

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday of Lent
February 18, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *O Lamm Gottes, unshuldig* O Lamb of God, innocent J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 142 "Lord, who throughout these forty days" *St. Flavian*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures for ever.

Decalogue BCP p. 350

Confession BCP p. 352

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal) William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him,
"As for me, I am establishing my covenant
with you and your descendants after you,
and with every living creature that is with

you, the birds, the domestic animals, and
every animal of the earth with you, as many
as came out of the ark. I establish my cove-
nant with you, that never again shall all

flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my

covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9

Richard Farrant (ca.1530-1581)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love,
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

7 Gracious and ¹upright is the ¹LORD; *
therefore he teaches ¹sinners ¹in his ¹way.

8 He guides the humble in ¹doing ¹right *
and teaches his ¹wäy ¹to the ¹lowly.

9 All the paths of the LORD are ¹love and ¹faithfulness *
to those who keep his ¹covenant ¹and his ¹testimonies.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is,

eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 147 “Now let us all with one accord”

Bourbon

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the

wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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.*

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Asperges me*

Anton Bruckner (1824-1896)

*You will sprinkle me with hyssop, O Lord, and I shall be cleansed.
You will wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.*

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 A

BCP p. 361

S128 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)

Mason Martens

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

Communion Anthem *Call to remembrance*

Richard Farrant

*Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy and
loving kindness which hath been ever of old.*

O remember not the sins and offenses of my youth:

but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord, for thy goodness.

Communion Hymn 302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

Rendez a Dieu

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 143 “The glory of these forty days”

Erhalt uns, Herr

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Christus, der uns selig macht* Christ who makes us blessed

J.S. Bach

**Join us for coffee hour after the service,
hosted today by Laura Riley**



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.



We offer special prayers in celebration of the life of
Edward A. Stettner, remembered by Laura Stettner.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Bonnie Akins, Becky Hamlin, Jennie Hunnewell Kaplan,
Debbie Lorenz, Linda McCammond, Debbie Monti,
Caren Parker, Laura Riley, Liz Rogers, and Betsy Veidenheimer
Altar Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell
Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Tiffany Horter; Torch, Emmy Svedlund;
and Torch, Katherine Svedlund
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Jeff Eagan
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Meg Harris, Ann Johnson,
Paul Shackford, and Margaret Zusky
Readers Paul Merry and Michael Vanin
Ushers David Boghosian, Adams Carroll, Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery
St. Mary's Church, Barnstable
St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay
St. Christopher's Church, Chatham
St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown
Union of Black Episcopalians



About the Readings

Genesis 9:8-17 Both Jewish and Christian tradition attribute the writing of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, to Moses. Modern scholars now recognize that the Pentateuch is composed of several strands of tradition preserved and edited over centuries of Jewish history. The story of the flood is itself an ancient one, shared by several Near Eastern cultures, but the biblical account has its own unique theological perspective. Through Noah, God makes the first covenant, a covenant with all humans and animals and every generation. The sign of the covenant, the rainbow, is a sign of peace, showing that God's wrath was over and the stability of the natural order was guaranteed. This first covenant demonstrates the trustworthiness of God who makes promises and keeps them.

Psalms 25:1-9 This is an acrostic psalm, each verse beginning with a successive letter of the alphabet. In the form of a personal lament, it contains the usual cry for help (vv. 1-3), plea for guidance (vv. 4-5), expression of trust (vv. 6-15) and presentation of the psalmist's plight (vv. 17-19) in a prayer of vindication (vv. 16-21). In verses 4-5, the psalmist asks God to teach him truth. He recognizes that his adversaries, both external (vv. 2, 19) and internal (vv. 7, 11, 17-18), are strong enough to triumph

over him. His fear of the Lord compels him to acknowledge that God alone can make him into a person of true righteousness (v. 9), thus able to enjoy "the friendship of the Lord" (v. 14).

1 Peter 3:18-22 For many scholars, the excellent Greek style of this letter, its use of the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the Old Testament) and the lack of direct reference to Jesus' teaching all suggest that the letter was not written directly by Peter, but perhaps by a companion, disciple or scribe of his. In today's reading, the author seems to have used parts of a hymn to frame statements about Jesus' authority and the meaning of baptism. Christ died "once," not only as a model to be followed but also to bring new access to God. The author draws parallels between the destructive, but cleansing, waters of the flood and the cleansing, saving waters of baptism. Verse 21b is translated more literally, "a pledge to God from (or of) a good conscience." Thus, the believer's baptism is effective not as a physical washing, but as a sign of one's new life in Christ.

Mark 1:9-15 Today's reading recounts Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. The event of empowerment by the Spirit at Jesus' baptism (vv. 9-11) immediately leads into a time of testing. The forty days

recall the forty years of wandering in the wilderness (Deuteronomy 8:2), the forty days of Moses on the mountain (Exodus 24:18; 34:28) and the forty days of Elijah's journey (1 Kings 19:8). Exposure to temptation is a continuing theme of Jesus' ministry, in the desire of the crowds for a sign (8:11), in Peter's rebuke (8:32-33) and in the jeers of the crowds at his crucifixion (15:29-32). Apparently Jesus was prompted by the end of John the Baptist's active ministry to begin his public work.

