

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Centered in God, Focused on Others



Being God's Beloved

**First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

Sunday, January 12, 2025

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Please note updated COVID-19 Guidelines:

- Masks are optional.
- Seek designated area if you wish to remain masked and socially distanced.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance to the church, and for use before and after Holy Communion.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

We begin our worship as a gathered community by praising God in song.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Brightest and best of the stars (Morning Star)* (H 117)

The musical score is written for five voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.
2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.
3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?
4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed by his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE *To God be the glory (VF 108)*

The Song of Praise/Gloria centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his son, who yield - ed his life an a - tone-ment for sin and o - pened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!
O come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the son,
and give him the glo - ry! Great things he has done!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, “Give them up,”

and to the south, “Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away

and my daughters from the end of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.**

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.**

The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 8:14-17

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE *Christ, when for us you were baptized* (H 121) (V 1-3)

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.”

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,
2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.
sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.
free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first three lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last three lines. The music is a simple, hymn-like setting with a steady rhythm.

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Christ, when for us you were baptized* (H 121) (V 4)



4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,
that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

SERMON

The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.

SILENT REFLECTION

NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.

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

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the church—the body of Christ.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially those in harm's way in the California fires and for those first responders trying to save lives and property;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For The Most Reverend Sean W. Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, our Bishop Diocesan, and The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol J. Gallagher, Assistant Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, for the Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston) Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral, Boston; Hospitality Homes; The Diocesan Staff and The Massachusetts Council of Churches.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

For the special needs and concerns of those gathered here.

(People may add their own petitions)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Barbara Whitman and Jack Cann, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Celebrant

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

People exchange a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

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, hope and peace this Epiphany season. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or by scanning the QR code on the announcement page of this bulletin, or online at the donation link at standrewshanover.org.

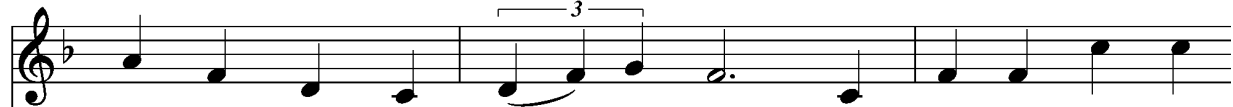
The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

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

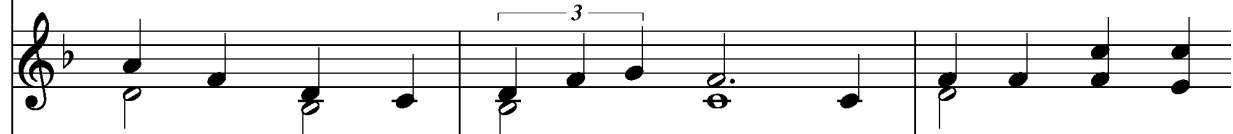
OFFERTORY HYMN *You're called by name (Sara H.) (WLP 766)*



1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -
 2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where
 3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set
 4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -



dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the
 Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied
 free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion
 tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to



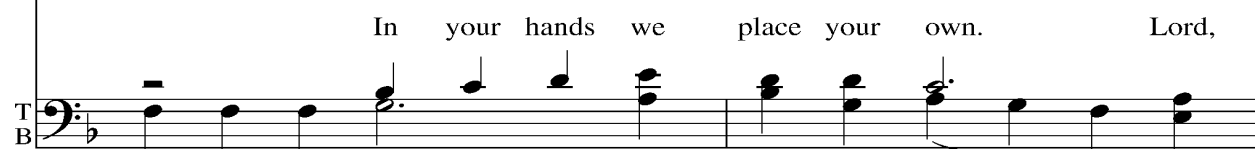
fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.
 in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.
 to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.
 share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.



Refrain

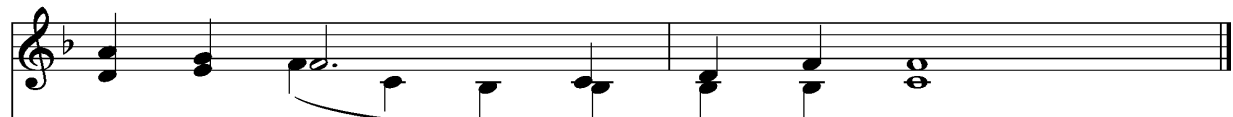


Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,



In your hands we place your own. Lord,

Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,



in their lives make your love known.



The ushers will bring the gifts forward.

DOXOLOGY (568)

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

S130 Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx)

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We recall God's acts of salvation history. The priest says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the last Supper. At the memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of the age. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:

This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, and Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the priest has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

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

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The priest breaks the bread in silence.

FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God Agnus Dei (Schubert) (S 164)*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of receiving Communion, you may indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.

