

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Canzona in d minor*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 671 "Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound"

New Britain

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.

Confession

BCP p. 352

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you

brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that

many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous

serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Richard Farrant (ca.1530-1581)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.

† 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace

you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 685 “Rock of Ages, cleft for me”

Toplady

Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world,

but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil

hate the light and do not come to the light,
so that their deeds may not be exposed. But
those who do what is true come to the light,

so that it may be clearly seen that their
deeds have been done in God.”

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

After each bidding the Reader says, Lord, in your mercy.

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Down to the river to pray*

Traditional song
arranged by Sheldon Curry

Refrain:

As I went down to the river to pray.

Studying about that good ol' way

And who shall wear the robe and crown?

Good Lord, show me the way!

Oh sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down,

oh sisters let's go down, down to the river to pray (refrain)

Oh, brothers, let's go ... (refrain)

Oh, fathers, let's go down ... (refrain)

Oh, mothers, let's go down ... (refrain)

Oh, sinners, let's go down ... (refrain)

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 "God so loved the world" from *Crucifixion*

John Stainer (1840-1901)

God so loved the world.

God so loved the world,

that He gave His only begotten Son,

that whoso believeth, believeth in Him

should not perish, should not perish

but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world

to condemn the world.

God sent not His Son into the world

to condemn the world;

But that the world through Him might be saved.

Communion Hymn 620 "Jerusalem my happy home"

Land of Rest

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in a minor*

J.S. Bach

**Join us for coffee hour after the service,
hosted today by Debbie & David Osborn**



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.

Assisted Listening We use the Listen Everywhere app for worshipers who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. 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.





We offer special prayers in celebration of the lives of
James Beattie Tedesco, Ruth Freeman Reed, and Norma Bradford.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

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

Altar Flowers the Flower Guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Paul Criswell

Ushers Nancy Kohl & Bob Ware

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Tiffany Horter; Torch, Tanner Francour; and Torch, Peter Mahoney

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Adams Carroll, Elizabeth Clarke, Meg Harris, and Sarah Dent

Readers Tim Phillips and Adams Carroll

Ushers Travis Anza, Matthew Benfer, and Paul Zusky

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown

St. John's Church, Sandwich

St. David's Church, South Yarmouth

Grace Church, Vineyard Haven

Ministries with Older Adults



About the Readings

Numbers 21:4-9 This reading describes the incident that the evangelist John uses to understand the healing power of Christ's death on the cross. For their lack of faith in God's power to provide food for them on their wilderness journey, the people are punished by poisonous serpents. When the people admit their sinfulness and seek God's forgiveness through Moses' intercession, God provides an outward sign—the bronze serpent—that when looked upon unleashed God's life-giving power.

Psalms 107:1-3,17-22 This psalm encourages those whom God has rescued to give praise (vv. 1-3). Verses 17-22 recall God's healing in time of illness.

Ephesians 2:1-10 This letter was probably first circulated as an encyclical letter to a number of churches in Asia Minor. Chapter 1 centers upon the privileges of the believer's new life in Christ. Today's reading focuses on the process of restoration. God alone takes the initiative. In verses 8-10, there is a double aspect to salvation. It begins with "grace" (v. 5) and results in "good works" (v. 10). Faith is here a gift from God, not something we do. Works are required, but not as a prerequisite. The

living out of the Christian life is not the cause of salvation, but its effect. Faith must always lead to good works.

John 3:14-21 This discourse as a whole (3:1-21) moves from the work of the Spirit (3:3-8) to that of the Son (3:11-15) to that of the Father (3:16-21). Nicodemus comes to Jesus by night because of his interest in the signs Jesus has performed. Jesus seeks to draw him past these outward manifestations to a recognition of their inward significance. The lifting up of the Son of Man points to his exaltation on the cross and in the resurrection and ascension; for John, these are one single act of glorification, offering believers eternal life by participation in God's life. Verse 16, one of the most familiar verses of scripture, succinctly describes God's goal—to offer eternal life, God's motivation—love for the world, and God's strategy—giving the Son. Jesus has become the watershed for life, both now and in the future. Those who reject Jesus face condemnation in the day of judgment, and they live now in darkness and fear. Those who believe "in the name of the only Son of God" (v. 18) have escaped future condemnation, enjoy the promise and reality of eternal life, and live in light and truth.



