

# Last Sunday after Epiphany March 2, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Hymn to Joy

#### 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* O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his

glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment

all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

#### The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \* he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; \*
  he is high above all peoples.
- †3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*
   he is the Holy One.

- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have es'tablished'equity; \*
  you have executed justice and righteous in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; \*

   he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \* they called upon the LÖRD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*
  they kept his testimonies and the de cree that he gave them.
- 8 "O LORD our God, you answered them in deed; \*
  you were a God who forgave them,
  yet punished them for their evil deeds."
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; \*
  for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

#### Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us,

with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 129 "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Mowsley

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were

leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Sarah 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 "Be the light"

Lea Morris (1978),

from the poem "The Hill We Climb," by Amanda Gorman (b. 1998), read by National Youth Poet Laureate Gorman at Joe Biden's inauguration

There is always a light - when we are ready to see it

There is always a light - when we are ready to be it

To see the light, to be the light, to raise our eyes in the dark of night

To climb this hill, together we will

Shine your light in the darkness (2x)

Let your bright light burn out loud

And be a gift to the world.

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 Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth to you

Deep peace of the shining stars to you

Deep peace of the gentle night to you

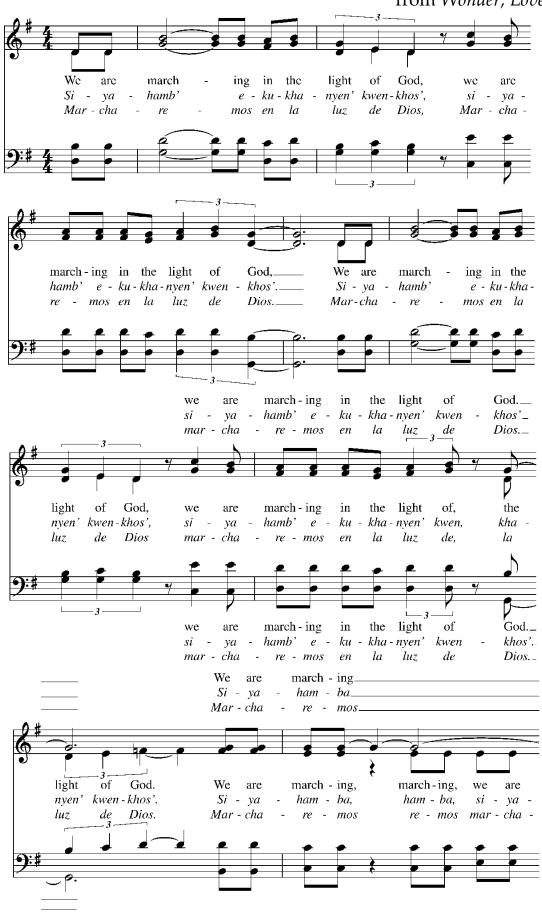
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you

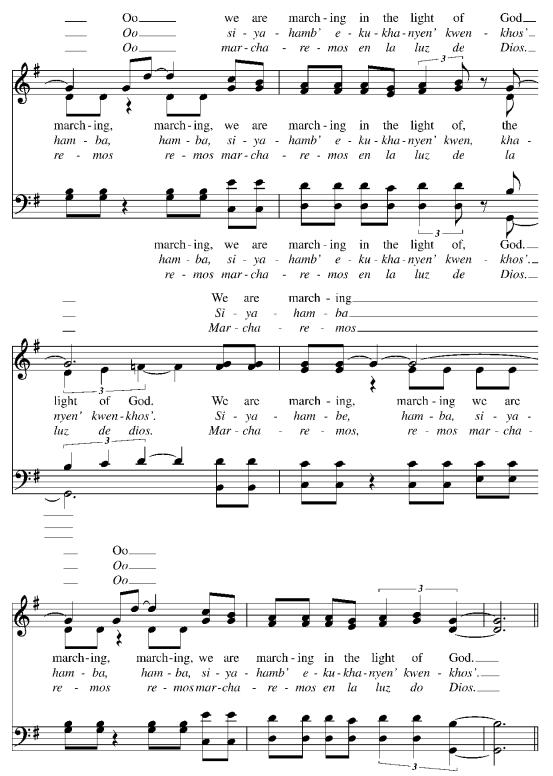
Deep peace of Christ

Of Christ the light of the world to you

Deep peace of Christ to you...

from Wonder, Love, and Praise





Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray (b. 1965). Music: Siyahamba, South African.

#### Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

### Blessing

Recessional Hymn 410 "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

Lauda anima

Dismissal

*Clergy* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Es ist das Heil uns kommen heir (Salvation has come to us)

J.S. Bach

Join us for coffee hour after the service, hosted today by Karen & Tom Melican.

## 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.



#### Serving St. Andrew's this week

Altar Guild Laura Brown MacKinnon, Nancy Echlov, Wendy Haering, Angie Johnson, Ntonhle Kekana, Sarah Klein, and Jen Martin Altar Flowers the flower guild

#### Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Tom Palmer
Usher Mark Housel

#### Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, George Raeke; Torch, Abby Dietz;
and Torch, Caroline Rankin
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Harry Condon, Sarah Harris,
Ann Johnson, and Paul Shackford
Readers youth
Ushers Terri Rawson-Wakefield, Kris Vanin, Michael Vanin,
and Michael Wakefield

#### Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery
St. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port
Christ Church, Plymouth
St. David's Church, South Yarmouth
Diocesan Congregational Consultants



## Icon of the Week

## **Christ of the Desert**

Out of the deserts of the Middle East comes an ancient Christian tradition. Although it has been overshadowed by the Greek and Latin traditions, it is their equal in dignity and theological importance. It is a Semitic tradition, belonging to those churches that use Syriac as their liturgical language. Syriac is a dialect of Aramaic, the language spoken by Christ himself.

This icon celebrates the richness of Syriac Christianity. The inscriptions in the upper corners read "Jesus Christ," and at the bottom, "Christ of the Desert." The Syriac language has ties to the earth that are deep and rich. It is more inclusive than most European languages. The theological experience of Syriac Christians is different because they have encountered the Gospel in such a language. Theirs is an unhellenized expression—one that is neither Europeanized nor Westernized.

Semitic as it is, the Syriac tradition knows no dichotomy between the mind and heart. The heart is the center of the human person—center of intellect as well as feelings. The body and all of creation longs to be reunited with God.

A constant theme in Syriac literature is homesickness for paradise, a desire to restore paradise on earth. Christians pray facing east because paradise was in the east. This longing was expressed in monastic terms in ancient times, but its implications today reach far beyond monastery walls. With earthy roots, this longing for paradise involves concrete responses in the realms of politics, ecology, and economics.

O Lord and Master of my life. The spirit of idleness, despondency, ambition, and vain thoughts give me not. But rather a spirit of chastity, humble-mindedness, patience, and love bestow upon me thy servant. Yea, O Lord King, grant me to see my failings and not condemn my brother, for Thou art holy unto the ages of ages. 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.

#### All Parish Eucharist

There will be **NO** church school today. Children are invited to the all parish Eucharist at 10am with the whole congregation. Kids' Place is open for infants, toddlers, and the youngest of our Godly Play children.

### **Choral Evensong**

This evening, March 2, at 5pm, the St. Andrew's Senior Choir, directed by Helen Ward Mannix with guest organist Thomas Handel, will sing several selections for Choral Evensong. The theme is "Light," marking the final Sunday before the season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The senior choir will perform Stanford's uplifting Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G major, along with Hathaway's preces and responses. Our central offering will be Morten Lauridsen's stunning O Nata Lux (O Born Light of Light), followed by John Rutter's Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace.

Please invite friends and neighbors to join us for this inspiring service, a beautiful opportunity to share the liturgy with others and join the reception following. The service will also be broadcast for those who would like to tune in online.

