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HONORING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WITH TRUTH AND LOVE

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October 11, 2026 • 9:30 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 23 A

Welcome!

This morning, on the eve of Indigenous Peoples' Day, we gather to give thanks, to listen, and to tell the truth. Before Hanover existed, long before St. Andrew's was founded, Indigenous peoples lived, raised families, sustained communities, and cared for these lands and waters. Their descendants are here today. We honor the continuing lives, cultures, leadership, and sovereignty of Indigenous peoples, especially the Massachusett and Wampanoag peoples of this region.

In telling the truth, we are asked to face a painful part of our Christian inheritance. The name of Jesus has been used to justify actions that violated the love he taught. Faithfulness requires that we acknowledge this history and examine the ways its consequences endure.

We will celebrate both truths, as we begin with an acknowledgement of this land and its people – praying the beautiful Four Directions prayer, a gift from the Anglican Church of Canada that draws on a Cree adaptation. We also acknowledge that historic churches like the Episcopal church have been both complicit and sometimes explicit in the dispossession of land, language, culture and faith practices of our native siblings.

Today's scriptures invite searching questions: What truths have we forgotten or are we ignoring? What does it mean to practice what is just? How will we respond to God's invitation and God's blessings when they are offered?

I hope that you will fully participate in this service of lamentation, remembrance and love. As you approach the communion table today, may each of us be fortified by truth-telling, and spiritually nourished so that we may embody our Baptismal promises to strive for peace, justice and to respect the dignity of God's creation and every human being.

In love and hope,

Rev. Amy

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE AND GATHERING

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND AND ITS PEOPLES

Celebrant: We gather at St. Andrew's in Hanover, within the ancestral homelands of the Massachusett and Wampanoag peoples. We remember especially the Mattakeeset people and their enduring relationship with the lands and waters of the North River watershed.
We honor the generations who have lived here, the ancestors whose lives shaped this place, and the Indigenous peoples who continue to sustain their communities, cultures, and traditions today.
We acknowledge the dispossession and violence of colonization, and the ways Christians and churches participated in harm. We recognize that the consequences of this history continue.

People: **May God give us courage to tell the truth, humility to listen, and perseverance to act with justice.**

Celebrant: We give thanks for these lands and waters. We seek to become responsible neighbors: respecting Indigenous sovereignty, learning from Indigenous voices, and caring for the earth that sustains us all.

People: **Creator God, guide us into relationships of respect and responsibility. Let the acknowledgment we speak become the life we practice. Amen.**

HONORING THE FOUR DIRECTIONS

This prayer is physical. We will stand facing East, West, North and South as each part of the prayer is read.

An Invocation

Celebrant: Come Great Spirit, as we gather in your name. We face East (all turn and face east – Church Street/the red doors): To your symbol color – Yellow for the morning star. To your animal sign – the Eagle which can soar ever upward in praise of God and calls us to do the same. To your lessons calling us to balance of Mind in the Spirit of Humility. To invoke your Spirit of Illumination and far-sighted vision. Help us love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul, we pray.

People: **Come Holy Spirit, come.**

Celebrant: We turn to face South (all turn and face driveway/lawn) To your symbol color –Red, the hue of revelation. To your animal symbol – the Buffalo, strong and nurturing. To your lessons calling us to the balance of our Spirit in Harmony with brothers and sisters. To invoke your wisdom and grace and the goodness of the ages, we pray:

People: Come Holy Spirit, come.

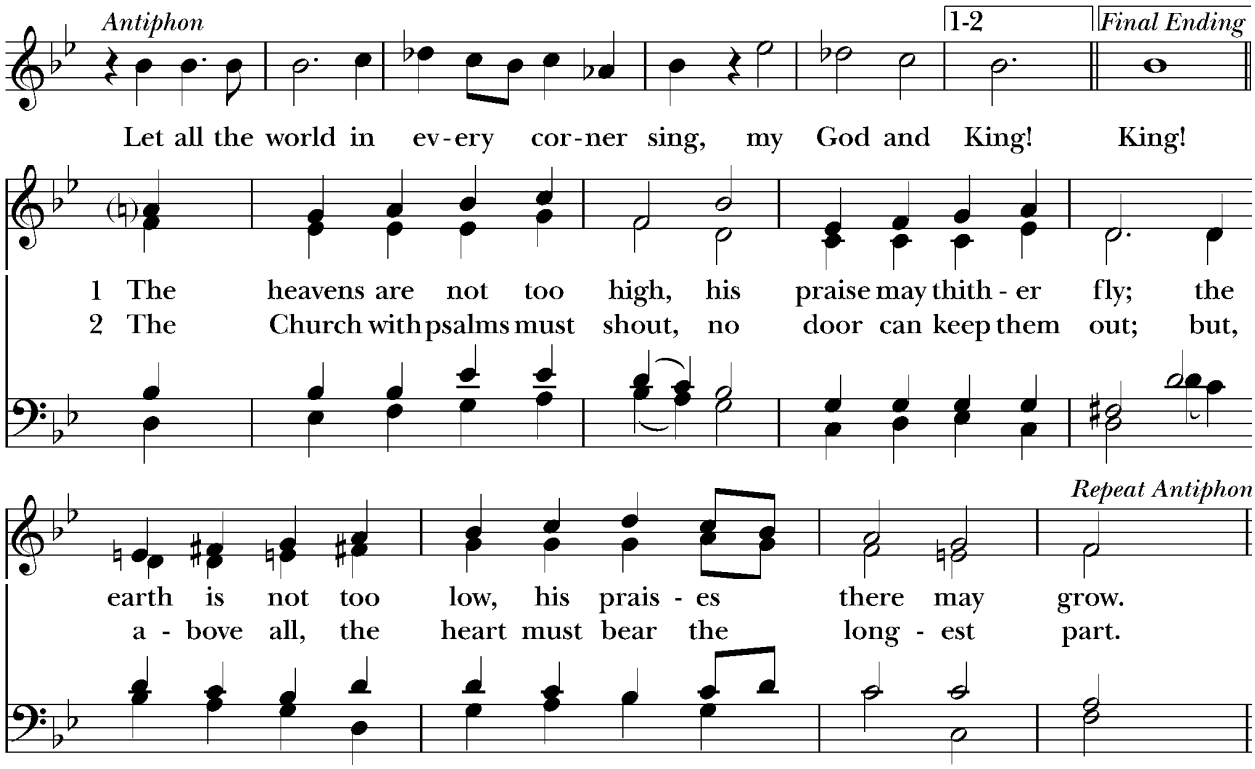
Celebrant: We turn to face West (all turn and face the Good Shepherd window): To your symbol color – Black, still and quiet. To your animal symbol – the Bear. To your symbol, the Thunder mighty and purposeful. To your lessons calling us to balance our Emotions in the Spirit of Gentleness and Honesty. To invoke your Spirit of Introspection – seeing within. Give us your strength and the courage to endure, we pray:

People: Come Holy Spirit, come.

