

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 29, 2024

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Fairest Lord Jesus, 5 variations for organ* James Woodman (b.1957)

Processional Hymn 410 "Praise my soul, the King of heaven" *Lauda anima*

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 for ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal) William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm



- 1 If the LORD had not ^{been} on our ^{side}, *
let ^{Israel} ^{nöw} say;
- 2 If the LORD had not ^{been} on our ^{side}, *
when ^{enemies} rose ^{up} a^{gainst} us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us ^{up} a^{live} *
in ^{their} fierce ^{anger} ^{toward} us;
- 4 Then would the waters have ^{over}whelmed us *
— ^{and} the ^{torrent} gone ^{over} us;
- 5 Then would the ^{raging} ^{waters} *
have ^{gone} ^{right} ^{over} us.
- 6 Blessèd ^{be} the ^{LORD}! *
he has not given us over to be a ^{prey} ^{for} their ^{teeth}.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the ^{snare} of the ^{fowler}; *
the snare is ^{broken}, and ^{we} have es^{cap}ed.
- 8 Our help is in the ^{Name} of the ^{LORD}, *
the ^{maker} of ^{heaven} and ^{earth}.

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has

committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he

prayed again, and the heaven gave rain
and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone
among you wanders from the truth and
is brought back by another, you should

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 383 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

St. Elizabeth

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw
someone casting out demons in your
name, and we tried to stop him, because
he was not following us." But Jesus said,
"Do not stop him; for no one who does a
deed of power in my name will be able
soon afterward to speak evil of me.
Whoever is not against us is for us. For
truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup
of water to drink because you bear the
name of Christ will by no means lose the
reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block
before one of these little ones who
believe in me, it would be better for you
if a great millstone were hung around
your neck and you were thrown into the
sea. If your hand causes you to stumble,

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

know that whoever brings back a sinner
from wandering will save the sinner's
soul from death and will cover a
multitude of sins.

cut it off; it is better for you to enter life
maimed than to have two hands and to
go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And
if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it
off; it is better for you to enter life lame
than to have two feet and to be thrown
into hell. And if your eye causes you to
stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to
enter the kingdom of God with one eye
than to have two eyes and to be thrown
into hell, where their worm never dies,
and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with
fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its
saltiness, how can you season it? Have
salt in yourselves, and be at peace with
one another."

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 *Lord, make me an instrument*

Peter Niedmann (1960)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.*

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

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

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

Communion Anthem *Creation*

William Billings (1746-1800)

*When I with pleasing wonder stand
And all my frame survey
Lord, 'tis thy work, I own thy hand
Thus built my humble clay*

*Our life contains a thousand springs,
And dies if one be gone.
Strange that a harp of thousand strings
Should keep in tune so long.*

Communion Hymn 692 "I heard the voice of Jesus say"

The Third Tune

Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the hymn.

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 344 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in C Major*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Join us for coffee hour in the parish hall.

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.



Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild the fifth week volunteers

Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Harriet Thompson

Ushers the fifth week volunteers

Serving at 10am

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Greeters Kathryn & Harry Condon

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Meg Harris and Sarah Harris

Readers Kate Farella and Nora Tracy Phillips

Ushers the fifth week volunteers

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the North Shore Deanery

Grace Church, Salem

St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem

Christ Church, South Hamilton

Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott

Trinity Church, Topsfield



Icon of the Week

St. Jerome

At age 18, St. Jerome went to Rome where in six years he mastered Greek and Roman literature. He took Cicero as a model for his rhetoric. He was baptized at Rome but claims that worldly distractions diluted his Christianity. For several years after 366 he lived as a monk near his hometown on the Adriatic. When Jerome traveled to Antioch in 374, he fell ill with a high fever. In a delirium he dreamed he was before Christ's judgement seat: "Who are you?" a voice asked. "I'm a Christian," Jerome said. "No, you're a liar. You're Cicero's disciple, not mine." Jerome responded by withdrawing into the Syrian desert for five years of prayer and fasting. Afterwards, Jerome undertook biblical studies with St. Gregory at Constantinople. He launched his life project of producing an accurate Latin Bible. Over several decades he translated afresh most of the Old Testament and corrected the text of the New Testament. For 15 centuries, his edition of Scripture, called the Vulgate, was the benchmark translation of the Bible in the western church.

