

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, & Holy Baptism, February 16, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude "Recit de Chromhorne" from Mass for the Parishes

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Processional Hymn 688 "A mighty fortress is our God"

Ein feste Berg

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.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our

prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its

roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
 nor lingered in the way of sinners,
 nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *

 everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
 they are like chaff which the wind blows a way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when 'judgment' comes, * nor the sinner in the 'council' of the 'righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 656 "Blest are the pure in heart"

Franconia

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Sermon Rev. Adrian Robbins-Cole

Baptism of Eleanora Jane Ferguson

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Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem O rest in the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,

and he shall give thee thy heart's desires; O rest in the Lord.

Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him; commit thy way unto Him and trust in Him; and fret not thyself because of evil doers. O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him.

Wait patiently for Him.

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 Blest are the pure in heart

H. Walford Davies (1869-1941)

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God:

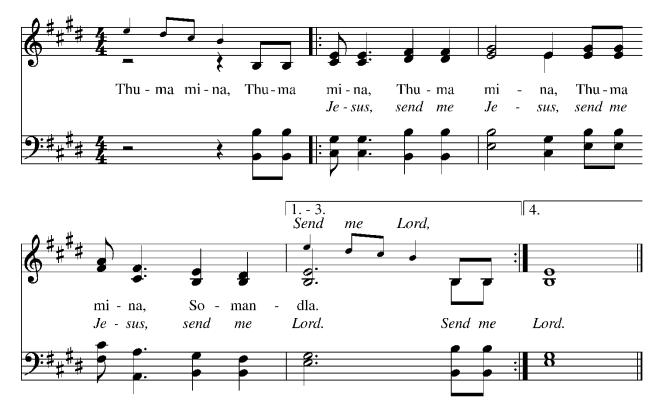
The secret of the Lord is theirs.

Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,

And for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

from Wonder, Love, and Praise



Additional verses

- 3. Call: Lead me, Lord, Response: Lead me, Jesus.
- 4. Call: Fill me, Lord, Response: Fill me, Jesus.

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Thanksgiving after Communion

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Blessing

Recessional Hymn 665 "All my hope on God is founded"

Michael

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude "Fugue sur les jeux d'anches" from Mass for the Parishes François Couperin

Join us for coffee hour after the service, hosted today by Lynda Sperry & Bill Wiberg.

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



Edward A. Stettner given by Laura Stettner, and David G. Powell given by Elizabeth P. Powell.

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, Pamela Tusiime, and Betsy Veidenheimer
 Altar Flowers the flower guild

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Palmer Ushers Mark Benjamin and Ken Graves

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Christina Lowe; Torch, Kara Eichelberger;
and Torch, Bennett Farny
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Joanna Horobin and Laura Brown MacKinnon
Readers Jennifer Martin and Megan Burns
Ushers David Boghosian, Lisa Howe, Alan Joachim, and David Osborn

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery
Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston
The Crossing
MANNA Community
The Cathedral Chapter
Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry
Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders



Icon of the Week

Christ the Light of the World

The opening verses of John's Gospel introduce us to Jesus Christ as the incarnation of God. John wants his readers to know that Jesus is fully God in human form. John then reveals the purpose of God coming to earth as a human: "In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:4–5). Jesus Christ came to bring the light of God's life into a spiritually dark and dying world.

In Genesis, the creation of light was God's first creative move (Genesis 1:3). In the process of generating life, light was God's initial instrument for illuminating the dark and formless void. It was the inaugural instance of God shining light in the darkness.

Scripture tells us over and over again that God is the source of life and light: "For you are the fountain of life, the light by which we see" (Psalm 36:9) "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Jesus Christ is God's light sent down to earth to pierce through the darkness. That light is God's life, both phy-sical and eternal. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25) The life within Christ is the life of God: "For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself." (John 5:26)

The Bible tells us that the life of Christ serves as a light to all people. That life is the light of truth—the message of Christ's salvation and eternal life with God: "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." (1 John 5:11) The brilliance of Christ's life and truth shine like a light into the darkness of this world.

What does it mean that the light shines in the darkness?



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.

Church School

Church School will be taking a break **today**, **February 16** for Presidents' Day weekend. Kids' Place will be open for infants, toddlers, and our youngest church school children.

