



# This week at St. Andrew's

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Welcome to St. Andrew's Weekly E-mail Newsletter. In an effort to keep the congregation better informed we will be sending out this newsletter on Thursdays to cover events happening at the church through the following Wednesday. We hope you find it useful.



*The Mission of St. Andrew's Parish is to worship God, grow in discipleship, and share Christ's love.*  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2018

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

### **8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organist: Sean Fleming  
Altar Guild: Terry Marsh  
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Terry Marsh  
Lector: Laura Blanchard  
Ushers: Jack & Carol Dexter  
Vestry Announcer: Terry Marsh

The worship booklet for the 8am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#).

### **10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Suzannah Rohman  
Organist: Sean Fleming  
Choir Director: Linda Blanchard  
Altar Guild: Maryanne Ward  
Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor: Christine Benken  
Lector: John Ward  
Ushers: Cindy Freese & Jennifer Meade  
Livestream Operator: Bill Judd  
Vestry Announcer: John Ward

The worship booklet for the 10am Sunday service is available by clicking [here](#). The 10am service will also be livestreamed to St. Andrew's Facebook page where it can be viewed live or from a recording.

You can get to our Facebook page by clicking [here](#)  
You can get to our Website by clicking [here](#)

**Readings for Sunday, May 7 can be found on the Lectionary Page website.**

If you would like to access the website, please [click here](#)

Once you are at [lectionarypage.net](http://lectionarypage.net), you may choose **NEW Resource: [RCL Daily Readings](#)**. If you scroll to the bottom you can sign up to receive daily readings via your email.

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### Note about the music for May 7:

Bach's *Clavier Übung* (literally, "keyboard practice"), in which his E-flat Prelude and Fugue form bookends, is a set of works that transcends that humble title.

The *Prelude* has three thematic and stylistic sections, and some liken the sections to aspects of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. The "Father" theme employs the dotted-eighth note to sixteenth-note rhythm of the French overture of Bach's day, while the "Son" theme is more playful and simple. The "Holy Ghost" theme consists of a sinuous 16th-note melody that divides into two different alternating lines. These sections then intermingle, but maintain their distinct characters.

The Fugue is a magnificent work, whose appellation "St. Anne" comes from the fugue's resemblance to an English hymn tune by William Croft - a tune Bach may have heard used in one of Handel's *Chandos* anthems: *O praise the Lord with one consent*. It shows us Bach playing with the number three: there are three flats in the key signature, there are three sections, and the piece is a triple fugue (a fugue based on three subjects). Bach was both mathematically inclined and a devout believer; it may be that the number three was his way of evoking the Trinity.

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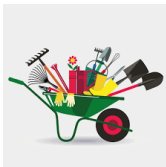
### First Sunday plate Outreach Recipient for May is: Ecumenical Council on Homeless Prevention

This Sunday, May 7, the plate cash from both services will be sent to support the Ecumenical Council on Homeless Prevention. St. Andrew's is one of seven churches in Lincoln County currently responding to emergency requests for financial help with housing, heating and CMP disconnections. The operator of homeless shelters in Brunswick, Tedford Housing, sends a homeless prevention caseworker to the ECHP Help Desk on Tuesdays at the Newcastle Food Pantry to assist ECHP volunteers from 9:00am - 11:00am. The operator of homeless shelters in Brunswick, Tedford Housing, sends a homeless prevention caseworker to the ECHP Help Desk on Tuesdays at the Newcastle Food Pantry to assist ECHP volunteers from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. ECHP maintains a homelessness prevention fund at the Damariscotta Baptist Church where it is subject to an annual audit and secure oversight.

If you would like to write a check to help support the ECHP, please make it out to Damariscotta Baptist Church with ECHP in the memo line and place in the plate or mail to St. Andrew's Church, PO Box 234, Newcastle, ME 04553. If you would like to learn more about the Ecumenical Council on Homeless Prevention, please click [here](#).

Thank you for your generosity.