Jerome's sharp tongue and curmudgeonly disposition made him many enemies. He was seldom pleasant, but he was never dull. His nastiness marred his reputation. Sexual temptations plagued him, but he distracted himself by studying Hebrew. He was forced to relocate to Bethlehem in 385. Yet, St. Paula and other high-born women joined him. The two saints founded a monastery for men, a convent for women, and a hospice for visitors to the Holy Land. St. Jerome died there in 420.

His feast day is September 30.

After 404, barbarians overran Rome, and many Christians fled to the Holy Land. At Bethlehem, Jerome dropped all his biblical studies. "Today," he said, "we must translate the words of Scripture into deeds, and instead of speaking saintly words, we must act them."



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.

Blessing of the Animals

Our much-loved *Blessing of the Animals* service will be at **5pm on Sunday, September 29**. The service will take place in the church and pets and animals of all kinds are welcome! We will sing a hymn, say some prayers, and the clergy will come around and individually bless each animal. We will also give thanks for all our pets who have passed away but whose memory we still cherish.

Prayer List

Following the summer, we will be refreshing our parish prayer list. **We will start with a fresh list on Sunday, October 1**. If you have a loved one on the current prayer list and would like them to remain on the list, please email Adrian.

Join the St. Andrew's Usher Ministry!

If you like to attend the 8am or 10am Sunday service, please consider joining our incredible team of ushers! It's a wonderful way to serve St. Andrew's, and a great way to get to know more of your fellow parishioners. Training is quick and easy, and you're always in the company of veteran ushers who will help you learn the ropes. If you're interested, please stop by the ushers table during the ministry fair, or [contact](#)

[Terri Rawson](#).

9am Adult Christian Learning

Join us **today, September 29**, D.D.

Alexander teaches a class on modern Christian art: *A New Visual Vocabulary for Christianity: Coventry Cathedral*. Everyone is welcome. Join us **in the Parish Hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle). Next **Sunday, October 6**: *Doorways, Kitchens, Tombs: Early Christian Household Ritual*, presented by Dr. Caroline Johnson Hodge of Holy Cross. Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. Kids' Place babysitting begins at 8:55am for parents.

— [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Faith & Practice Series

On **Sunday, September 29**, Sarah will offer the first Faith & Practice class of the year: *Happiness and the Christian Life*. This intergenerational class is held **from 11:30am to 12:15pm, downstairs in Room 2**. You are invited to join us as we grow in faith together. All are welcome. — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Coffee Hour Hosts!

Coffee hour is held after **every 10am Sunday service** and is hosted each week by a volunteer. Imagine how good you will feel

after you have helped bring parishioners together to chat, catch up, and reconnect. E-mail Adrian or Hillary Madge.

Name Tag Reminder

As we return to church from the summer and welcome many new faces, please remember to wear your name tag and introduce yourself to one another. If you need a new name tag made for you, please reach out to membership@standrewswellesley.org. If you ordered nametags, you will find them on the small white board in the Narthex.

Coventry Suppers

Be sure to sign up for Coventry suppers! These casual in-home dinners, where everyone contributes a dish, are great for newcomers and longtime members alike, enabling you to get to know one another in groups of nine to 12 people that meet four to six times during the year. You may sign up on Realm or email fellowship@standrewswellesley.org or membership@standrewswellesley.org **no later than Sunday, October 13**. You will be notified in late October of your assigned group.

Church School

- **Godly Play I** pre-K to first grade meet in the children's chapel adjacent to the church sanctuary
- **Godly Play II** grades two and three meet in room 203, on the second floor
- **Upper School/Way of Love** grades four and five meet in room 204, on the second floor
- **Rite-13** grades six and seven meet in room 202, on the second floor

Kids' Place/Babysitting on Sundays

Kids' Place is open **from 8:55am to 11:15am** on Sundays unless otherwise noted. You are welcome to join 9am adult Christian learning, senior choir (please speak to Wardie), or worship when you drop your children in Kids' Place. Your children will have fun while you participate in other activities.

