

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Lent March 30, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude *Hilf, Gott, dass mir's gelinge (Help, God, that I may succeed)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn 686 "Come, thou fount of every blessing" *Nettleton*

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 Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the

evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna

ceased on the day they ate the produce of
the land, and the Israelites no longer had

manna; they ate the crops of the land of
Canaan that year.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Richard Farrant (c.1530-1581)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Happy are they whose trans'gressions are for'given, *
and whose'sin is'put a'way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD im'putes no'guilt, *
and in whose'spirit there'is no'guile!
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to
you in'time of'trouble; *
when the great waters over'flow, they'shall not'reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you pre'serve me from'trouble; *
you sur'round me with'shouts of de'liverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that'you should'go; *
I will'guide you'with my'eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have'no under'standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or'else they will'not stay'near you."
- 11 Great are the tribu'lations of the'wicked; *
but mercy embraces'those who'trust in the'LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and re'joice in the'LORD; *
shout for joy,'all who are'true of'heart.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God

was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 469 “There's a wideness in God's mercy”

St. Helena

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled

himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him;

put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!" And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead

with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. 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.

Peace

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Anthem "Aus Liebe" ("Out of Love") from *Matthew's Passion*

J.S. Bach

Out of love my Savior wants to die.

He knows nothing of a single sin;

so that the eternal destruction

and the punishment of judgment

would not remain upon my soul.

Doxology Hymn 380	"Praise God from whom all blessings flow"	Old 100th
	<i>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.</i>	
Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
S128 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)		William Mathias
Breaking of the Bread		
<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.	
<i>People</i>	Therefore let us keep the feast.	
Agnus Dei S 160 (front section of hymnal)		Mason Martens (1933-1991)
	<i>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.</i>	
Communion Anthem	<i>Thou knowest, Lord</i>	Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
	<i>Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; Shut not, shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers; But spare us, Lord, spare us, Lord most holy, O God, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Savior, Thou most worthy judge eternal, Suffer us not, suffer us not, at our last hour, For any pains of death, for any pains of death, to fall, to fall from thee Amen.</i>	
Communion Hymn 140	"Wilt thou forgive"	Donne
Thanksgiving after Communion		BCP p. 365
Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 690	"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"	Cwm Rhondda
Dismissal		
<i>Clergy</i>	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.	
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.	
Postlude	<i>Fugue in b minor</i>	J.S. Bach

**Join us 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 fifth week team

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Harriet Thompson

Ushers fifth week team

Serving at 10am

Acolytes fifth week team

Broadcast Tech Volunteer Rob Brandt

Lay Eucharistic Ministers Kate Farella, Joe Hamilton,

Suzy Littlefield, and Paul Shackford

Readers Michael Kemp and Debby Rempis

Ushers fifth week team

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown

St. John's Church, Sandwich

Ministries with Older Adults



Icon of the Week

St. Benedict the Moor

1526–1589

Benedict's parents were brought from Africa as slaves to Sicily. He was born a slave but was set free in his youth. His temperament was refined and cheerful, despite the racial slurs he suffered from his neighbors. He eventually gave all his possessions to the poor and became a hermit near Palermo, following the rule of St. Francis.

When Benedict was forty years old, Pius IV decreed that all such hermits should become members of the Franciscan Order. Benedict entered a friary in Palermo as a lay brother. The friars there appointed him, against his will, as their superior because of his outstanding virtue. He was not a priest and could neither read or write. As superior he introduced a stricter observance of the Franciscan Rule and was venerated by all his brethren. He asked to be allowed to return to the kitchen when his term as superior ended. People began coming to see him from all over Sicily for spiritual direction. He became famous for his care for the sick and for the hungry.

He died after a severe illness; at the hour he had foretold. Years after his death, when his body was exhumed, it was found incorrupt. His veneration spread throughout Italy, to Spain and Portugal, and even to Latin America. The surname "the Moor" is a misnomer originating from the Italian IL MORO (the black.)

His feast day is April 4.

O God, by whose gift blessed Benedict the Moor persevered in imitating Christ, poor and lowly, grant us through his intercession that, faithfully walking in our own vocation, we may reach the perfection you have set before us in your Son. 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.

Church School

- **Godly Play I** Pre-K to first grade, in the **children's chapel**.
- **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).

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).

- **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](#)

Laetare Sunday is Today

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. 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 had received the sacrament of baptism.

9am Adult Christian Learning

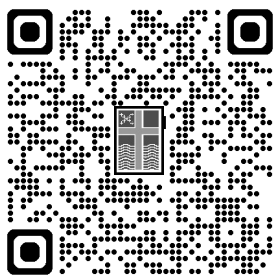
Today, March 30, Laura Brown MacKinnon facilitates *Being Christian's* chapter three: *Eucharist*. **Next Sunday, April 6**, David Guyden leads a class on chapter four: *Prayer*. Come every week, once a month, or just when a class lines up with your interests. We offer childcare at 8:55am so parents can attend class. Join us **in the parish hall or on Zoom** (the link will be in the e-Pistle).

— [Margaret Schwarzer](#)

Youth Group

- **Today, March 30 10am** Youth group sermon. At **6pm**, dinner and baking party
- **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

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**.

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*.

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*.

Outreach Grant Applications

Are you involved with your favorite charity? The outreach committee is again seeking nominations from parishioners for our annual grant awards program. Grant requests may be up to \$5,000 each. Look for application forms and details in the narthex, and on our website. Applications will be reviewed **in June**.

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.

Circle of Hope

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



Gratitude

Thank You to all our Meal Packers!

Last Sunday we had an incredible flurry of volunteer action, as approximately 60 adults and 30 students packed 15K meal servings of nutritious pasta and sauce for needy people in our “Meal Madness” project in the parish hall. These meals will go to both the Pearl St. Cupboard & Café in Framingham (run by United Way) and to those still suffering from the California wildfires. A big thank you for all who helped package the meal ingredients, and to all those who gave financial support for this \$5,550 effort.

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

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Fellowship Sarah Harris

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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** 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
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Tuesday, April 1

6pm Soul Sisters

Wednesday, April 2

6:30pm Lenten potluck & program
7pm men's book club

Thursday, April 3

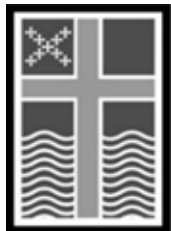
9:45am church school committee
11am Soul Sisters

Saturday, April 5

8am men's Bible study
2pm church school and youth baking party

Sunday April 6

9am coffee hour for 8am worshipers
11am church school and youth bake sale at coffee hour



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