

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Lent March 23, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Da Jesus an dem Kreuze stund (As Jesus hung on the cross)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 401 "The God of Abraham praise" *Leoni*

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.

Decalogue BCP p. 350

Confession BCP p. 352

Kyrie S 98 (front section of hymnal) William Mathias (1934-1992)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant Together we pray.

People Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and

honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 O God, you are my God; ¹eagerly I ¹seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry ¹land where there ¹is no ¹water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon ¹you in your ¹holy ¹place, *
that I might be ¹hold your ¹power and your ¹glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than ¹life it ¹self; *
my ¹lips shall ¹give you ¹praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as ¹long as I ¹live *
and lift ¹up my ¹hands in your ¹Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with ¹marrow and ¹fatness, *
and my mouth ¹praises you with ¹joyful ¹lips,
- 6 When I ¹remember you up ¹on my ¹bed, *
and ¹meditate on ¹you in the ¹night watches.
- 7 For you have ¹been my ¹helper, *
and under the shadow of your ¹wings I ¹will re ¹joice.
- 8 My ¹söul ¹clings to you; *
your ¹right hand ¹holds me ¹fast.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual

immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 149 “Eternal Lord of Love, behold your Church”

Old 124th

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those

eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem *Sicut servus*

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1524-1594)
text, Psalm 42

Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks so longeth my soul after thee, O God.

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)

Mason Martens (1933-1991)

*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 *Ave verum corpus*

William Byrd (1543-1623)

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed
on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!*

(O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.)

Communion Hymn 648 “When Israel was in Egypt’s land”

Go Down, Moses

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 344 “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

Sicilian Mariners

Dismissal

Clergy Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ, das du fur uns gestorben bist*
(We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you died for us)

J.S. Bach

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**Join us in Room 2 for coffee hour after the service,
hosted today by Frances Antonelli and Ellen Staelin.**

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 Lacey Brandt, Kim Carlson, Blair Glennon, Heidi Harper, Sarah Harris,
Ann Johnson, Paige Manning, Chris McAvoy, Liz Parsons, and Star Zabriskie

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering
Usher Harriet Thompson

Serving at 10am

Acolytes Crucifer, Christina Lowe; Torch, Kara Eichelberger; and Torch, Bennett Farny
Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt
Lay Eucharistic Ministers Kate Farella, Meg Harris,
Ann Johnson, and Keileigh McReynolds
Readers Lisa Howe and Megan Burns
Ushers Steve Beach, Harry Condon, Scott Jones, and Peter Lull

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery
Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs
Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans
Boston Episcopal Charitable Society



Icon of the Week

Bishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador

1917–1980

Although the wealthy class called him a friend of revolution, Oscar Romero was a peacemaker. He knew that simply ending rebel violence would not end the greater violence induced by poverty and hunger. Society had to be restructured so that children would not die of malnutrition and disease while their parents could not find decent work. Though he encouraged peaceful reform, where violence was unavoidable, he worked to overcome the spirit of hatred and vengeance.

His pulpit became a fount of truth when the government censored news. He walked among the people and listened. “I am a shepherd,” he said, “who, with his people, has begun to learn a beautiful and difficult truth: our Christian faith requires that we submerge ourselves in this world.”

Killed by an assassin’s bullet as he celebrated the Roman Catholic Mass on March 24, 1980, his last words described the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit. Like his Savior, he died poor, forgiving his murderers. He was buried in the cathedral where he had preached justice.

His feast day is March 24.

Almighty God, you called your servant Oscar Romero to be a voice for the voiceless poor, and to give his life as a seed of freedom and a sign of hope: Grant that, inspired by his sacrifice and the example of the martyrs of El Salvador, we may without fear or favor witness to your Word who abides, your Word who is Life, even Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be praise and glory now and forever. 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.

Easter Memorial Flowers

Our church's beauty at Easter is unsurpassed with lilies, hyacinths and floral decorations. Please join us with a donation in memory of (a deceased) or in thanksgiving for (a living) loved one. The list will be published in the Easter bulletin and we are requesting your names now in order to make the printer's deadline for publication. Please fill out the form found in the narthex as soon as possible. The form, together with your check, should be mailed to St. Andrew's **by Wednesday, March 26**. Make the check payable to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church with Easter flowers in the memo line. You may also pay on Realm through the donate button on our website. The amount of your contribution is at your discretion. Please email altarflowers@standreswellesley.org.

Lenten March Madness Meal Packing

We are committed to packing 15K meals for local food assistance programs **today, March 23, from 8:45am to 9:45am**. You can also donate on Realm to help cover the costs of these meals. There are envelopes in the pews where you can put cash or a check. Thank you for supporting this church effort during Lent.

Church School Meal Packing

Today, March 23, at 9:45am church school students in **grades two through seven** will join forces **in the parish hall**, to participate in Lenten meal packing. *Godly Play* I will meet as usual. Children aged six or under may participate in the meal packing if accompanied by a parent.

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 **7:15 to 8pm**, we offer a program on the theme *Being Disciples: Following the Living God*. Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle).

