



**St. Andrew's  
Episcopal Church**

Hanover, MA 02339

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*Centered in God. Focused on Others.*

**Changed for the Road Ahead  
Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Ye watchers and ye holy ones* (H 618)

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## 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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*To God be the glory (VF 108) (V2)*

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re-

joic - ing through Je - sus the son; but pur - er and high - er and

great - er will be our won - der, our rap - ture, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - jice!

O come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the son,  
and give him the glo - ry! Great things he has done!

## COLLECT FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

**O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

*This reading is typically from the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.*

### **Exodus 24:12-18**

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the

appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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.*

### **Psalm 2**

*Sung to the tune AZMON*

Why do the nations all conspire  
And whisper hateful plans?  
Against the Lord's anointed one  
The rulers take their stand.

"Let us throw off their irons," they say,  
"And let us break their chains."  
The one enthroned in heaven laughs  
And ridicules their aims.

The Lord rebukes them angrily,  
So they are terrified.  
God says, "In Zion I will rule,  
And there I will abide."

And now I will proclaim abroad  
That this is God's decree:  
"I am your Father; you are now  
My Son," God said to me.

"Ask now of me and I will give  
The nations to your care  
And all the earth, for you this day  
Are my anointed heir."

You break them all like pottery  
And rule with iron hand;  
Therefore be warned, all you who reign,  
You rulers of the land.

Serve God with fear; rejoice in awe  
Lest you should know God's wrath.  
How blest are those who know God's care  
And follow in God's path.

## 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.*

### 2 Peter 1:16–21

A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 *Christ upon the mountain peak (Mowsley) (H 129)*

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!  
 fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

## THE GOSPEL

### Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## GRADUAL HYMN

*I know not where the road will lead (Laramie) (H 647) (VI)*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "I I know not where the road will lead I fol - low day by day, or where it ends: I on - ly know I walk the King's high - way. I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say; but rough or smooth, up hill or down, I walk the King's high - way." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

## THE 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

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### Nicene Creed

*The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." The Nicene Creed 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**

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers for the transformation of the world and the church.

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;

**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 and The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, our Bishop Diocesan, for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For those on the Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; MANNA Community; The Cathedral Chapter; Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry; Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; 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.

*(People may add their own blessings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(People may name loved ones.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant:*

O God of the covenant, you revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**People:**

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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 peace of Christ 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**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **THE OFFERTORY**

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE:**

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself a gift and sacrifice to God.

*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 the St. Andrew's ministry of making Kindness Loud, and sharing God's love in many forms. You are invited to make a gift, which the priest will bless and offer to God. You can make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code, or donating online at [StAndrewshanover.org](http://StAndrewshanover.org).*

**ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

*Higher Ground (LEVAS 165)*

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm  
2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a -  
3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's  
4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a

1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,  
2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,  
3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,  
4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

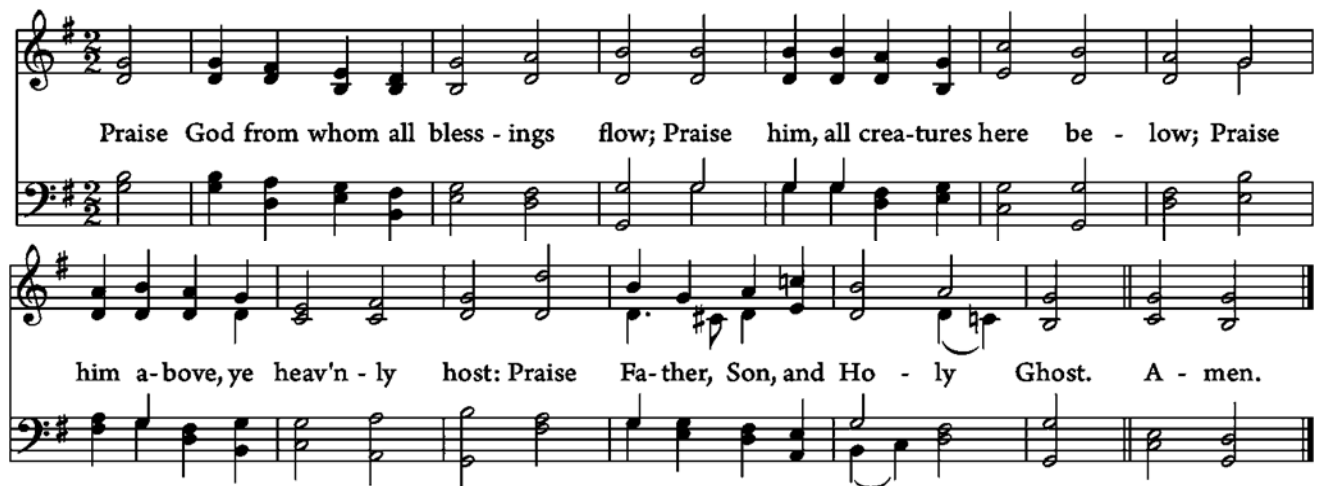
1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."  
2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me  
3. The song of saints on high - er ground.  
4. "Lord, lead me on the high - er ground."

up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er

plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

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

## DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise  
him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*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."*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (S130)*

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.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

***We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.***

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

***Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.***

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

*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.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The priest breaks the bread in silence.

