



ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Erbarm dich mein, o Herre Gott* (Have mercy on me, O God)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 435 "At the Name of Jesus"

King's Weston

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 Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It

will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of

Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No

longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-13

Richard Farrant (ca.1530-1581)

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.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

- 8 I do not accuse you be¹cause of your¹sacrifices; *
your¹offerings are¹always be¹fore me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf¹from your¹stalls, *
nor¹he-goats¹out of your¹pens;
- 10 For all the beasts of the¹forest are¹mine, *
the herds in their¹thousands up¹on the¹hills.
- 11 I know every¹bird in the¹sky, *
and the creatures of the¹fields are¹in my¹sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I¹would not¹tell you, *
for the whole world is¹mine and¹all that is¹in it.
- †13 Do you think I eat the¹flesh of¹bulls, *
or¹drink the¹blood of¹goats?

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save

him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 439 "What wondrous love is this"

Wondrous Love

Gospel: John 12:20-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told

Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life

lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it

again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates

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 *In quietness shall be our strength* James Woodman (b. 1957)

Prayer for Quiet Confidence, The Book of Common Prayer, 1979

O God of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray you, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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	
<i>Celebrant</i> Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.	
<i>People</i> Therefore let us keep the feast.	
Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)	Mason Martens
<i>All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.</i>	
<i>Gluten free wafers are available.</i>	
Communion Anthem <i>Lead me, Lord</i>	Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)
<i>Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.</i>	
<i>For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.</i>	
Communion Hymn 715 "When Jesus wept"	<i>When Jesus Wept</i>
Thanksgiving after Communion	BCP p. 365
Blessing	
Recessional Hymn 473 "Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim"	<i>Crucifer</i>
Dismissal	
<i>Clergy</i> Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People</i> Thanks be to God.	
Postlude <i>Christus, der uns selig macht</i> (Christ who makes us blessed)	J.S. Bach

**Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the service,
hosted today by Bianka & Lee Eichelberger**



Serving St. Andrew's this week

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

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Nancy Echlov
Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Tiffany Horter; Torch, Emmy Svedlund;
and Torch, Katherine Svedlund
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Harry Condon, Joe Hamilton,
Nancy Echlov, and Sarah Harris
Readers Joanna Horobin and Paul Merry
Ushers David Boghosian, Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery
Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham
St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet
Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole
Diocesan Congregational Consultants
For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged

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 app to your phone. Instructions for how you connect the app to the church system are at the ushers table and around the church. Finding the church system only works while you are in church.



About the Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Jeremiah began his prophetic ministry to Judah about 627 BCE and ended it around 580 BCE. He thus spans the period leading up to Judah's final defeat by the Babylonians (587 BCE), the destruction of the temple and the exile of much of the population. Today's lesson comes from a section, chapters 30–31, called the "book of consolation." In it are gathered Jeremiah's oracles of hope for an eventual renewal and restoration for Israel. In today's passage, Jeremiah looks forward to a "new covenant" (v. 31). Unlike the old, this one will be written on the heart, which in Hebrew thought is the seat not of the emotions but of the will. This covenant is not new in content, for the Torah, the written law, is not replaced. It is new, however, in the means of its realization. The internalization of the covenant will enable people to keep it. The will of the individual shall become one with the will of God. There will be no need of teachers, for all will know the Lord, not just in intellectual terms but in the Hebrew sense of a close, intense and intimate personal relationship.

Psalms 51:1-13 This is one of the great penitential psalms. The hope and goal of the covenant was to live in right relationship with God and one another. Sin

disordered relationships. The psalmist seeks not merely the removal of guilt, but the restoration of a right relationship to God.

