

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

Ascension Day observed June 1, 2025

We are livestreaming the 10am service.

Prelude "Recit de Chromhorne" from Mass for the Parishes

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Processional Hymn 216 "Hail thee, festival day!"

Salve festa dies

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant All

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

S 278 Gloria in excelsis (front section of hymnal)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

Together we pray.

People

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will

receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

David Hurd (after Gibbons)

The congregation is encouraged to sing the psalm.



- 1 Clap your hands, 'all you'peoples; *
 shout to 'God with a' cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
 he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our in heritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
 God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered to gether * with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who

believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 603 "When Christ was lifted from the earth"

St. Botolph

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and

the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise

from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Rev. Margaret Schwarzer

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 I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

Howard Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

I will not leave you comfortless;

I will come to you yet again. Alleluia.

And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.

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

S125 Sanctus (front section of hymnal)

Richard Proulx

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem S151 (front section of hymnal)

David Hurd

All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will direct the congregation. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem "Amen" from Messiah

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

Communion Hymn 307 "Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

Bryn Calfaria

Thanksgiving after Communion

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

Coronation

Dismissal

Clergy Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Prelude and Fugue in G minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Please join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the service, hosted today by Martha Sears.

How to use your smartphone to connect to the listening system



For parishioners who use Bluetooth enabled hearing aids, we use the *ListenWiFi* streaming service to enhance your personal listening. Download *ListenWiFi* from your app store and follow the instructions at the ushers table 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 flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Nathaniel Kettendorf by his family.

Serving St. Andrew's this week

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

Serving at 8am

Lay Eucharistic Minister Wendy Haering
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 Kate Farella, Suzy Littlefield,

Cam McCormick, and Keileigh McReynolds

Readers TBA

Ushers Terri Rawson-Wakefield, Kris Vanin, Michael Vanin, and Michael Wakefield

Intercessions from the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Churches of the Concord River Deanery
St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough
St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury
St. Peter's Church, Weston
The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds



Icon of the Week

St. Christopher

Third Century

All that is known of St. Christopher is that he died a martyr in Asia Minor in the third century. A church was built in his honor at Chaloedon as early as 450. Pope Paul VI removed his feast from the calendar to make room for more recent saints.

The name Christopher means "One who carries Christ." The legend that has grown up about this saint in the West is that he was a very strong man who lived by a ford in a river and helped travelers cross to the other side. One day a child came to the river and asked for his help. When they reached the middle of the river, the child on his shoulders began to feel as heavy as the entire world. It was then that Christopher learned the child was Christ and that he had been carrying the world. The child then disappeared.

Legends are suspect in scientific circles, but they often carry truths too deep for other mediums. The legend of the Christ-bearer expresses such a truth. The Christ we worship is a Christ we serve or offend in the people who surround us. This Christ gave us the command to love one another, and that love has no bounds.

His feast day used to be July 25.

O Glorious St. Christopher, you have inherited a beautiful name, Christ-bearer, because of the wonderful legend that while carrying people across a raging stream you also carried the Child Jesus. Teach us to be true Christ-bearers to those who do not know Him. Protect all of us that travel both near and far, and petition Jesus to be with us always. 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 Classes Today

- Godly Play I Pre-K to first grade, in the children's chapel
- Godly Play II grades two and three, in Room 201 (second floor).
- **Upper School** grades four and five, in **Room 204** (second floor).
- Rite-13 grades six and seven, in Room202 (second floor).

Teacher Appreciation and Last Church School Class

Our last regularly scheduled group of church school classes will be on **Sunday**, **June 8.** We invite all church school teachers not in the classrooms to **attend the 10am service** so we can publicly recognize and thank them for all their work this year! Then we will gather in the playground for refreshments after the service. All teachers, parents, and children are welcome.

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- Godly Play II grades two and three, in Room 201 (second floor).
- Upper School grades four and five, in Room 204 (second floor).
- Rite-13 grades six and seven, in Room 202 (second floor).

Youth Group

- Today, June 1 6pm Dinner and discussion on wellness and the spirituality of emotions
- Sunday, June 8 6pm Planning for next year! End of year party with JP Licks!

Boston Pride Parade

Our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, encourages congregations to support our LGBTQ+ family, friends, and neighbors by joining her at the Boston Pride for the People Parade on Saturday, June 14, meeting at 10:30am near Copley Square. To learn more about how you can be part of the Diocese of Massachusetts group at the parade, please use the link in the e-Pistle.

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.

B-LOVE Bags

We will be assembling B-LOVE bags with items, to donate to families at SSYP (St. Stephen's Youth Programs). The recipients are especially grateful for this food assistance during the summer school break. You may still donate throughout June—bottles of cooking oil; packages of granola bars; packages of pancake mix; cans of fruit; cans of meat/fish—just leave a donation in the narthex.

Memorial Rose Garden

During the summer months we are looking for people who could help us keep the Memorial Rose Garden in top shape: June, July, and August. This includes watering when necessary, deadheading spent roses and weeding. If you can help during any weeks of the summer, please contact Wardie.

9am Adult Christian Learning

9am Christian learning classes have concluded for the program year. Please join us when we resume in September. —<u>Margaret Schwarzer</u>

Join the Children's Choir!

Our children's choir will resume on Thursday, September 4, and we would love you to join us! We learn all about music, singing in choir, and our Episcopal liturgical music tradition using The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) curriculum. Children's choir sings during our all parish Eucharists (typically on the first Sunday of the month). We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 5 to 5:45pm, followed by an opportunity for food and fellowship for participants and their families. Look for the sign up on Realm in August, or email Benedict Hensley. • Note: We will be offering this to children in grades two to six, but if you have a child outside of this age range who is interested, please contact Benedict. For more information, please see or email Benedict Hensley, Wardie Mannix, or Sarah Robbins-Cole

Vestry

Any member of the vestry can be emailed at their ministry address. All addresses are on our website: https://standrewswellesley.org/about/vestry/

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Human Resources Laurin Baldwin

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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 (the doors are locked at 1 pm) and Friday, 9am to 12pm (church access by appointment) unless otherwise announced. Tuesday at 12pm is the deadline for all materials for the bulletin, the e-Pistle, 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 • 9:45am 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, June 1

9am coffee hour for 8am worshippers

Tuesday, June 3

7pm adult formation advisory committee

Wednesday, June 4

7pm men's book club

Thursday, June 5

5pm altar guild party

Saturday, June 7

8am men's Bible study

Sunday, June 8

9:45am church school