Icon of the Week

Oscar Romero of El Salvador

1917–1980

Although the wealthy class called him a friend of revolution, Oscar Romero was a peacemaker. He knew that simply ending rebel violence would not end the greater violence induced by poverty and hunger. Society had to be restructured so that children would not die of malnutrition and disease while their parents could not find decent work. Though he encouraged peaceful reform, where violence was unavoidable, he worked to overcome the spirit of hatred and vengeance.

His pulpit became a font of truth when the government censored news. He walked among the people and listened. “I am a shepherd,” he said, “who, with his people, has begun to learn a beautiful and difficult truth: our Christian faith requires that we submerge ourselves in this world.”

Killed by an assassin’s bullet as he celebrated Mass on March 24, 1980, his last words described the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit. Like his Savior, he died poor, forgiving his murderers. He was buried in the cathedral where he had preached justice.

His feast day is March 24.

Almighty God, you called your servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and forever. 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.

Laetare Sunday

Today, March 10, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is known as *Laetare Sunday*. The word *Laetare* comes from the traditional introit for the day which begins, "Laetare Jerusalem" which means "Rejoice Jerusalem." Today, the clergy will be wearing the rose array. Other names for the day are Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday, or Rose Sunday. Traditionally, this was a Sunday when people would return to their mother church where they received the sacrament of baptism.

August El Hogar Trip

Join parishioner **Bianka Eichelberger** in the **Harvey Room** for a planning meeting **today, March 10, at 11:30am**. Bianka is organizing a trip to El Hogar, August 10 to 15, for adults and youth aged 15 and up (or in high school), to meet staff and students and learn how this Episcopal ministry is helping break the cycle of poverty in Honduras. [El Hogar](#), which St. Andrew's has supported for many years, provides quality education and technical training for youth in Honduras. Join Bianka to learn more about trip details and El Hogar, and to begin planning for this exciting journey. — [Bianka Eichelberger](#)

9am Christian Learning

Join us **today, March 10**, when David Guydan will lead us in discussing Chapter 4, the fourth word, *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* from Jon Meacham's book *Hope of Glory*. Join us on **Sunday, March 17**, for the fifth and sixth words: *I thirst*, and *It is finished*. Will Nystrom will be our teacher. Come to class if you have read the book or if you haven't. Everyone is welcome to attend anytime. There is childcare at 8:55am in Kids' Place so parents can join. Classes are hybrid and the Zoom link is in the e-Pistle. — [Rev. Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Church School Today

- **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**.

Sunday Concert at 2pm

Wellesley College's Advanced Performance Seminar will give a concert **today, March 10, at 2pm** in the sanctuary. All are invited, free of charge, to hear these talented students.

Confirmation Class

Today, **March 10, at 5:45pm**, the confirmation class will be meeting **in Room 201**.

Bishop Visiting St Andrew's

The Bishop of Massachusetts, Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, will be visiting St. Andrew's **on Sunday, March 17. He will preach and preside at the 10am service and then join us for coffee hour.** After coffee hour he will meet with the vestry. His visit is part of the regular two-year cycle of visits the bishop makes to the parishes of the diocese. Please come along to show the bishop the strength and vitality of our parish. It will also be a chance for us to say farewell to the bishop who will be retiring later this year after ten years of service in our Diocese. Elections for our next bishop will take place over the summer. The two lay representatives of each parish to the Diocesan convention and the clergy of the Diocese vote in the election.

Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes have arrived and are on the ushers table in the back of the church.

Lenten Book

We are reading *The Hope of Glory: Reflections on the Last Words of Jesus from the Cross* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Jon Meacham

right now. This 100-page book offers beautiful questions and insights on Jesus' final words. Each book is \$18. In our 9am Christian learning classes we are sharing reflections and insights. Email me if you want to order the book. — [Rev. Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Lenten Potluck & Program

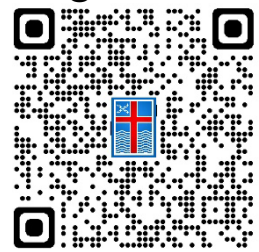
Join us on **Wednesday night in the parish hall at 6:30pm** for a potluck dinner; the church will provide the entrée and drinks; you bring a salad or a dessert. **From 7:10pm to 8pm, join us in person or on Zoom** for a program on the theme *Ancient Scripture/ Modern Life*.

- **March 13** *Considering Miracles* with David Guydan.
- **March 20** *Turning the Other Cheek* with Adrian Robbins-Cole.