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

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

## FRACTION

*Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S164)*

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

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

Let us pray together,

**Merciful and loving God, you revealed your beloved Son in glory and in light, and you urged that we must listen to him.**

**We thank you for revealing him again in this sacrament of bread and wine. Bless us with assurance so that as we depart from this sanctuary and the road ahead grows steep, when listening to and following your Beloved son costs us more than we expected, and when fear bids that we fall to the ground; raise us up. Strengthen us for the journey toward Jerusalem. Transform our doubt into trust, our hesitation into courage, our weariness into commitment.**

**Make us radiate your steady love so that the world may see your glory in the lives transformed for the road ahead. All this we pray in the name of your son our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen+**

## BLESSING

May the God who meets you on the mountain open your eyes to Christ's glory. May the Son who reassures you and comforts you to live without fear, shore up your heart for the road ahead. May the Holy Spirit kindle in you an eternal light that will not be extinguished and a love that is inestimable.

And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be upon you, and remain with you now and forever. **Amen+**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus (Hyfrydol) (H 460)*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

## DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship has ended, let our service begin as we go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

## OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### PRAYER LIST

Those in need: Nancy Guthrie and The Guthrie Family - Joyce - Eileen K - Patricia - Audrey MacDonald and the MacDonald family - Carol Ann - Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - Alec - Ann Ferzoco - Ellen Elliott -- Meredith C -- Greg Eaton - Nicol Family - John - Arlene Watkins - Tracy Sprows - Dennis - Lee G - Don S - Pam E - Jan B - 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 -- Those who have died: Tiffany Gloria Malloy - Barbara and John Meschino - Wang Suk Choi

*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.*

### SHROVE TUESDAY (AKA FAT TUESDAY) PANCAKE SUPPER 2/17/26 AT 6 P.M.

All are welcome to the return of our tradition of eating pancakes, sausage, bacon and other goodies for dinner before Lent. This ancient tradition is a nod to the religious people consuming all of the rich foods and indulgences before they enter into the 40 days of Lent. With the generous leadership of Dave Thurston at our grill, we are going to resurrect this holiday tradition at St. Andrew's.

See sign up sheet to bring food/other items and/or to volunteer your time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ACA728A2FAC43-61805729-shrove>

See RSVP form to say you are coming at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ACA728A2FAC43-61831331-rsvp>

### ASH WEDNESDAY

You are invited for a brief service and to receive the imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday (February 18) at Noon or at 7pm in our sanctuary, or to receive ashes as part of "Ashes to Go". The 7pm service will also include communion. Rev. Amy will be offering "Ashes to Go" at the Hull Boat dock for the 6, 7 & 8am boats. "Ashes to Go" will also be offered in the church parking lot (that we share with the bank etc.) at 1-3pm and 5-6pm.

## LENT

This Lenten season, multiple South Shore Episcopal churches invite the community to **Even at the Grave: Being Hopeful, Prepared, and Faithful**, a five-week retreat series combining presentation, discussion and spiritual reflection on topics addressing end-of-life, loss, and legacy. We will meet at one of three Episcopal churches each Wednesday from 6:00–7:30 pm: each session offers a faith-centered focus and conversation on mortality, grief, end-of-life care, and preparing our affairs as acts of love for ourselves and our loved ones. Hosted by St. Andrew's Hanover, Trinity Marshfield and St. Luke's Scituate, this Lenten journey creates sacred space for reflection and faithful living. Everyone is welcome!

## OUR YOUTH



### SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Shore to Shore will next meet at 6:00 pm on Sunday, March 8.

We are in the midst of intense fundraising for Shore to Shore. We are committed to ensuring that any teenager who fully participates in this program will be able to travel with us to South Africa in July, regardless of their financial capacity. The cost for education materials, gatherings, retreats and travel is just over \$6,000 per teen. Thanks to several generous parishioners, we have two full scholarships in hand for our current program cycle – THANK YOU. We are blessed with teenagers from Boston to Brockton, from Hanover to Pembroke and several communities in between. Our current fundraising focus is on foundations and family trusts. We are sending letters of interest and understand that having direct connections will increase our likelihood for success. If you have relationships or connections that might enhance our inquiries, please let Rev'd Amy know. Sharing those relationships and invitations will be part of what makes the inaugural two-year program cycle for Shore to Shore a success!