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 Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *[Amen.]*
 The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *[Amen.]*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Creator, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be amongst you this day, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Songs of thankfulness and praise (Salzburg)* (H 135)

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship has ended. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER LIST

Bill MacLellan – Nicol Family – John – Tracy Sprows – family of Amy Motta—Dennis – Dave N – Lee G – Don S – Pam E – Jan B – Leah – Katrina & Darren – Paul Nicol – Mark D – Art J – Joyce – Matthew –Thomas & Gloria – Susannah -- Barbara Whitman – John Cann -- David – Margie T – Paula

Each week this prayer list includes requests we have received through publication (Thursday, noon). If you wish to add people to this list, please submit names by email to office@standrewshanover.org or call the office or place a note on the offertory plate or give to an usher or to Rev. Amy at Sunday service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Parents and grownups are invited to drop children off at Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall any time after 9:15am. Our kiddos will draw their name tags, enjoy a bible lesson and then join everyone in Big Church at announcements.

INQUIRER'S CLASS

Are you curious about becoming an Episcopalian? Have you been received into the Episcopal Church and would enjoy learning more about our structure, history and theology? Are you a lifelong Episcopalian who might enjoy a brush up on our polity? Reverend Amy is offering a 6-week class for inquirers. This class will meet after church and will repeat again on Thursday nights for those who are not able to join on Sundays. If you are interested, please use the "Inquirers' Class" [LINK](#) on the website (standrewshanover.org) to sign up.

Our first session will begin on Sunday, February 16th after church from 11:15 am – 12:45pm. All questions are welcome, as are all attendees!

THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

St. Andrew's will join a very small group of churches in the US when we recognize and celebrate our 300th anniversary. This will be more than a year-long recognition that will include special events and services, an ambitious capital campaign that will allow us to make our campus fully accessible, and will take our communications, succession planning and community engagement to the next level. In all, our efforts will be aimed at equipping ourselves for the coming century and for doing the work that God needs us to do. If you are interested in a leadership or volunteer role, please join us for a brief overview meeting on Thursday, January 16th at 6pm. Beverages and snacks will be included for our informal discussion.

If you would like to support fire relief efforts in California, I commend to you the website for the [Diocese of Los Angeles](#) which has updates and will direct your efforts and financial support to where it is needed most. The devastating fires have claimed homes, thousands of acres of land and several churches, including two Episcopal Churches. There will be 4 large condolence cards in the Parish Hall to sign after church today. This community has survived the devastating experience of losing our sacred worship space to fire. Are there any lessons that we might share with these newly grieving community members? We need not have the answers today. Connecting to our brothers and sisters in Christ and including them in our prayers and sending them our love via cards is a powerful connection. If you have thoughts about additional opportunities to love these grieving siblings in Christ, please share them.

Office@standrewshanover.org

Volunteer Opportunities:

Website: It is time to polish and update our marvelous website. We are in search of someone to take on the design responsibility for the next era of our website. While it has wonderful information, it does not reflect our current energy and aspirations. If you are a web designer, or know someone who would be willing to work with Rev'd Amy, please let the office know. Office@standrewshanover.org

Coffee Hour Hosts: We are looking for some new volunteers. Duties include getting to Church early to put on the coffee, make sure there's half & half, put the snacks out, and clean up after coffee hour. Sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Consider asking a new friend to be a "team" or sign-up as a family!

JANUARY & FEBRUARY UPCOMING HIGHLIGHTS -- SEE FULL CALENDAR ONLINE:

- **Thursday, January 16 at 6:00 p.m.: 300th Anniversary meeting**
- **Sunday, January 19: VESTRY MEETING**
- **Monday, January 20: 55th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast in Boston, gathering under the theme "Freedom Isn't Free" with keynote speaker professor, author, and activist Angela Davis.**
<https://bostonmlkbreakfast.org/breakfast-2025/>
- **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - ANNUAL MEETING**
- **Sunday, February 16 - first meeting of Inquirers Class**

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." Mark 1:10-11

Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Mark 1:4-11 (NIV)



- ___ 1. The liquid used to baptize someone.
A. wine B. vinegar C. honey D. water
- ___ 2. The river where Jesus was baptized.
A. Nile B. Amazon C. Jordan D. Danube
- ___ 3. Name of the man who baptized Jesus.
A. John B. Peter C. Matthew D. Paul
- ___ 4. To pardon for sins.
A. forgive B. sin C. repent D. dove
- ___ 5. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.
A. water B. wine C. honey D. milk
- ___ 6. To break one of God's commandments.
A. sin B. baptize C. repent D. forgive
- ___ 7. To turn away from sin.
A. repent B. forgive C. baptize D. preach
- ___ 8. What was heard when Jesus was baptized.
A. voice B. wind C. dove D. locusts
- ___ 9. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____.
A. river B. voice C. repent D. dove
- ___ 10. To admit that you have done wrong.
A. baptize B. confess C. dove D. voice

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