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### Parish Spring Outdoor Clean-Up Day

Sally Pearce has organized a Parish Clean-Up Day for Saturday, May 20 from 9:00am - 1:00pm. Please come with gardening tools, tarps and your lunch to enjoy a day of outdoor projects and fellowship. Please contact the church office with any questions.

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### St. Andrew's Library Update

The Library at St. Andrew's is undergoing a bit of spring cleaning. We are looking over the shelves, weeding out some older and less-used items, and adding in some new donations. In addition, we are simplifying the borrowing process. The Library will now operate on a "put & take" basis. You no longer need to formally check items out. If you see something you'd like to borrow, please take it and bring it back when you are finished. When returning books, please put them on the "Returns" shelf of the cart. If you have items to donate, please put them on the "Donate" shelf--but we ask that you don't bring books that are scruffy, out-of-date, marked, or musty.

So, whether you have time for a bit of fiction, or you are searching for Biblical commentary, a compilation of written prayers, Bible history, a biography, or a book on spiritual practices, consider looking right here at St. Andrew's in the Library. There is a subject guide posted to the right of the elevator to help you find books by category. If you return a book that you think is great, please take a second and write us a comment, using the old blue check-out slips on the returns cart (just tuck it into the returned book). Also, if you run across something you think is no longer a good fit for our library, please let us know that, too. The Library is yours; tell us how it can best serve you.

## Foyer Dinner Groups

We will be forming Foyer dinner groups this year, starting in June. We hope to get as many people involved as possible. The Foyer dinners were a huge success before we had to discontinue them because of Covid, and many of us are looking forward to participating again. The program will be organized by the Vestry this year, in order to keep the whole task from falling onto one or two people. Each individual group will be led by a member of the Vestry, with the overall program being administered by Laurie Gray and Martha Elliott.

For those of you who are not familiar with the Foyer idea, it is, basically, a series of pot-luck suppers hosted by a different household each month. The host usually provides the main dish, as well as the venue (which doesn't necessarily have to be your house), and everybody else brings the rest. Once you've signed up, you'll be put into a group, which you will stay in for the duration (right now, we're anticipating running from June to September), so you really get to know some of your fellow parishioners. In the past, the groups have numbered between eight and ten people. We hope to involve new parishioners, especially, and to make summer people feel that they are a more integral part of the parish.

Sign up sheets will be in the back of the church, and downstairs during coffee hour.

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## St. Andrew's Earthkeepers

First meeting of St. Andrew's Earthkeepers: Sunday, May 7th

In 2022 the Episcopal Diocese of Maine passed a resolution declaring a climate emergency and encouraging the celebration of the Season of Creation. The St. Andrew's Earthkeepers will be the parish's representatives to discern how our congregation will live up to this resolution, create and sign on to a Covenant for the Care of Creation, as well as prepare for and support the celebration of the Season of Creation (September 1-October 4).

Our first meeting will be after the 10:00 service on Sunday, May 7th. To begin with we will meet once a month, but will decide as a group how frequently we need to meet to achieve our goals. Additionally, we will have the opportunity to join other Earthkeepers from around the diocese to discuss our ministry and gain further support.

We look forward to having the Earthkeepers not only engage our congregation in our work, but also look outward to the greater community to live more fully into our calling for environmental justice. Additionally, we want the Earthkeepers to be a resource for our parish committees, the vestry and formational activities.

For more information follow this link:  
[Diocese of Maine Creation Care](#)

Contact Lili Pugh for more information or if you are interested in being a St. A's Earthkeeper.

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## Habitat for Humanity Walk-a-Thon Sunday, May 7 at 1:00PM

Thanks to everyone who is walking and/or have so generously contributed to our team's efforts in this year's Walk-a-Thon. As of press time we have raised \$425 and contributions are accepted through the event.

Please join us on the walk or cheer us on. It's a pleasant 4-mile route in Bath (with a shuttle available at the 2 mile mark).

Event gets under way at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Things get underway at Grace Episcopal Church, 1100 Washington Street, Bath. The church has somewhat limited parking, but not to worry. There is plenty of legal, on-street parking on both sides of Washington Street, so please plan to park on the street and walk around back to the church's main entrance, where we'll be set up with registration, t-shirts, etc.