Celebrant: We turn to face North (all turn and face Rockland Street): To your symbol color – White of clarity and brightness. To your animal symbol – the Quetzal which brings us in touch with earthiness and growing things. To your lessons calling us to balance of our Body in the Spirit of a good sense of humor. To invoke your Spirit of Innocence, Trust and Love. Help us to open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, we pray:

People: Come Holy Spirit, come.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *The heavens are not too high (Augustine)* (H 402)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

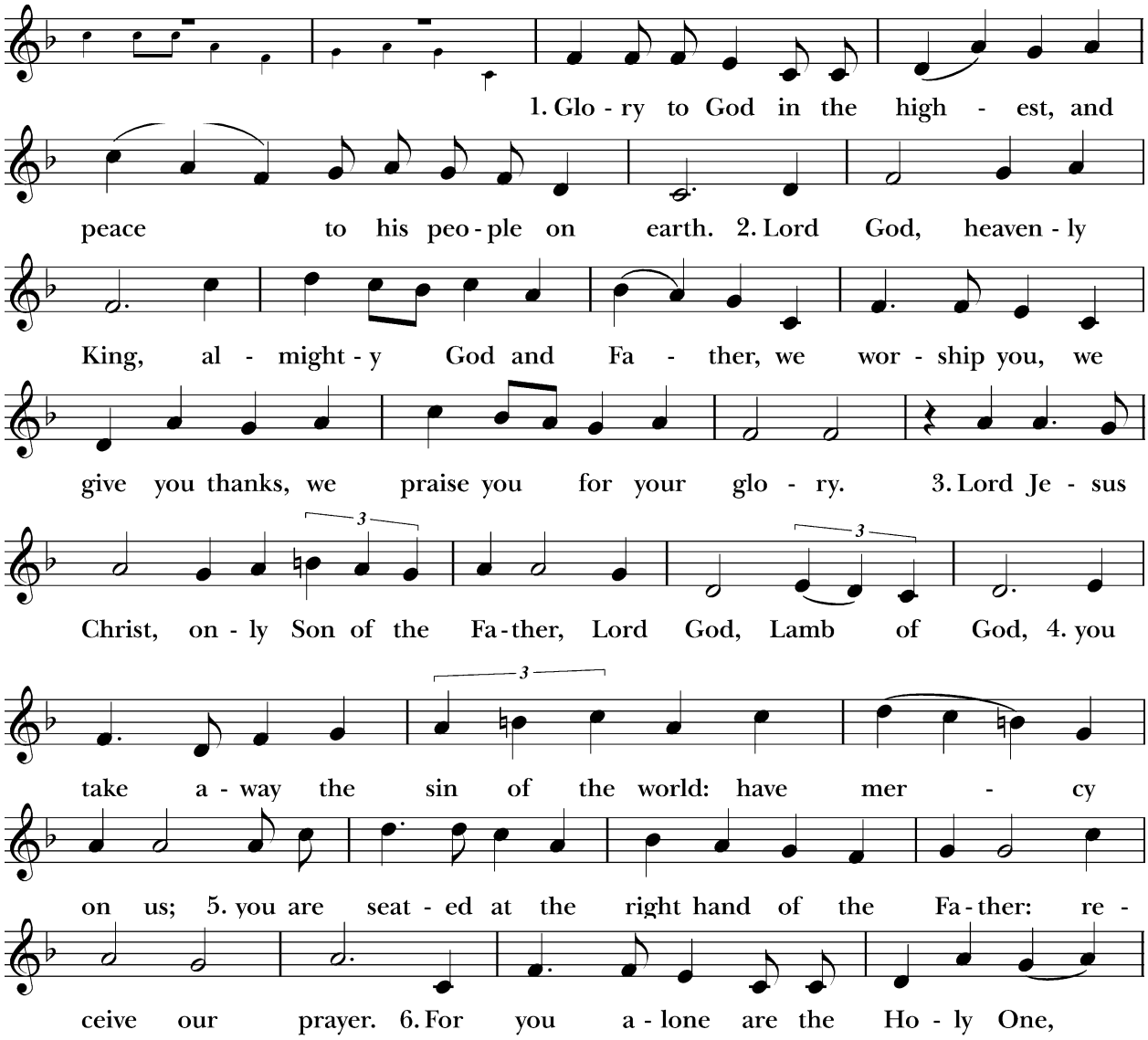
COLLECT FOR PURITY

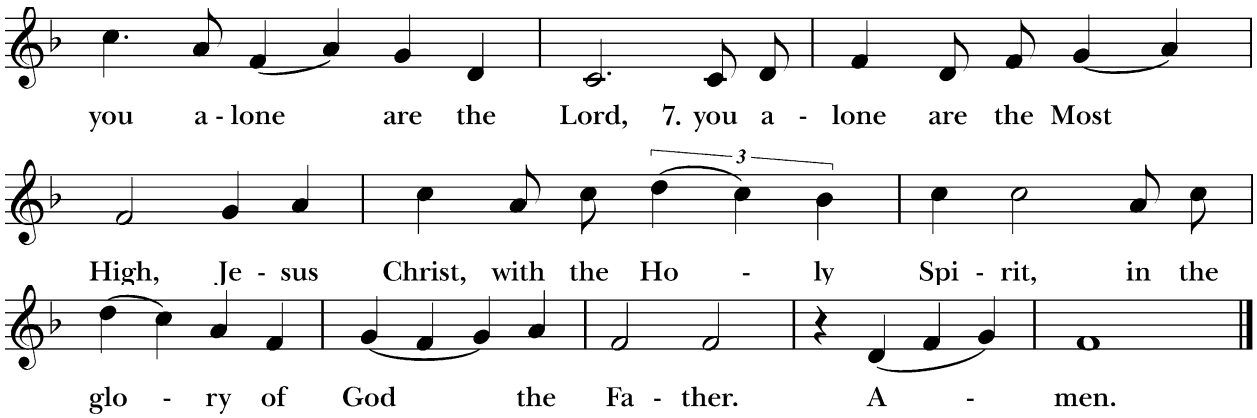
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (S 280)





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The collect is the appointed prayer that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

All: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

This reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures which Jesus knew and often referred to or quoted.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

A Reading from the book of the book of Exodus.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt

offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The psalms/canticles are prayers that Jesus used and express the full range of emotion and humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Read responsively

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his mercy endures for ever.

Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD
or show forth all his praise?

Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!

Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,
and visit me with your saving help;

That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad
with the gladness of your people, that I may glory with your inheritance.

We have sinned as our forebears did;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;

And so they exchanged their Glory
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,

Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea.

So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen
stood before him in the breach, to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

THE SECOND LESSON

This reading is usually a letter, or epistle, to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

Philippians 4:1-9

A Reading from Paul's letter to church in Philippi.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

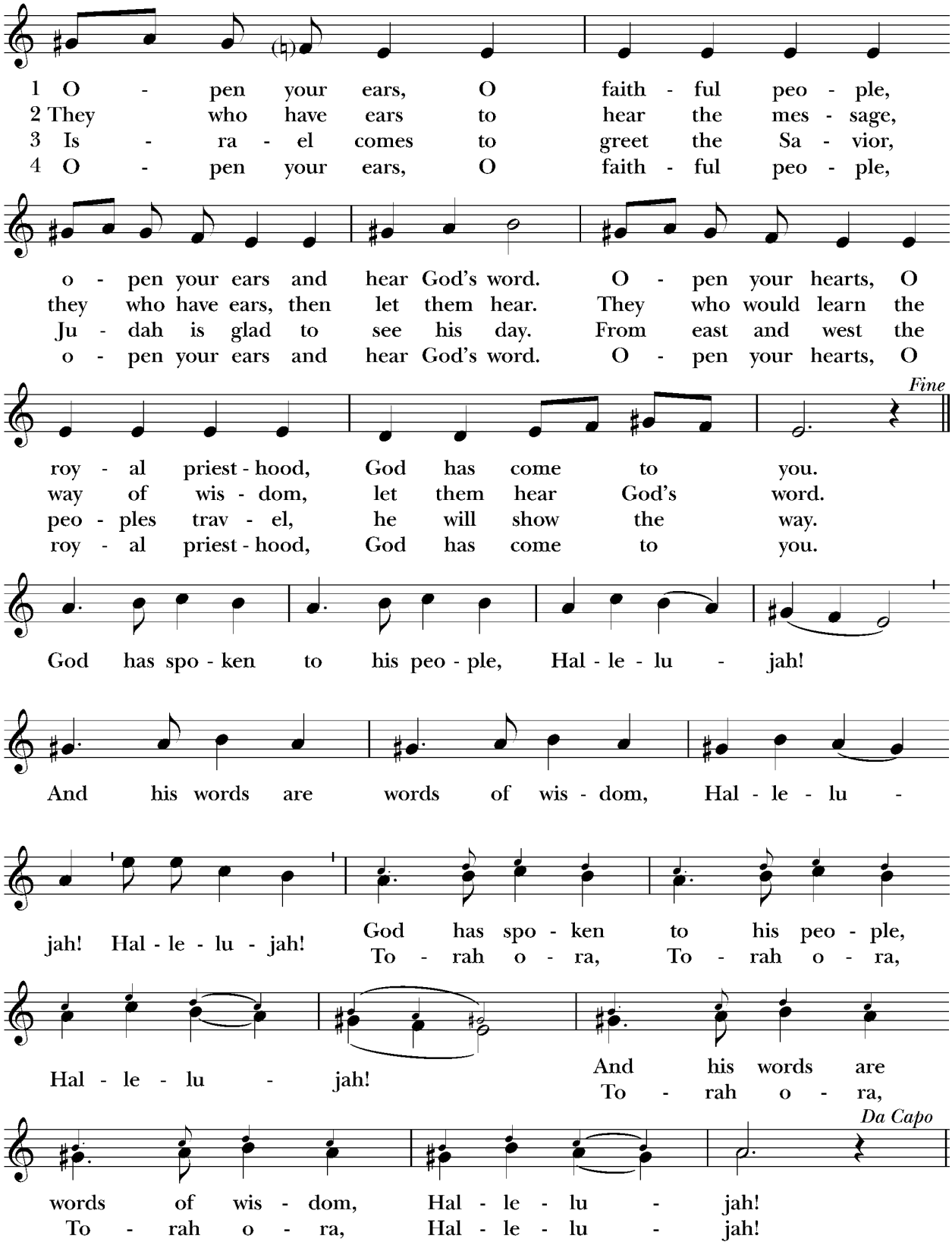
I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.
People: Thanks be to God.

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news"—specifically the "good news of Jesus."

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE *Open your ears, O faithful people (Torah song [Yisrael V'oraita])* (H 536)

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

SILENT REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who need our prayers.

Leader: God of truth, we pray for your Church: for Indigenous congregations and leaders; for Julia, our bishop; and for all who follow Jesus. Help us recognize where our witness has brought healing and where our actions have caused harm. Give us courage to repent and faithfulness to change.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We pray for the nations of the world and all who exercise authority. We pray for Indigenous nations and their right to govern their communities, sustain their cultures, and protect their lands and waters. Let public decisions be shaped by justice, and let those most affected be heard.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We pray for the welfare of the world: for clean water, healthy soil, forests, oceans, and all living creatures. Here in Hanover, we give thanks for the North River watershed and all whose lives depend upon it. Teach us to receive the gifts of creation with gratitude and use them with care.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We pray for our neighbors, especially the Massachusett, Mattakeeset, and Wampanoag communities of this region. We give thanks for the endurance of their peoples, the work of their leaders, and the renewal of languages and traditions.

Help us listen without presuming to speak for others, and offer support shaped by what communities themselves identify as needed.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We pray for all who suffer: those who are hungry or without shelter; those experiencing violence, racism, illness, addiction, or loneliness; and families grieving loved ones who are missing or have been killed. We remember those whose wounds have been deepened by the Church.