## Youth Group

- Today, 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.
- Sunday, March 9 6pm Dinner and game night!
- Sunday, March 16 6pm Wear green! St. Patrick's Day celebration
- Sunday, March 23 6pm Dinner and discussion on wellness and resilience

## Ash Wednesday Services

We encourage you to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent by attending an Ash Wednesday service on, **Wednesday**, **March** 5. We hope to see you at one of the Ash Wednesday services at church at 7am, noon, and 7pm, the last of which will be with music. Margaret will also be doing "Ashes—to-Go" at the Wellesley Square train station starting at 6:45am.

-Adrian Robbins-Cole

## Time Change

Remember, next weekend **Sunday, March 9** will be Daylight Savings Time!

### 9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, March 2, D.D. Alexander offers a class on *Remembering Our Dead Through Art and Ritual*. Next **Sunday, March 9**, we begin our Lenten book, *Being Christian* by Rowan Williams. Margaret facilitates the class on the *Introduction and Chapter One, Baptism*. 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

## Shrove Tuesday

Please join us **Tuesday**, **March 4**, **5:30 to 7:30pm in the parish hall**, to observe Shrove Tuesday with a traditional pancake supper. The fellowship committee is teaming up to serve a meal that will prepare you for the Lenten season. Suggested donation: \$5 per person and \$10 per family, to benefit the Agassiz Village. **At 6:30pm everyone will then be invited to process to the children's chapel** for an Ash Wednesday service.

### Lenten March Madness Mealpacking

We need you!! We are committed to packing 15K meals for local food assistance programs. Sign up in Realm to reserve your spot to be a packer on Sunday, March 23, from 8:45am to 9:45am. You can also make a donation on Realm to help cover the costs of these meals. There will be envelopes in the pews where you can put cash or a check. Thank you for supporting this church-wide effort during Lent.

#### 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 accessible 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

## Circle of Hope

The coat collection is shifting its focus to lighter spring jackets, fleeces, etc. Thanks to all who donated coats this winter!

### 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 **7:10 to 8pm**, we offer a program on the theme *Being Disciples: Following the Living God*.

- March 12 Dietrich Bonhoeffer: the Cost of Discipleship; Adrian Robbins-Cole
- March 19 Christian Vows of Discipleship;
   Edie Dolnikowski, canon for ordained and lay vocations
- March 26 Following Christ: A Servant Ministry of Action & Renewal; Margaret Schwarzer

- **April 2** *Get Yourself a Teacher, Find Yourself a Friend (Pirkei Avon, Ethics of our Fathers 1:6)*: Rabbi Rachel Sapphire, associate rabbi at Temple Beth Elohim.
- April 9 The Beatitudes—A Guidepost: Pam Alexander, PhD., clinical psychologist
- -Margaret Schwarzer

## **Outreach Survey**

This Lenten season, the outreach team is asking all parishioners to take a few minutes to let us know your thoughts on outreach: what you think of who we help; how we help; and how you might like to help others in our community. Please look for our survey sent by email, or Realm links, and paper copies at church. Many thanks to Madison Riley for heading this project, which will help guide our future efforts! We are asking everyone to try to take the survey by Sunday, March 16. Thank you for your help!

## 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 a chairs/co-chairs for linens. For more details, please contact Bob Ware or Caroline Hudson.

### 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**.



# **Gratitude**

## Supper Bowl

Thanks to all who donated needed food items to the Wellesley Food Pantry via our Supper Bowl Sunday bag drive! WFP was very grateful!

## 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 Toe 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 for the bulletin or any 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

Thursdays • 12pm beginner's Bible study • 5pm children's choir rehearsal

• 7:30pm senior choir rehearsal

#### Sunday, March 2

9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers9:454 NO church school10am all parish Eucharist5pm Choral Evensong

#### Tuesday, March 4

5:30pm Shrove Tuesday pancake supper 7pm men's book club

#### Wednesday, March 5

7am Ash Wednesday service 12pm Ash Wednesday service 7pm Ash Wednesday service

#### Thursday, March 6

9:30am altar guild meeting9:45am church school meeting7pm altar guild meeting

#### Sunday, March 9

Daylight Saving! 11:30am faith & practice