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel meets every Sunday in the Parish Hall. Children of all ages are welcome, and parents are warmly invited to have some of their own sacred time in the sanctuary with other grown ups. Children will re-join you and the service during announcements.

## PARISH COMMUNITY

**VESTRY MEETING TODAY.** All welcome.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

St. Andrew's Annual meeting will be after church on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

We will take our parish community photo, enjoy great food, a blessedly brief business meeting with a summary of our finances and our priorities for the year to come. We will also recognize our members who have joined us since we last met. Most notably, we will celebrate and honor the members of our Vestry whose official service will conclude at this year's meeting, and we will welcome our newest members.

Annual meeting is a shared milestone, is joyful and at THIS Annual meeting we will officially kick off our 300th anniversary celebrations! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Watch for sign-up to help Janet provide the food at the annual meeting.

### **STEWARDSHIP GIVING TREE**

We are grateful for all of the leaves on the "Giving Tree" in the sanctuary. Each one represents a person/family who has pledged their time, talent, and treasure to St. Andrew's. Their generosity contributes to our community's future, our work together to be the model of God in the world, and our loving holding of each other during our times of need.

### **PLEDGE ENVELOPES**

If you prefer to give your pledge (weekly, monthly, other) in a pledge envelope with your name and pledge number, please let Joanne know by email ([office@standrewshanover.org](mailto:office@standrewshanover.org)) or by phone (781-826-2062) and we will make a set of pledge envelopes for you.

## OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

### **HANOVER FOOD PANTRY**

St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry. Thank you for your support with your donations. Please drop them off in the narthex. For the month of January, the requested items are large/family size bags of chips (various flavors and types).

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Wednesdays: 7 a.m.**

Coffee and Current Events gathering by Zoom

**Sunday, February 15, 11:30 a.m.**

Vestry Meeting – all welcome

**Sunday, February 15, 5:00 p.m.**

Farewell to Alleluia Choral Evensong; St. Margaret's Chapel, Duxbury, MA

**Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.**

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

**Wednesday, February 18, noon and 7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday brief service and imposition of Ashes. Communion included at 7:00pm.

**Sunday, March 1 after 9:30 a.m. service**

Annual Meeting

**Sunday, March 8, 5:30--7:00 p.m.**

Shore to Shore High School Youth Group

**Sunday, March 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

South Shore Deanery Assembly at Trinity Church in Rockland. Canon Chris Wendell will be esteemed guest, and gathering will include Evening Prayer and a pot-luck supper.

**Wednesdays in Lent; 6:00–7:30 pm**

Even at the Grave: Being Hopeful, Prepared and Faithful -- A collaborative 5 week Lenten retreat series.

**Wednesday, February 25, 2026**

Being Mortal: Naming Our Priorities and Our Hope

Hosted by: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; 17 Church Street, Hanover, MA 02339

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

Being Human: Grief, Loss, and Love

Hosted by: St. Luke's Episcopal Church; 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066

**Wednesday, March 11, 2026**

Being Cared For: Hospice, Palliative Care, and Sacred Presence

Hosted by: Trinity Episcopal Church; 229 Highland Street, Marshfield Hills, MA 02051

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

Being Prepared: Decisions, Funeral Homes, and Practical Planning

Hosted by: St. Luke's Episcopal Church; 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

Being Faithful: Getting Our Affairs in Order as an Act of Love

Hosted by: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church; 17 Church Street, Hanover, MA 02339

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Torch Bearer: Jen Mitchell  
Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson and  
Ben Coleman-Lyon

## **This Morning:**

Lay Readers: Joanie Rogers and  
Elise McKee  
Chalice Bearers: Joanie Rogers and  
Jen Mitchell

**Vestry Officers & Members:** Linda Gelinas, Senior Warden; Michelle Joyce, Treasurer;  
Chuck Rogers, Secretary; Susan Scopelleti; Janet Keane; Elise McKee; Gordon O'Reilly;  
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## **Contact Information:**

For all of our latest news, check out:  
our website [www.standrewshanover.org](http://www.standrewshanover.org); or  
our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/standrewshanover>;  
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the office phone is 781-826-2062.

If weather impacts Sunday services or scheduled programs: watch channels 4 (wbz), 5 (wcvb) or 7 (whdh) and/or checkout their websites for cancellation news.

## **RECURRING EVENTS:**

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m., Sunday School/Children's Chapel  
Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Mondays: Rector's Sabbath  
Every Wednesday Morning, 7 a.m. by Zoom (link on calendar on website):  
Coffee and Current Events gathering

**online giving link:**