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 **March**, we are reading *The Gospel of Mark*, the oldest, shortest, and most breathlessly told Gospel. Join us and consider *Chapter 14: Preamble to the Cross*. We will meet on [Tuesday, March 12 at 11am](#) and on [Tuesday, March 12 at 7 pm](#). (Wednesday night study moved to Tuesday in March.) Both events meet in the Harvey Room and on Zoom. — [Rev. Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Bargain Haul—Volunteers Needed!



Join the fun and fellowship of our 90th annual rummage sale, Bargain Haul, as St. Andrew's comes together to benefit our outreach programs. We need volunteers during the hours below, from drop-off **Sunday, April 28, through Saturday, May 4**, the public sale. Please pitch in, even if you have only a few hours to spare!

- **Sunday, April 28** 11:30am to 3pm (drop-off/sorting)
- **Monday, April 29** 9am to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm (drop-off/sorting)
- **Tuesday, April 30** 9am to 2pm (drop-off/sorting) and 6pm to 8pm (sorting)
- **Wednesday, May 1** 9am to 2pm (sorting/organizing)
- **Thursday, May 2** 9am to 11am (worker preview sale)
- **Friday, May 3** 6pm to 8pm (parish night sale)
- **Saturday, May 4** 8am to 12pm (public sale) and 12pm to 2pm (cleanup).

Scan the QR Code to learn more about volunteering and to sign up. Or contact [Wendy Barry](#) or [Bob Ware](#) via email.

Families with Youth

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

Bishops' Annual Appeal

Every year the Bishop of Massachusetts invites individual Episcopalians to make a donation to the Bishops' Annual Appeal. The donations are used to make grants, allocations and program support to mission initiatives, congregations, and special ministries, as well as support for the wider church. Examples are: Food 4 Kids, sponsored by the Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans MA; the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth Campus Ministry; work with immigrant communities in Boston; a collaboration between Grace Church, Medford and Divine savior Parish in Bogota, Colombia. [Go to the Diocesan website to give.](#)

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](#).

Nametags for Newcomers

Welcome newcomers! If you joined our church in the past year and don't have a nametag yet, [please email membership committee member Becky Hamlin](#) who can get a magnetic name tag for you.

Spring Coats Needed

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. There are two bins, one in the office hallway and one in the parish hall. Circle of Hope is a Needham-based non-profit that partners with homeless shelters, healthcare clinics, and community programs in Boston/MetroWest.



Gratitude

Lenten Choral Evensong

Many thanks to our magnificent choir and our fabulous choir director, Wardie Mannix, for a wonderful Evensong Service. Many parishioners commented on the originality and beauty of the choral pieces sung by the choir.

Evensong Reception

Thank you to the team who worked so hard to host the enjoyable reception following Evensong. It was lovely to see so many people there who were obviously enjoying themselves. Thanks to everyone who contributed dishes.

Thanks to all Meal Packers!

Last Sunday approximately 75 parishioners, including church school youth, packed 13,176 servings of rice, beans and soy protein mix into easy to prepare packets, in under two hours! These meals were delivered to the Pearl St. Cupboard & Café in Framingham, a United Way site for feeding those in need. Kudos and thank you to all who helped us fight hunger in this fun outreach event, and to organizers Nancy Jones, Doug Mizzi, and Cam McCormick, and of course, to our financial donors!

Newcomer Brunch

Thanks to our membership chair, Amanda Curtis, and to our membership committee members Pam Byron, Elizabeth Clarke, Becky Hamlin, Ntonhle Kekana, and Betsy Veidenheimer who organized a beautiful welcome brunch for 17 adults and seven children who are new to our parish. A good time was had by all. We host newcomers brunches twice a year. If you are a newcomer and haven't received an invitation yet, you will receive one next year.

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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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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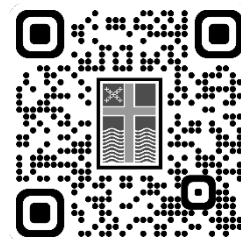
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Weekly Calendar

- 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.
- **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, March 10

8:55am Kids' Place
9am Christian Learning
9:45am Church School
11am Coffee Hour
11:30am El Hogar Planning Meeting
2pm Wellesley College Recital
5:45pm Confirmation Class

Monday, March 11

7pm Communications Meeting

Tuesday, March 12

11am Open Bible Study
7pm Open Bible Study

Wednesday, March 13

6:30pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Thursday, March 14

12pm Beginner's Bible Study

Sunday, March 17

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



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