The congregation is invited to name those in need.

May they find safety, care, and companions who will remain beside them.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We pray for St. Andrew's: for our children and elders, newcomers and longtime members, and everyone entrusted to our care. We pray especially for Jean Marsh, Rev. Peter Acheson, Dave Dyson and all those on our prayer list.

The congregation is invited to name those in need.

Give us patience for learning, generosity in sharing, and courage to examine our own history. Let our welcome grow into faithful relationships.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We remember those who have died, especially those whose names and stories were neglected or deliberately erased.

The congregation is invited to name those who have died.

We commend them to your everlasting love.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We pray for those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the North Shore Deanery; Christ Church, South Hamilton; Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott; Trinity Church, Topsfield; and the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans (APIA) Ministry Network.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Leader: We give thanks for the saints of every people and generation, and for all who have taught us to love through their courage, wisdom, and faithfulness.

People: Guide us in truth; lead us in love.

Celebrant: God our Father and Mother, receive our prayers. Where we have turned away, call us back; where we have caused harm, teach us repentance; where you open a path toward justice, give us courage to follow. Through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, remembering the harm we have done, the truth we have avoided, and the good we have left undone.

People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The people greet one another with a loving sign of God's peace and gratitude to be joined together in community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Celebrant: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in each heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

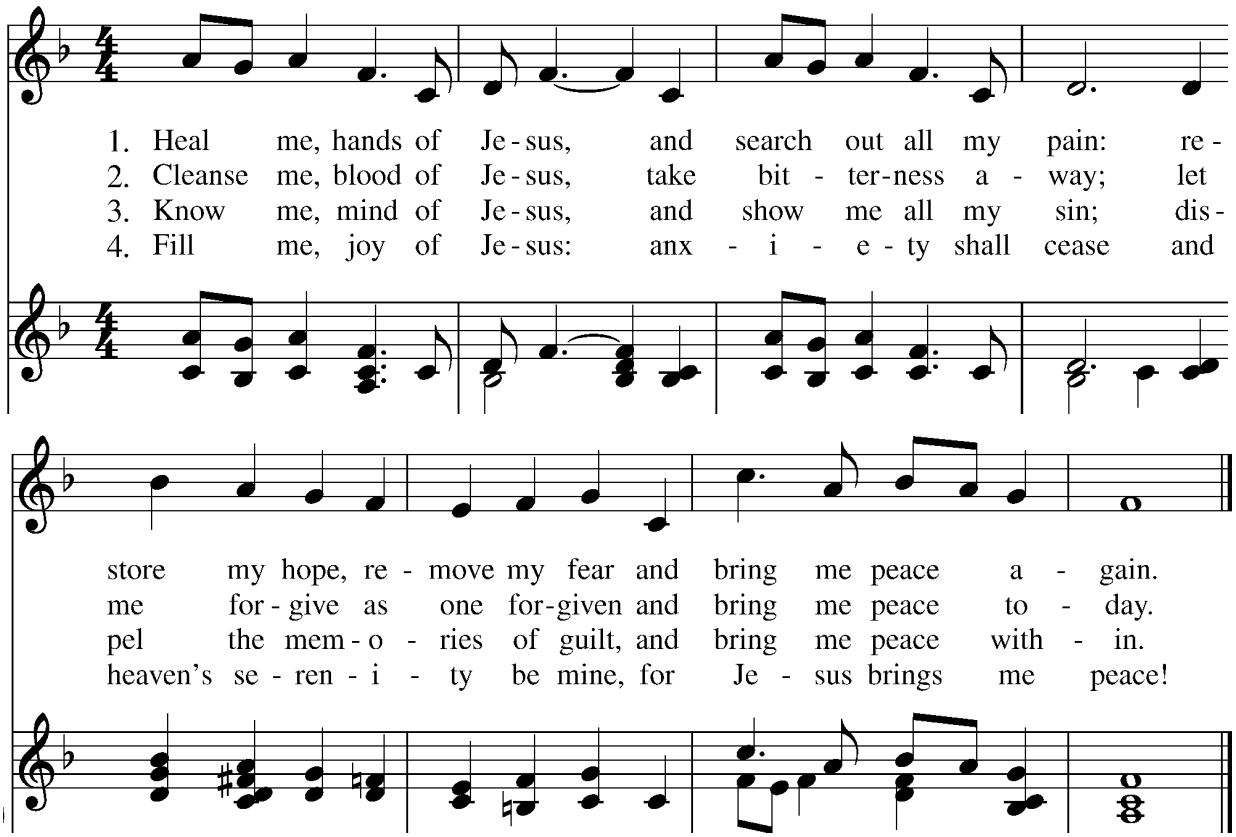
Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

An offering is received to support St. Andrew's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet, or online at standrewshanover.org/give.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Heal me, hands of Jesus (Sharpe)* (WLP 773)



Children present the donations for the Hanover Food Pantry. The ushers will bring the gifts forward.

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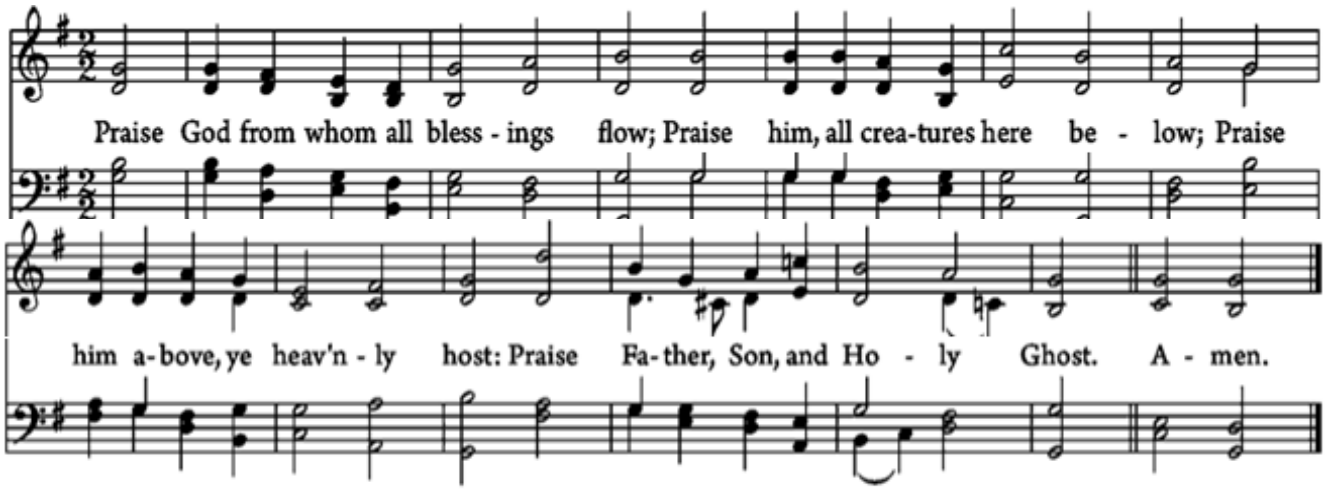


THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Oneida Nation of the Thames, Ontario*

Celebrant: The Creator is with you.
People: And also with you.