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## OUT Maine Trainings

June is Pride Month in Maine and OUT Maine (<http://www.outmaine.org/>) needs our help.

There are volunteer opportunities next month with OUT Maine, our state's only organization focuses exclusively on listening and responding to the needs of LGBTQ+ youth.

With events throughout the state to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ community OUT Maine needs volunteers.

If you'd like to volunteer with OUT Maine at any Pride events this June, you are invited to attend one, free, 30-60 minute orientation to ensure you are prepared to answer questions about OUT Maine's mission, programming, staff, and messaging.

More details are to be sent to volunteers soon, but please save the dates and attend ONE of the following sessions.

Tuesday, 5/9 9-10a  
Thursday, 5/18 6-7p  
Thursday, 5/25 12-1p

Sign up for training here [www.outmaine.org](http://www.outmaine.org) or contact Jim Swan for additional information.

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### **Holy Women, Holy Men Elisabeth Cruciger Poet and Hymnwriter**

On almost every day of the year, the Episcopal Church honors faithful followers of Jesus who went before us. Every Wednesday at St. Andrew's during our Healing Eucharist, we remember one of more of these Holy Men and Women. We take time to remember these people for three important reasons. First, they deserve to be remembered. The people chosen for our calendar are remembered because they were particularly remarkable followers of Jesus. The second reason we remember them is because in remembering we are connected to Christians throughout time. And last but not least, we remember them because in remembering we can learn how to be better followers of Jesus in our day and time.

This week we remember Elisabeth Cruciger. Please click [here](#) to learn more about her.

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### **Bishop Brown's Visit to St. Andrew's last Sunday**



Bishop Brown was at St. Andrew's last Sunday



Deacon Aaron Perkins, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Maine, accompanied the bishop and read the Gospel. Theresa and Sylvia Cooke were the torchbearers



The bishop preached and celebrated at both the 8am and 10am services

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### **Weekday Worship**

Compline: Monday-Friday 9 PM  
Zoom Meeting ID:

Wednesday Healing Service: Wednesdays at 10:00am

### **Meetings**

Benedictine Group: 11:15 AM Wednesday  
Zoom Meeting ID:

Knitting Group: 2-4pm Fridays

All welcome: knitters, non-knitters and everything in between.

Meeting in the Undercroft unless otherwise announced. To be included on the email list for announcements, please contact [sksandberg@gmail.com](mailto:sksandberg@gmail.com)

Zoom Meeting ID:

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## Upcoming concert

**St. Cecilia Chamber Choir** presents *Musical Potpourri*

Saturday, May 6 at 3:00pm

Sunday, May 7 at 3:00pm

Damariscotta Baptist Church

Advance tickets are \$15, free for students and are available at Sherman's Maine Coast Book Shop or online at [www.ceciliachoir.org](http://www.ceciliachoir.org)

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## Intercessory Prayer List

*"The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words."* (Romans 8:26)

*We pray for those who are ill or with special needs:*

Rob & Irma Hargreaves, Alan Hargreaves, Phil Bartley, Stephen Gorrill, Val Gorrill, Bob Gorrill, Ellen B., Allie, Anne Rossideas, Bruce Rinker, Felicia McAllister, Tom Sullivan, Todd, Donald Johnson Olderson, Tom Belanger, Dick, Catherine Fleming, Donna Badgley, Tyler, Bruce & Julie, Cynthia Troxel, Jane Ferris, Geoff & Rachel Titherington, Brad & Tina Reynolds, Robin Schneider, Matthew Schneider, Lorrie Buchanan, Jane Gear, Janice & Paul Roman, Bob Gault, David Harris, Peter Blanchard, John Banta, The Sikora Family, Eileen

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Junior Warden: Christine Benken - Clerk: Terry Marsh

Treasurer: Mark Freese - Organist: Sean Fleming - Director of Choirs: Linda Blanchard

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