

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany January 26, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (Dearest Jesus, we are here)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 607 "O God of every nation" *Llangloffan*

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. *Amen.*

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

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

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

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

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

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

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

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

Glory to you!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and

all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-8

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 The heavens declare the ¹glory of ¹God, *
and the ¹firmament ¹shows his ¹handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its ¹tale to ¹an ¹other, *
and one night imparts ¹knowledge ¹to an ¹other.
- 3 Although they have no ¹words or ¹language, *
and their ¹voices ¹are not ¹heard,

- 4 Their sound has gone out into ¹äll ¹lands, *
and their message to the ¹eñds ¹of the ¹world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pa¹vilion for the ¹sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a ¹champion to ¹run its ¹course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the ¹end of it a ¹gain; *
nothing is ¹hidden from its ¹burning ¹heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re¹vives the ¹soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives ¹wisdom ¹to the ¹innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re¹joice the ¹heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives ¹light ¹to the ¹eyes.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it

is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has

appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets?

Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 490 "I want to walk as a child of the light"

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Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is

upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

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

The People reply, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 360

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *How Lovely Are the Messengers* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

How lovely are the Messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

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

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation.

You may sip from the chalice or dip your wafer in the intinction cup.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem *God be in my head* John Rutter (b. 1945)

Old English prayer from *Sarum Primer*

God be in my head

And in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes

And in my looking;

God be in my mouth

And in my speaking;

God be in my heart

And in my thinking;

God be at mine end

And at my departing

Communion Hymn 337 “And now, O Father, mindful of the love”

Unde et memores

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 539 “O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling”

Tidings

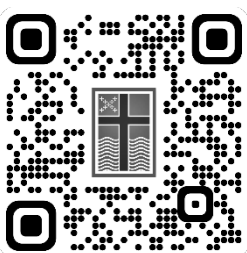
Annual Meeting following the service.

No coffee hour after the service.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



We recently installed *ListenWiFi* for parishioners who use hearing aids with Bluetooth capabilities. Download the *ListenWiFi* app from your app store. Then follow the instructions at the ushers table for how to connect your app to the church system.



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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
George W. Alexander by Jane Givens

Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Lacey Brandt, Kim Carlson, Blair Glennon, Heidi Harper,
Sarah Harris, Ann Johnson, Paige Manning, Chris McAvoy,
Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie
Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Palmer
Usher Harriet Thompson

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Christina Lowe; Torch, Kara Eichelberger; and Torch, Ben Mahoney
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Kate Farella, Joe Hamilton,
Ann Johnson, and Suzy Littlefield
Readers Debby Rempis and Michael Vanin
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
St. Stephen's Church, Boston
Trinity Church, Boston
B-SAFE
B-PEACE for Jorge



Icon of the Week

Holy Trinity

In the story *The Hospitality of Abraham* from the Book of Genesis, Abraham encounters three men who are later revealed to be angels. This icon, based on the famous 1411 icon of the Holy Trinity by Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev, is the first depiction of the Godhead—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as three distinct persons.

The angels form a circle, inviting us into the center. They are depicted conversing, with smooth and restrained gestures that convey the sublime nature of their dialogue. The left angel represents God the Father, with His right hand raised in the gesture of exordium (signifying something important). The central angel represents Christ, with a red and gold stole over His right shoulder, symbolizing royalty and Christ's divine Sonship. The right angel represents the Holy Spirit, with blue robes symbolizing divinity and green representing new life.

The wings of the Father and the Son overlap, while the wings of the Holy Spirit are separated by the Son's spear. The blue color of the Son's robe represents divinity, the brown symbolizes His humanity, and the gold signifies His kingship. The poses and inclinations of the Holy Spirit and the Son's heads reflect their submission to the Father, though their shared placement on the thrones signifies equality. The tree represents the Tree of Life, reminding us of Jesus's death and resurrection, which opened the way to eternal life. The mountain symbolizes the spiritual ascent that humanity achieves with the help of the Holy Spirit.

The unity of the trinity's underlying reality expresses unity and love between all things: That they may all be one just as you, father, or in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. —John 17: 21



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.

Parish Annual Meeting

The 132nd Annual Meeting will be held **today, January 26, from 11am to 12:30pm.**

New parish leaders will be elected, reports on 2024's work will be shared, and the 2025 budget will be presented.. Profiles of those nominated for election to the vestry are displayed in the narthex.

Church School Classes Today

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

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, January 26, we start a series on our *Book of Common Prayer*. Join us today when I lead *Our BCP: Comments, Questions, Discoveries*. **On Sunday, February 2, and Sunday, February 9,** Rev. Dr. James Weiss teaches us about the radical nature of the 1979 BCP; a very different book from the BCP of 1928. Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. We offer childcare at 8:55am so parents can

attend class. Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle).

—[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Confirmation Class

The remaining class will be **Monday, January 27.**

Lane Johnson Memorial Service

A Memorial Service will be held for parishioner Lane Johnson **at 11am on Saturday, February 8.** All are welcome to attend the service to give thanks for Lane's life and to offer love and support to his wife, parishioner Ann Johnson, and their family.

Supper Bowl

The Supper Bowl (formerly the Souper Bowl) is just around the corner! Please put a few extra items in your shopping carts to help stock a local food pantry:

- Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- Canned Chicken
- Pasta Sauce
- Spaghetti, Linguine, Fettucine
- Dried Beans, Refried Beans, Baked Beans

We'll be handing out bags for the next two weeks for **the big collection on Sunday, February 9.**

Youth Group

This winter and spring we will have our regular schedule of fellowship, fun, and service projects. In addition to these programs, at the request of the youth group, we will be incorporating monthly awareness themes that are recognized nationally and sometimes internationally. January is recognized by many to be Mental Wellness Month, and we will be launching our teen wellness program.

- **Today, January 26, 6pm to 7:30pm**
Financial Wellness led by Dan McCarthy
- **Sunday, February 2 10am** All Parish Eucharist
- **Sunday, February 2 6pm** Introduction to social wellness

Pilgrimage: *Reaching for Heaven*

Save the date for *Reaching for Heaven: Walking in the Footsteps of Celtic Saints in Scotland and Northern England*. **From Thursday, June 11 to Tuesday, June 23, 2026**, members of St. Andrew's will journey to the Isle of Iona, explore the ruins of Lindisfarne Monastery, and visit Glasgow, Edinburgh, and northern England including York. Along the way, we will follow in the footsteps of St. Cuthbert and St. Columba, taking time for reflection, prayer, whisky tasting, and historic tours. More details will be available in March 2025.

Pledge Envelopes

Pledge envelopes are now available at the back of the church for those who ordered them. If you don't see your name but would like envelopes, please email me.

– [Joanne Butler](#)

Name Tag Reminder

Please remember to wear your name tag and introduce yourself to others. If you ordered a name tag, it will be on the small whiteboard in the narthex. If you need a new one, contact membership@standrewswellesley.org

Soul Sisters

Join us for our next Soul Sisters gathering on **Tuesday, February 11, from 6pm to 7:30pm** in the parish hall. We'll enjoy a delicious dinner together and explore the practice of meditation. Feel free to bring a side dish to share—salads are always a hit!

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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Worship Erica Gelser

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 • **9:45am** church school programs • **11am** coffee hour • **6pm** youth group

Mondays • 4:30pm confirmation class

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

Sunday, January 26

11am annual meeting

Sunday, February 2

9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers

Saturday, February 1

8am men's Bible study



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