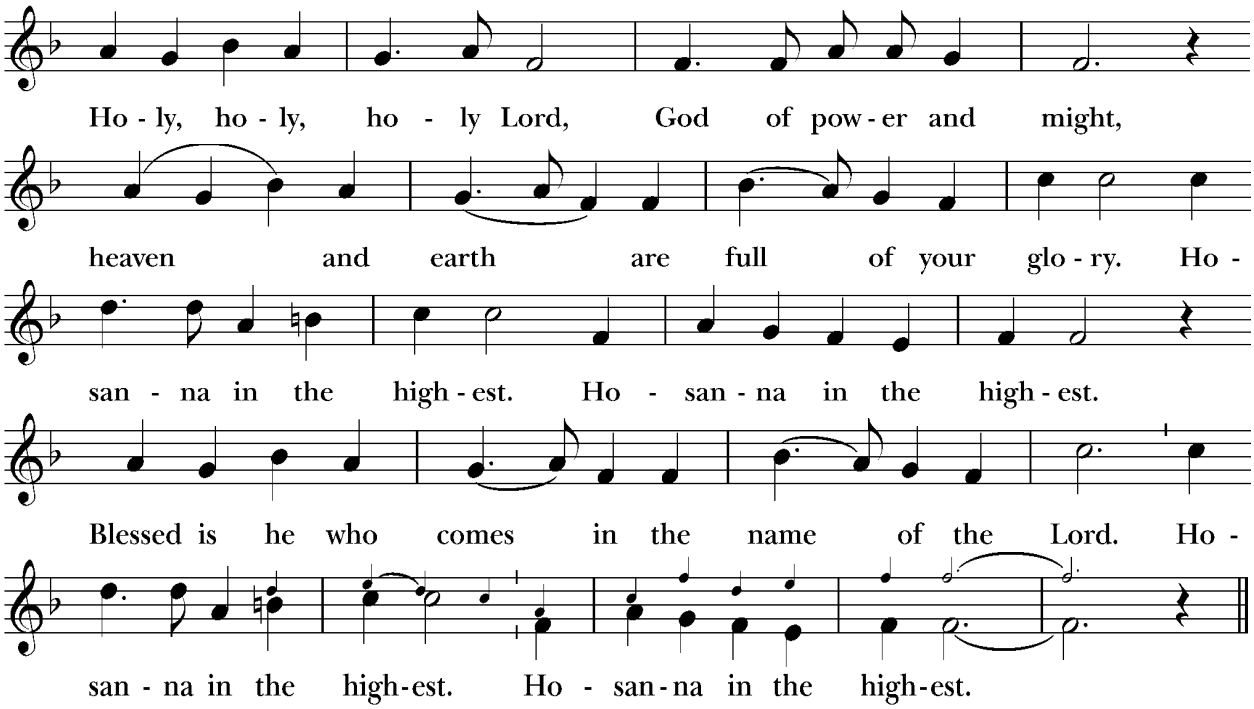
Celebrant: Open up your hearts.
People: We ask Jesus to fill them.

Celebrant: Deep thanks to the Creator.
People: For the web of all creation.

Celebrant: GREAT SPIRIT, All Providing One, we sense your presence in the cooling breeze, in the slowly emerging colors of Fall and in the morning mists. We give you heart-felt thanks that through Mother Earth you give us the fruits of the Summer growth and nourish us with many grains. We thank you for the rich harvest of blessings in our lives and most of all, we thank you for Jesus. His life unfolded to reveal a new way of living that brought healing, forgiveness, freedom and hope.

He followed your sacred way, walking with those in pain, renewing those who were pushed aside by injustice and touching others with the fruits of compassion. He showed us the Creator's generosity, asking us to become a harvest of thanksgiving in relationship to one another. As we come to you aware of the sacredness of your creation, we join our voices with all who have gone before us, singing,

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S125)*



Celebrant: Creator, Great Mystery,

You sent your prophets and elders to color up our lives but we missed the rainbow and so you sent Jesus whose life, death and resurrection radiated your love like the dancing colors of the Northern lights. The world was not ready for such an amazing look at thankful living in your presence.

On the night before he died, Jesus called his friends together to share a special meal. He thanked the Creator for bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them saying: This is my Body given for you.

Then Jesus took a cup of wine, blessed it and after giving thanks said to them: This is the cup of the new relationship, my blood shed for you.

In Christ you make us one Body, a community for you. Send your Holy Spirit on these gifts and make them holy. Take the pieces of our lives so that as we gather at your table, we will all become a harvest thanksgiving.

May we remain rooted in Christ, grow daily in your compassion, and be the bearers of your blessings to others through the Holy Spirit.

ALL: **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the bread in silence.

Celebrant: Christ, the Creator suffered a broken body so that ours might be made whole.

People: **Make our broken bodies whole in his offering this day.**

THE FRACTION

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave the people fields rich with corn to be gathered, formed and shared as life-giving bread for the people.

People: **So may we, your church be gathered, formed and shared in your reconciling love.**

Celebrant: Creator of all, you gave the people the strawberry as a sign and celebration of new life.

People: **May we, your people, taste the sweetness of new life together.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on God in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

The homemade Communion bread is gluten free.