Jesus now proclaims that "the time is fulfilled." The work of the prophets, including John the Baptist, was to prepare for God's kingly rule. In Jesus, however, all God's prophetic words find their fulfillment. The prophets were called to speak God's message, while Jesus is God's message. "The kingdom of God has come near" (v. 15), that is, the kingdom of God is more than merely nearby, it is present in Jesus.



Icon of the Week

Christ of the Desert

Out of the deserts of the Middle East comes an ancient Christian tradition. Although it has been overshadowed by the Greek and Latin traditions, it is their equal in dignity and theological importance. It is a Semitic tradition, belonging to those churches that use Syriac as their liturgical language. Syriac is a dialect of Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ himself.

This icon celebrates the richness of Syriac Christianity. The inscriptions in the upper corners read “Jesus Christ,” and at the bottom, “Christ of the Desert.” The Syriac language has ties to the earth that are deep and rich. It is more inclusive than most European languages. The theological experience of Syriac Christians is different because they have encountered the Gospel in such a language. Theirs is an unhellenized expression—one that is neither Europeanized nor Westernized.

Semitic as it is, the Syriac tradition knows no dichotomy between the mind and heart. The heart is the center of the human person—center of intellect as well as feelings. The body and all of creation longs to be reunited with God.

A constant theme in Syriac literature is homesickness for Paradise, a desire to restore Paradise on earth. Christians pray facing east because Paradise was in the east. This longing was expressed in monastic terms in ancient times, but its implications today reach far beyond monastery walls. With earthy roots, this longing for Paradise involves concrete responses in the realms of politics, ecology, and economics.

O Lord and Master of my life. The spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and vain thoughts give me not. But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me thy servant. Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my failings and not condemn my brother, for Thou art holy unto the ages of ages. 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.

No Church School

Please note that **today, February 18, Kids' Place will be open**, but there will be **NO church school**. 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

For the next five weeks, we will be reflecting on Jesus' last words together. Join us **today, February 18**, for our first class on *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus on the Cross* by Jon Meacham. In the first class, we will discuss the introduction and the first word: "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Join us **Sunday, February 25**, when Laura Brown MacKinnon will lead us in discussing chapters 2 and 3, the second and third words. 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](#)

Community Learning Class

We will have a combined church school class on **Sunday, February 25, in the children's chapel starting at 9:45am**. We will be learning about the feeding of the 5,000 in preparation for **Meal Madness on March 3** (see next page announcement), which all church school classes will take part in that day, starting at **9:45am**. Parents are asked to accompany children under age six to the meal packing on **March 3**.

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.

Meal Madness, Sunday, March 3



Come one, come all from 8:30am to 9:45am! Church school will take over at **9:45am** so others can get to the 10am service. We are committed to packing 13,000 (*yes, thirteen thousand*) rice and bean meals for the Pearl Street Cupboard & Café in Framingham. Generous donations from parishioners, added to the outreach budget, expanded our capacity for this once-a-year event. Plan to come and roll up your sleeves. It's a family affair. Please sign up on Realm using the QR code, or email [Cam McCormick](mailto:CamMcCormick).

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will be meeting next **Sunday, February 25, at 5:45pm**, in **Room 201**.

Lenten Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 3, at 5pm the senior choir will sing in a Lenten Choral Evensong. We will feature James Stevens's arrangement of an old familiar hymn, *Nearer my God, to Thee*, in an a cappella version. Also included in the service is George Dyson's *Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F*. We will conclude with *Grace before Sleep* by Susan LaBarr based on a poem by Sara Teasdale. Thomas Handel will be our guest organist. Please come and invite your neighbors and friends. There will be a reception following the service in the parish hall.

Evensong Reception, March 3

We are happy to announce that we will have our traditional candlelight reception **following the 5pm Evensong on Sunday, March 3**. We would like to offer simple savory taste treats—tidbits that are easy to manage while balancing a glass and chatting with friends about the glorious music we just enjoyed. Sweets are also welcome. Please let us know what you would like to bring with an email to [Wendy Haering](mailto:WendyHaering).

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](#).

Families with Youth for Bargain Haul

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**.

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](#).

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.

Assisted Listening

We have recently installed *Listen Everywhere* for **worshippers 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.





Gratitudes

Souper Bowl Soup Drive

Our **Souper Bowl Soup Drive** to help stock the Wellesley Food Pantry was a huge success! The narthex was loaded with bags filled with hundreds of cans of soup that will warm many tummies this winter. Thank you for your generous offerings.

Rite-13 Teachers and Participants

Thank you to Elizabeth Svedland and Caleb Farny who organized the Rite-13 baking morning and Valentine card writing! The treats and cards were greatly appreciated by the recipients! Thank you teachers and Rite-13ers!

Vestry

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

Adult Formation Carrie Hawley

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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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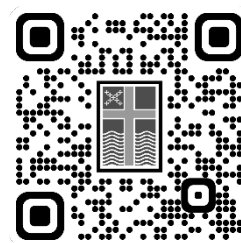
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Weekly Calendar

- 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 18

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

Monday, February 19

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 20

10am Pastoral Care Team

Wednesday, February 21

6:30pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Thursday, February 22

12pm Beginner's Bible Study

Sunday, February 25

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9:45am Combined Church School
11am Coffee Hour
5:45pm Confirmation Class



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