- **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](#)

9am Adult Christian Learning

Today, Sunday, March 23, we learn with our hands by participating in making 15K meals in the parish hall. **Next Sunday, March 30**, Laura Brown MacKinnon facilitates *Being Christian's* Chapter Three: *Eucharist*. 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](#)

2024 Contribution Statement

Would you like to print your 2024 contribution statement? Simply log into Realm and click “**Giving**” in the left column. Then, on the right side of the Giving page, you'll see “**2024 Contribution Statement.**” Click to open and print. For any questions, feel free to reach out. —Joanne Butler

Youth Group

- **Today, March 23 6pm** Dinner and discussion on wellness and resilience
- **Sunday, March 30 10am** Youth group sermon. At **6pm**, dinner and baking party to raise money for Agassiz Village.
- **Saturday, April 5 10am to noon** Baking party in the parish hall
- **Sunday, April 6 11am** Confirmation and youth group coffee hour bake sale
- **Sunday, April 6 6pm** Dinner and wellness of work and play

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025

Our Bishop makes an annual appeal to parishioners and parishes for donations to the Bishop's Annual Fund. This year the fund will support key ministries identified for the future of our diocese.

1. **Strategic Curacies** Supporting the ordination and retention of talented new clergy.
2. **Collaborative Ministries** Creating FT positions or providing clergy housing.
3. **Equipping Congregations for Growth** Promoting congregational growth, evangelism, sustainable use of church properties, and deeper ministry to our communities.

For more details or to donate, please pick up a brochure and envelope at the back of the church or in the administrative hallway. You can also speak to Adrian for further information.

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 book. The discounted cost of the book is \$10. You can get a copy by emailing me and sending a check (“Lenten book” in the memo) to my attention, made out to St. Andrew's for \$10. I will email you when the book is waiting for you at Wellesley Books. —[Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Laetare Sunday

Sunday, March 30, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare comes from the traditional introit for the day which begins, "Laetare Jerusalem" which means "Rejoice Jerusalem." The clergy will be wearing the rose array on that day. Other names for the day are Refreshment Sunday, Mothering Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday, or Rose Sunday. Traditionally, this was a Sunday when people would return to their mother church where they received the sacrament of baptism.

Soul Sisters Book Group

Join us for a discussion of Mel Robbins' *The Let Them Theory* on **Tuesday, April 1, at 6pm**. We'll dive into the insights of the book and share our thoughts and reflections. Feel free to bring a side dish to share—salads are always a hit!

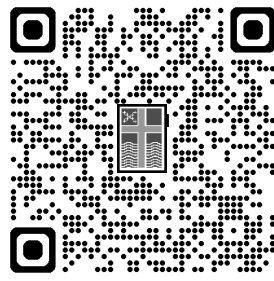
For those who prefer not to drive at night or have family commitments, we will also offer a meeting on **Thursday, April 3, at 11am**, where we'll gather over coffee to discuss the book.

We hope you can join us for one of these two sessions! Please arrange to obtain your own copy of *The Let Them Theory*.

Circle of Hope

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

Bargain Haul—Volunteers Needed!



Join the fun and fellowship of our 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 27, through Saturday, May 3**, the public sale. Please pitch in, even if you have only a few hours to spare!

- **Sunday, April 27** 11:30am to 3pm (drop-off/sorting)
- **Monday, April 28** 9am to 2pm and 6pm to 8pm (drop-off/sorting)
- **Tuesday, April 29** 9am to 2pm (drop-off/sorting) and 6pm to 8pm (sorting)
- **Wednesday, April 30** 9am to 2pm (sorting/organizing)
- **Thursday, May 1** 9am to 11am (worker preview sale)
- **Friday, May 2** 6pm to 8pm (parish night sale)
- **Saturday, May 3** 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 [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**.

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 soon. We are making a list of interested parishioners so *please email Margaret if you are considering going on this pilgrimage.*



Gratitude

Outreach Grant awarded to Agassiz Village

Recently the outreach committee approved a \$5,000 grant award to Agassiz Village, a summer camp for disadvantaged youth who otherwise might never experience the growth and learning opportunities of a camp program. Nominated by members of St. Andrew's Confirmation class, the funds will help restore a cabin to accommodate 12 more campers each session, or 48 per year. The camp, situated on a lovely lake in southern Maine, serves kids from Massachusetts (78%) and from Maine. Note that we also raised \$1,300 for this project in the Alternative Gift Fair, and the class plans to raise the remaining \$1,700 needed via bake sales, coming soon! A service trip is also in the works.

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	Property	Sam Schaefer
Clerk	Tad Heuer	Stewardship	Madison Riley
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Fellowship	Sarah Harris	Wardens	Tom Faust Ginny Snow
Finance	Sam Burns	Worship	Erica Gelser
Human Resources	Laurin Baldwin	Youth Formation	Pamela Grossetti
Membership	Amanda Curtis		
Outreach	Herb Manning		

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 23

8:45am meal packing begins

Monday, March 24

4pm Confirmation class
7pm finance meeting

Tuesday, March 25

7pm vestry meeting

Wednesday, March 26

2pm stitchers meeting
6:30pm Lenten potluck & program



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