SILENT REFLECTION

After Communion we observe a few moments of silence to reflect and give God thanks.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

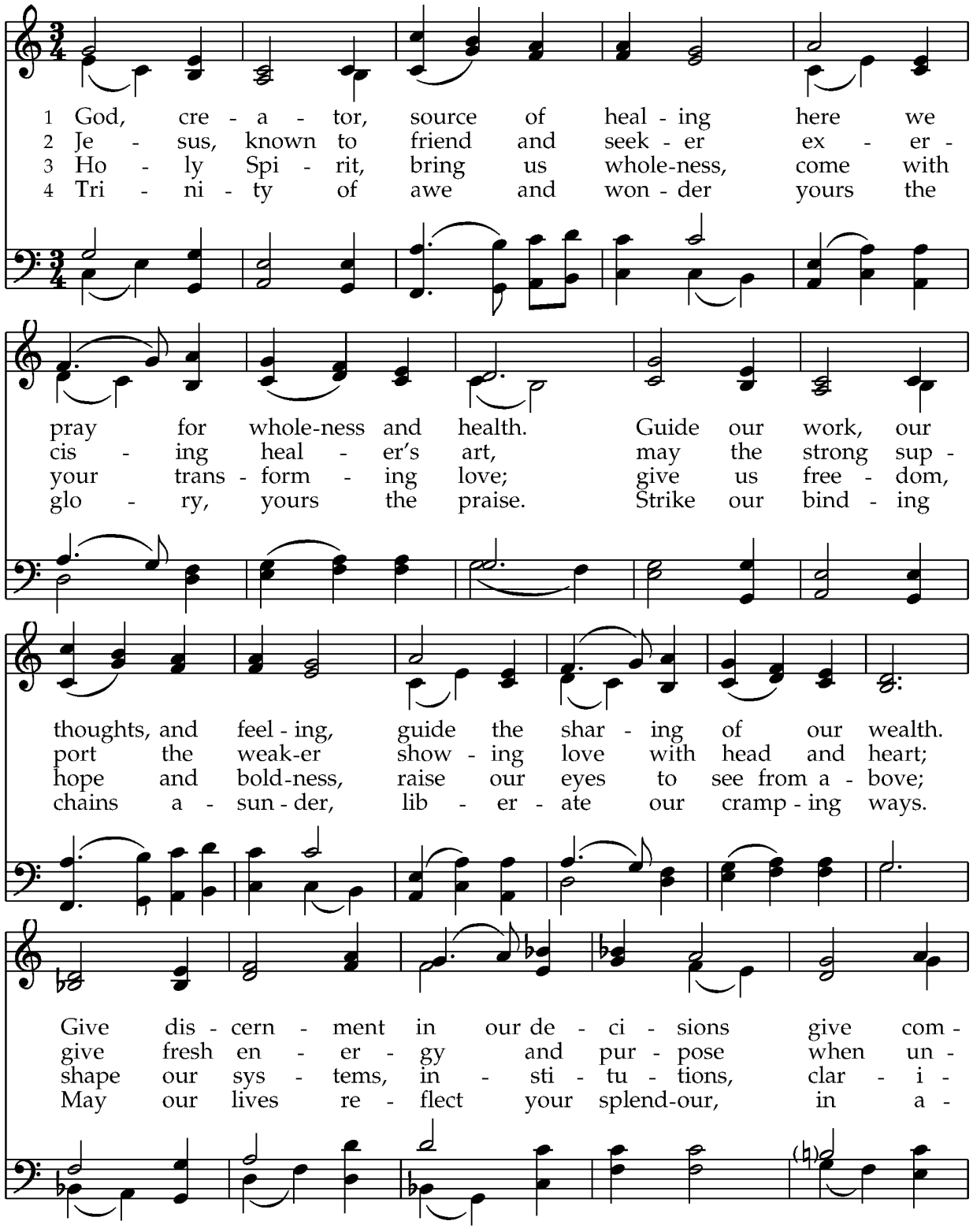
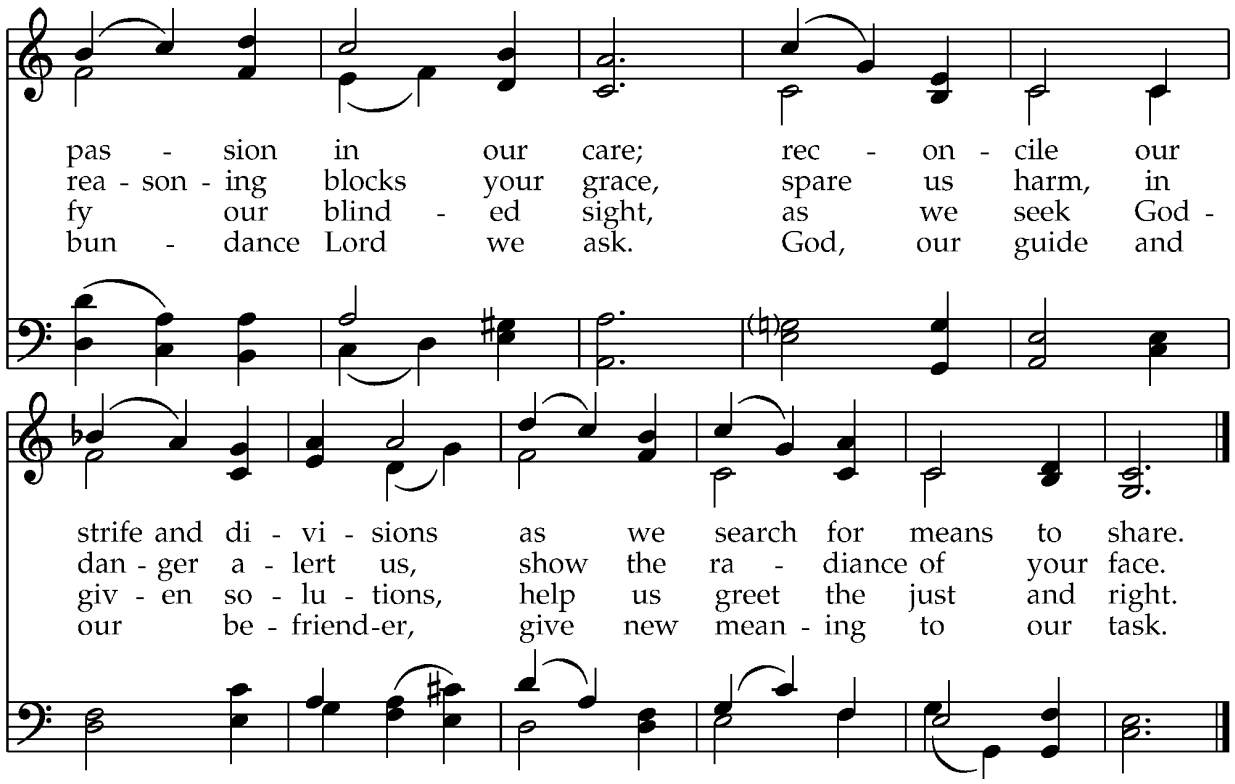
People: **Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. We pray this in your name. Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant: May God your Creator watch over you.
May the Spirit guide and lead you.
May Jesus be present in all that you do.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Children are invited to join the priest at the altar during the Recessional Hymn and to help bear the consecrated elements out of the Church and to help to dispose of them reverently outside.