Youth Group

Please mark your calendar for these youth group meetings until the end of October. Youth with service requirements, please see Sarah to find fun and creative ways to meet the requirements or exceed them.

- **September 29** Meet at **3:30pm** in the parish hall kitchen to make gifts and bake pet treats for the **5pm** Blessing of the Animals service.
- **October 6** Visit the New England Aquarium to say goodbye to Bishop Alan and celebrate his retirement with him. Leave right after church and return by **4:30pm**. Lunch included. Chaperones needed.
- **October 13** Break for long weekend.
- **October 20** College care packages. Joy Denomme guest speaker from The Wily Network.
- **October 27** Fun service opportunity! All Hallows' Eve.

Confirmation Class

Our Monday confirmation classes are underway, but if you have a child in eighth grade and up who would like to be confirmed Sarah will be offering additional confirmation preparation classes on Saturday mornings later in the program year. Please see Sarah to sign up.

Parents of Infants/Toddlers

Parents of infants, toddlers, and pre-K'ers are invited to a special outdoor coffee hour on **Sunday, October 6, after our 10am service**, hosted by our membership and church school committees. It's a chance to get to know one another over coffee and juice boxes. Meet on the playground, or in the case of inclement weather, in the Kids' Place room downstairs. We hope to see you and your children there! —Suzanne Nystrom and Sarah Klein

Boots & BBQ

On **Friday, November 1, at 6pm in the parish hall**, St. Andrew's will host a country western night! Please mark your calendar for an evening of fellowship with music, food, and drinks. Details to follow in October. — [Ginny Snow](#).

Consecration of the New Bishop of Massachusetts

The consecration of our new bishop, Rev. Julia Whitworth, will take place on **Saturday, October 19, at 11am, in Trinity Church, Boston**. All are welcome to attend. Seating will be available as capacity allows. Please register on [the Diocese of Massachusetts website](#). (The link will be in the e-pistle.)

Our new bishop will be seated at the **Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 138 Tremont Street, Boston on Sunday, October 20, at a 5pm** celebratory Evensong. All are welcome. The link to register to attend is in the e-Pistle.

Walking a Labyrinth: Field Trip

On **Sunday, October 13**, Margaret will lead a group to the Boston College Labyrinth for the ancient spiritual contemplative practice of labyrinth-walking. The sign-up sheet will have room for 20 participants. This event will run **from 11:45am to 3pm** starting with a simple lunch in the Harvey room before departing. — [Margaret Schwarzer](#)



Gratitude

Ministry Fair

It was great to see so many people mingling at the fair and visiting all the different ministry tables. Many thanks to all who participated in hosting tables at the ministry fair last Sunday.

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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Youth Formation Pamela Grossetti

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** is offered online **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.
- **Parish office hours** are **Monday through Thursday, 9am to 4pm**, and **Friday, 9am to 12pm**, unless otherwise announced. **Tuesday at 12pm is the deadline for all materials** to be included in the bulletin and/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.



Regular weekly meetings and gatherings, *unless otherwise announced below*

Sundays • 9am adult Christian learning • **8:55am** Kids' Place and church school programs • **11am** coffee hour • **6pm** youth group

Mondays • 4:30pm confirmation class

Thursdays • 12pm beginners Bible study • **5pm** children's choir rehearsal
• **7:30pm** senior choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 29

11:30am Happiness and the Christian life

5pm Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday, October 2

7pm men's book club

Thursday, October 3

9:45am church school meeting

Saturday, October 5

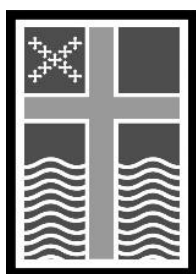
8am Men's Bible Study

Sunday, October 6

9am coffee hour for 8am worshipper

11am Kids' Place coffee

11:30am youth group



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