Youth Group

- Today, February 16 NO youth group
- Sunday, February 23 6pm Dinner and discussion around organizational wellness
- Sunday, March 2 Come along to Choral Evensong, attend the reception briefly, and then we will meet at 6:30pm in the Harvey Room for a discussion on *Getting Ready for Lent*. We will be giving youth group members special Bibles that have margins for note-taking. If you are a member of the youth group and would like a study Bible, please see Sarah.

Jane Givens is Back!

Please feel free to use her home address to send her a note of care and concern; welcome her back!

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, February 16, we continue a series on our BCP with Rev. Dr. James Weiss teaching us about *The Transformational Nature of the* 1979 BCP; a very different book from the BCP of 1928. Next Sunday, February 23, we start a new series: How Do Christians Understand Death? and we welcome back Dr. Carolyn J. Hodges from Holy Cross, to speak on Death and Burial in the Early Church. 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

Supper Bowl

Supper Bowl is being extended! It's not too late to bring in your grocery bags with hearty meals for those in need! Most welcome will be

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

Choral Evensong

On **Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 5pm**, the St. Andrew's Senior Choir, directed by Helen Ward Mannix with guest organist Thomas Handel, will sing several selections for Chorale Evensong. All are invited to a candle-light reception in the parish hall following the service.

Lenten Program & Potluck

What does it mean to be one of God's modern disciples?

Our Wednesday night potlucks begin at **6:30pm and run till 7:10pm**. We provide the entrée and drinks, and you bring a salad or dessert. From **7:10pm to 8pm**, we offer a program on the theme *Being Disciples: Following the Living God*.

- March 12 Dietrich Bonhoeffer: the Cost of Discipleship with Adrian Robbins-Cole
- March 19 Christian Vows of Discipleship with Edie Dolnikowski, Canon for Ordained and Lay Vocations
- March 26 Following Christ: A Servant Ministry of Action & Renewal with Margaret Schwarzer
- **April 2** *Get Yourself a Teacher, Find Yourself a Friend (Pirkei Avon, Ethics of our Fathers 1:6)* with Rabbi Rachel Sapphire, Associate Rabbi at Temple Beth Elohim.
- April 9 The Beatitudes—A Guidepost with Pam Alexander, PhD., clinical psychologist
- -Margaret Schwarzer

Lenten Book 2025

We invite you to join the 9am adult Christian learning class as we read *Being Christian: Baptism, Bible, Eucharist, Prayer* by Rowan Williams. During the five weeks of Lent, we will explore the essentials of the Christian life in this brilliant and 84-page book. The discounted cost of the book is \$10. You can get a copy by emailing me and sending a check to my attention, made out to St. Andrew's for \$10; please write "Lenten Book" in the memo. I will email you when the book is waiting for you at Wellesley Books. —Margaret Schwarzer

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.

It's Coming! Bargain Haul 2025

Bargain Haul 2025 is on the way, celebrating over 90 years of serving our community.

Mark your calendar now for:

- Drop-off Day Sunday, April 27
- Work Week Monday, April 28 to Wednesday, April 30
- Parish Night Friday, May 2
- Public Sale Saturday, May 3

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 linens. For more details, please contact <u>Bob Ware</u> or <u>Caroline Hudson</u>.

Families with Youth

Please mark your calendars to help with Bargain Haul. We need youth to help on **Sunday, April 27** drop-off day, to staff layaway during Bargain Haul, and clean-up afterwards on **Saturday, May 3**.



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A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Soul Sisters

Thank you to everyone who attended our Soul Sisters gathering on February 11. A big thank you to **AnnG Kenney** for inspiring us with her wisdom on mindfulness, meditation, and the power of community. As a mindset coach, she empowered us to embrace confidence and resilience. We also appreciate those who contributed food, nourishing both body and spirit. We look forward to more moments of growth and connection together!

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

Clerk Tad Heuer

Communications Betsy Veidenheimer

Fellowship Sarah Harris

Finance Sam Burns

Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

Membership Amanda Curtis

Outreach Herb Manning

Property Sam Schaefer

Stewardship Madison Riley

Treasurer Joe Hamilton

Wardens Tom Faust

Ginny Snow

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, February 16 6pm NO youth group

Monday, February 17 *Parish Office Closed*

Tuesday, February 18

10am pastoral care team meeting 7pm outreach meeting