RECESSIONAL *God, creator, source of healing (Abbot's Leigh) (VF 93)*



DISMISSAL

Celebrant: God is before us.
People: God is behind us.

Celebrant: God is above us.
People: God is below us.

Celebrant: God's words shall come from our mouths.
People: For we are all God's essence, a sign of God's love.

Celebrant: All is finished in beauty.
People: All is finished in beauty.

In continuation of the love and connection experienced during our service, all are invited to the coffee hour in the parish hall.

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Our Prayer and Sacramental Life

PRAYER LIST

Those in need: Barbara Kean - Darren and Katrina - Nicole - Linda - John G - Christine, Derek & Kelly - Chuck F - Kevin S - Mary D - Libby Tolley - Rev. Patti – Penny - Carol & Twig - Monica - Patrick S - Louie - Betty G - John S - Carol and Chick Kastner - Edward "Ned" McCann - Sue G - Mary Robinson - Camdyn M - Matt - Aiden – safe return of Nancy Guthrie and The Guthrie Family - Eileen K - Patricia - Carol Ann - Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - Alec - Ann Ferzoco - Ellen Elliott -- Meredith C -- Greg Eaton - Nicol Family – John – Tracy Sprows – Dennis - Lee G – Don S – Leah – Katrina & Darren – Paul Nicol –Mark D – Art J – Matthew –Thomas & Gloria – Susannah L -- David – Paula – Bill – David H – Sharon M – Greyson - Rosie & Silva Family – Haley - Sarah – Valerie – Dennis -- Jesse on his seminary journey

Those who have died and their families and loved ones: Joan Dwyer - Dieter Braun - David Magraw - Celeste Hopkins – Richard Buonvicino - Joy Misek - Benjamin Tappa - Tiffany Gloria Malloy - Matilda Dale DiIorilo - Jimmy Tracy - James Busby

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to these your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Youth

SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

A YOU(TH) GROUP! Young People Change the World
Shore to Shore connects teenagers from Massachusetts to South Africa

NEXT MEETING IS THIS SUNDAY,OCTOBER 11, 3-5 PM (NEW TIME!)

Great Food, New Friends, a Place of Belonging

Need a Ride? Contact Jim Laprade — JFLaprade@comcast.net (617) 312-4631

https://www.standrewshanover.org/shore-to-shore.html. ALL Teens Invited!

There are two ways to give and support this ministry. The first is to bring your spare change to church and drop it in one of the Shore to Shore change buckets (making a change with every gift!); the second is to give through the give butter platform: https://givebutter.com/2bdiK2 or at QR CODE.

GODLY PLAY!

Sundays at 9:00 AM beginning TODAY, Sunday October 11, 2026.

- Wonder · Story · Sacred Snack · Faith · Belonging
- Children ages 3+ invited! Drop-off begins before 9:00 AM
- Children join us in church during announcements
- And yes — there is coffee for grownups!

Grownups bring their children directly to the Godly Play Room where we will begin our morning together. While grownups head to worship, children enter a beautiful, welcoming space created especially for them to hear stories, ask big questions, wonder, create, pray and discover how much God loves them.

After Godly Play, the children join their families in the church for announcements and Holy Communion, so that we end our Sunday morning together as one church family.

Curious? See Rev'd Amy or any one of our ambassadors (Elizabeth Lehnertz, Ann Hunt, Linda Thurston, Sally Boutin, Suzanne Bunszel, Susan Soumah).

Check out parish website for printable "Invitation to Parents Letter" and "Sign Up Form"

PARISH COMMUNITY

BECOME A PLEDGING MEMBER

Being faithful stewards of our resources is an on-going opportunity. If you are among those who have pledged – THANK YOU! Your gift and promise contributes to the stability of St. Andrew's and allows us to plan ahead. If you have not yet made a commitment, pledge packets are in the Narthex, and your thoughtful investment of your time, talent or financial resources are a blessing.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH

Are you a musician? Do you know one? We seek a Director of Music who will partner with clergy and parish leadership to build upon a strong musical foundation while helping shape the next era of ministry at St. Andrew's. Salary: Competitive and commensurate with experience. Part-Time (approximately 10-12 hours per week). Please see full job description, video and application process on the parish website.

NAME TAGS: Our parish is growing; this is a good time for everyone to wear a nametag. If you don't have one or if yours needs replacing, please scan the QR code to left so we can provide you with one.

CHRISTMAS FAIR (WATCH FOR REQUESTS, SIGN UP FORMS, NOTICES)

➢**Publicity Chair/Team Needed.** Are you good with social media, posters, talking to people, publicizing events? We could use your help. We are looking for one or more persons to lead our publicity efforts to get the word out to the community of the best Christmas Fair eva! Let Dianne Nicol or Sarah Kelbaugh know if you are interested.

➢**Donations Needed for "Rooms".** Donations are needed for the Toy Room, Grandma's Attic, the Holiday Room, the Boutique and the Basket Table. All donations should be left on the stage in the parish hall.

We will need for our BAKE SALE TABLE: Cookies, brownies, bars packaged to sell in groups of 3; Quick breads: Cranberry bread, pumpkin bread, banana bread, etc.; Bread; Pies; Whoopie pies; Dipped pretzel rods. Donors name and ingredient list should be included with each donation.

Also, Suzanne will be placing tins with fudge recipes in the narthex for people to take and make. We have worked out (from experience) the best number needed to fill the fudge section of the bake table, so once the tins are gone, our needs will be met!