Hebrews 5:5-10 The epistle to the Hebrews is a tightly-woven theological essay that stresses that Christianity has fulfilled the promises of Judaism. The author's purpose is to show the superiority of: Jesus to the prophets, the angels and Moses (1:3–4:13), Jesus' priesthood to the Levitical priesthood (4:14–7:28) and Jesus' sacrifice to Levitical sacrifices (8:1–10:18). According to Jewish tradition, Jesus could not be a priest because he was from the tribe of Judah not Levi. But the author of Hebrews argues that in fact Jesus is the real High Priest because he, like Aaron and Melchizedek, was chosen by God for his priestly ministry on our behalf. The quotation from Psalm 2:7 (v. 5) affirms that Jesus was chosen by God, not self-appointed. His unique priesthood is modeled upon that of Melchizedek, whom the author later claims to be superior to Abraham and thus to Abraham's descendant Levi and the Levitical priests. For his lifelong submission to God, Jesus was saved not from death but through death. Whereas human beings learn to be obedient because they suffer for disobedience, Jesus, through his suffering,

learned that obedience itself exacts a price in human life. Through his obedient suffering, Jesus is “made perfect” (v. 9) and becomes our source of salvation.

John 12:20-33 The appearance of “some Greeks” (v. 20, probably “God-fearers” — those who were attracted to Judaism but did not fully keep the law) indicates that Jesus’ public ministry is now complete. Ironically, the complaint of the Pharisees in 12:19 is shown to be true. Jesus’ response is to announce that his “hour has come” (v. 23), the time for his glorification in death, resurrection and ascension. As Jesus’ mission bore fruit only through his

death, so Christians bear fruit only through death to self. The term hate (v. 25) would reinforce the challenge to separate oneself from what this life requires. It does not express an emotion so much as an action requiring separation. Jesus freely accepts his destiny in a plea that God’s plan be carried out as the expression of God’s name, that is, of God’s essential character. The victory over Satan is won through Jesus’ “lifting up” (v. 32), a term for both his crucifixion and his exaltation), but its working out in this life is the ongoing task of Christians.



Icon of the Week

St. Patrick

390–461

St. Patrick was born Maewyn Succat to a Christian family on the northwest coast of Britain in 390. His grandfather was a Christian priest and his father, Calpornius, was a deacon. He was kidnapped at the age of 16 by an Irish raiding party and trafficked across the Irish Sea into slavery. When he was 21, he escaped and returned to his family and his studies in Britain. He tells us that he took holy orders as both presbyter and bishop. A vision then called him to return to Ireland. This he did about the year 431. He then began a remarkable process of missionary conversion throughout the country that continued until his death, in 461. He made his appeal to the local kings and through them to their tribes. Christianizing the old pagan religion as he went, Patrick erected Christian churches over sites already regarded as sacred, had crosses carved on old druidic pillars, and put sacred wells and springs under the protection of Christian saints. He left two written documents: his *Confessions*, a spiritual autobiography from which many of the details of his life are known; and his *Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus*, a furious protest against the murder and enslavement of members of Patrick's congregation by a raiding party of pirates probably composed of Patrick's fellow Britons. No doubt, the anger of this protest was further sharpened by Patrick's own bitter memory of the violence of slavery. St. Patrick's Breastplate ("I bind unto myself today") is probably not his, but it expresses his faith and zeal. The prayer is reasonably dated to the 8th century and the first two parts of this prayer follow below.

His feast day is March 17.

I bind to myself to-day, The strong power of the invocation of the Trinity: The faith of the Trinity in the Unity, The Creator of the elements. I bind to myself to-day, The power of the Incarnation of Christ, with that of his Baptism, The power of the Crucifixion with that of his Burial, The power of the Resurrection, with the Ascension, The power of the coming of the Sentence of Judgement.



2024 Holy Week & Easter Services

**** March 25, Monday** 7pm Taizé-style Service

March 26, Tuesday 7pm Stations of the Cross

March 27, Wednesday 7pm Service of Tenebrae

March 28, Maundy Thursday

5:30pm Family Maundy Thursday & Passover Celebration

**** 7pm Maundy Thursday Service & Footwashing**

9pm Maundy Thursday All-Night Vigil begins

March 29, Good Friday

**** 12 noon Good Friday Liturgy**

2pm Church School Intergenerational Good Friday Observance

7pm Good Friday Liturgy

March 30, Holy Saturday

9am Holy Saturday Service

7pm The Great Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist

March 31, Easter Sunday

**** 9am Easter Sunday Festival Holy Eucharist**

10am Easter Egg Hunt

11am Easter Sunday Festival Holy Eucharist

**** also to be livestreamed**



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.

Bishop Visiting St Andrew's

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts, is visiting St. Andrew's **today, March 17. He will preach and preside at the 10am service and then join us for coffee hour.** 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.

Bishops' Annual Appeal

Every year the Bishop of Massachusetts invites individuals to make a donation to the Bishops' Annual Appeal. The donations are used to make grants, allocations and program support to mission initiatives, congregations, 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.](#)

9am Christian Learning

Join us **today, March 17**, for the fifth and sixth words: *I thirst*, and *It is finished* from Jon Meacham's book *Hope of Glory*. Will Nystrom will be our teacher. Join us on **Sunday, March 24**, for the seventh word, *Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit* and the epilogue. Pam Alexander 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](#)

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 20** *Turning the Other Cheek* with Adrian Robbins-Cole.

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](#)

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**.

Community Learning Class

We will have a combined church school class on **Sunday, March 24**, in the **children's chapel at 9:45am**. We will be learning about Palm Sunday. We will walk outside for a palm parade and then return to the children's chapel. Please make sure your child is prepared for the weather.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation class will meet **Sunday, March 24, at 5:45pm, in Room 201**.

Children's Holy Week Events

- **Thursday, March 28, at 5:30pm**
Family Maundy Thursday Dinner & Passover Experience
- **Friday, April 15, at 2pm**
Children's Way of the Cross
- **Easter Sunday, March 31, at 10am**
Easter Egg Hunt

[See our website for details.](#)

Maundy Thursday Dinner

Join us for a Maundy Thursday Dinner & Passover experience at **5:30pm in the parish hall, on Thursday, March 28**. Rabbi Dena



Bodian, campus rabbi of Wellesley College, will be joining us to teach us about the seder. She will be guiding us through hands-on activities, and a family-friendly exploration of the connections between Jesus' Last Supper and Jewish Passover Seder traditions. A simple meal will be offered and we hope you will stay for the **7pm service**. Please bring a salad to share. [Sign Up on Realm](#) or with the QR code.

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](#).

Antisemitism from a Jewish Perspective

In response to so much antisemitism in North America in the past few years, we have been sponsoring a series lead by one of our friends at Temple Beth Elohim. Join Eric Rosen on **Sunday, April 7, from 11:30am to 12:30pm in Room 2** for *Antisemitism from a Jewish Perspective: Modern Antisemitism*. This is Eric's third and final class with us this year.

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**.

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 Inquirer's Class

We will be offering a second **Inquirer's Class** this spring. Four classes will be held from **11:30am to 12:30pm in the Harvey Room** for *Episcopal 101*—a chance to reflect upon the core beliefs and practices of our Episcopal Church. Dates will be confirmed soon. Eight class members are signed up, having been waitlisted in the fall, but we have room for 15 people. If you are interested in joining the class, please email me.

—[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.

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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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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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 17

Bishop's Visitation

8:55am Kids' Place

9am Christian Learning

9:45am Church School

11am Coffee Hour

Tuesday, March 19

10am Pastoral Care Team Meeting

7pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 20

6:30pm Lenten Potluck & Program

Thursday, March 21

10:30am North Hill Holy Eucharist

12pm Beginner's Bible Study

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday

8:55am Kids' Place

9am Christian Learning

9:45am Church School Palm Parade

11am Coffee Hour

5:45pm Confirmation Class



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