Wednesday Service



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