➢**Calling all volunteers for needed RAFFLE ITEMS, BASKET ITEMS, HELP ON DAY OF FAIR.** Use this QR Code to go to our Sign Up Genius form for more details and to volunteer to obtain items or donate "person power" on the day of the Fair.

➢**Baskets**. In addition to the Gift Baskets items listed at the QR CODE, we welcome ready-to-go Themed Baskets (we can wrap & complete) and empty baskets that we can fill. Some theme suggestions: Patriot's/Red Sox/Bruin's/Celtic's fan; Dog/cat lover; Tea/coffee drinker; Baby boy/girl; Movie/game night; Teacher thank-you; Spa/relaxation; Gourmet treats; Holiday baking; Christmas morning breakfast

➢**Craft/Artisan Tables**. Once again, our vendors' tables are going to be held exclusively for parishioners and their family/friends. For a $50.00 rental fee, and a willingness to be at the table for both days of the fair, everything the vendors make from their sales is theirs to keep! To reserve your table, (or share one with another church friend) see Sarah Kelbaugh.

➢Watch for more volunteer opportunities . . . in the Cafe, baked goods for the Bake Sale Table, more.

PARISH LIFE HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY

Plan to join our next parish life event -- HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR ALL AGES!

Saturday, OCTOBER 24, 5-7 p.m.

Share some potluck food, check out the costumes, play some Halloween inspired trivia, enjoy the company! Halloween themed desserts would be cool! Use the LINK on the parish website to sign up!

BRIDGE

Keith MacLeod is getting ready to reconvene St. Andrew's Bridge Builders – a group of aspiring bridge players who gather and learn the game together in the Parish Hall. New members and beginners welcome each week! Come join the fun, learning, companionship. We hope to start again the week of October 19. Use LINK on website to let us know if you are interested and what is the best day/time for you -- Tuesdays (9-12), Tuesdays (1-4), Wednesdays (9-12), Wednesdays (1-4).

OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY

St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry Thank you so much for your consistent donations. For the month of September, we have been asked to collect cookies and school snacks of all kinds including gluten free and peanut free options.

DIGNITY MATTERS

Our church is excited to begin supporting Dignity Matters, a Massachusetts nonprofit that provides free menstrual care products to women and girls experiencing homelessness or hardship. We now have a Dignity Matters collection bin at the church by the parish hall doors, and there are lots of ways to get involved! You can donate needed products, help hang flyers and spread the word in our community, or volunteer to transport our collected donations to the Dignity Matters warehouse in Westborough. Interested in helping or have questions? Please reach out to Elizabeth Lehnertz (774-999-9376).

BABY BLANKETS
Calling "yarn magicians"! We are in need of small baby blankets (suggested maximum 2' x 3') to be included in our baptism baskets. You can leave them in the sacristy or bring them to the office. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Becoming Episcopalian (Inquirer's Class); Six Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
September 30 – November 4; in person or Zoom; LINK on website

Art of Being a Couple; Six Thursdays • 7:00-8:15 p.m.
October 1 – November 5; in person or Zoom; LINK on website

Sunday, October 11
Shore to Shore 3-5 p.m. **NEW TIME!**

Sunday, October 18
Vestry Meeting, 11:15 am

Saturday, October 24
Parish Life Halloween Party, 5-7 p.m.

Saturday, October 31, 9-11 a.m.
Duct Tape Committee

Saturday, October 31
Church doors open to trick or treaters!

Sunday, November 1
Baptisms at 9:30 a.m. service

Friday and Saturday, November 6 & 7
Annual Christmas Fair

Sunday, November 8
Parish Life Committee meeting at church
Shore to Shore 3-5 p.m. **NEW TIME!**

Sunday, November 15
Vestry Meeting, 11:15 am

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The Rev. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.
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Joanne Bibeau, Administrative Assistant
Jesse Avellino, Sexton

TODAY:

Acolytes: Cheri Dauphinee
Jen Mitchell
Keith MacLeod

Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson

Lay Readers: Suzanne Bunszel and Dane Ripellino

Chalice Bearers: Suzanne Bunszel and Dane Ripellino

Choir Members: Kristi Peak-Oliveira, Janice Nickerson, Maryann Haen, Sarah Kelbaugh, Gordon O'Reilly, Priscilla O'Reilly, Suzanne Bunszel, Rebecca Maki, Hannah Maki, Dane Ripellino, Joanie Rogers and Chuck Rogers.

Welcome Vocational Deacon

Please join Rev'd Amy in welcoming Molly Breiling, a vocational deacon in formation. She will be with us on Sundays through May, 2027. In addition to pursuing ordination as a deacon, she is an entrepreneur, wife and mother. Molly is a chef, baker, food writer and scholar, seeker - passionate about food justice issues with an eye on reducing food waste while improving sustainable practices. She is the owner of Divine Culinary Enterprises. Her clients include the Sisters of St. Margaret in Duxbury.

Kevin Galiè is our guest organist and leader of the choir. A native of Philadelphia, Kevin holds a B.S. - B.A., Boston University (Music /Computer Science); J. D. (Juris Doctor) Boston University School of Law; an M. Mus., The Boston Conservatory/Berklee School of Music (Orchestral & Choral Conducting, Organ) and a Certificate from the Pontificio Istituto di Musica Sacra - Roma. His principal performing instrument, in addition to choral and ballet/opera/orchestral conducting, is classical pipe organ, especially in collaborative settings such as symphony orchestras, chamber music for organ and various instruments, and with choruses. From 2019 until Spring 2023, Kevin was based in Munich, Germany, with his wife, Dr. Franziska Galiè. Though now based in Boston, he still travels frequently to Munich as well as to his home in Italy, and around the world for his various engagements.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

Suzanne Bunszel, Warden; Michelle Joyce, Treasurer; Elise McKee; Gordon O'Reilly; Jen Mitchell and Sherry Long

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For all of our latest news, check out:
our website www.standrewshanover.org; or
our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/standrewshanover;
or our youtube channel https://www.youtube.com/@saintandrewshanoverma/

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Joanne Bibeau's email address is office@standrewshanover.org. Office phone is 781-826-2062.

RECURRING EVENTS:

Sundays: Choir practice 8:45 a.m.; Godly Play 9:00am; 9:30am service
Coffee Hour following service
Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Thursday: noon-6:00 p.m.
Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

LINK TO ONLINE GIVING: