

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Centered in God, Focused on Others



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ***Sunday, April 28, 2024***

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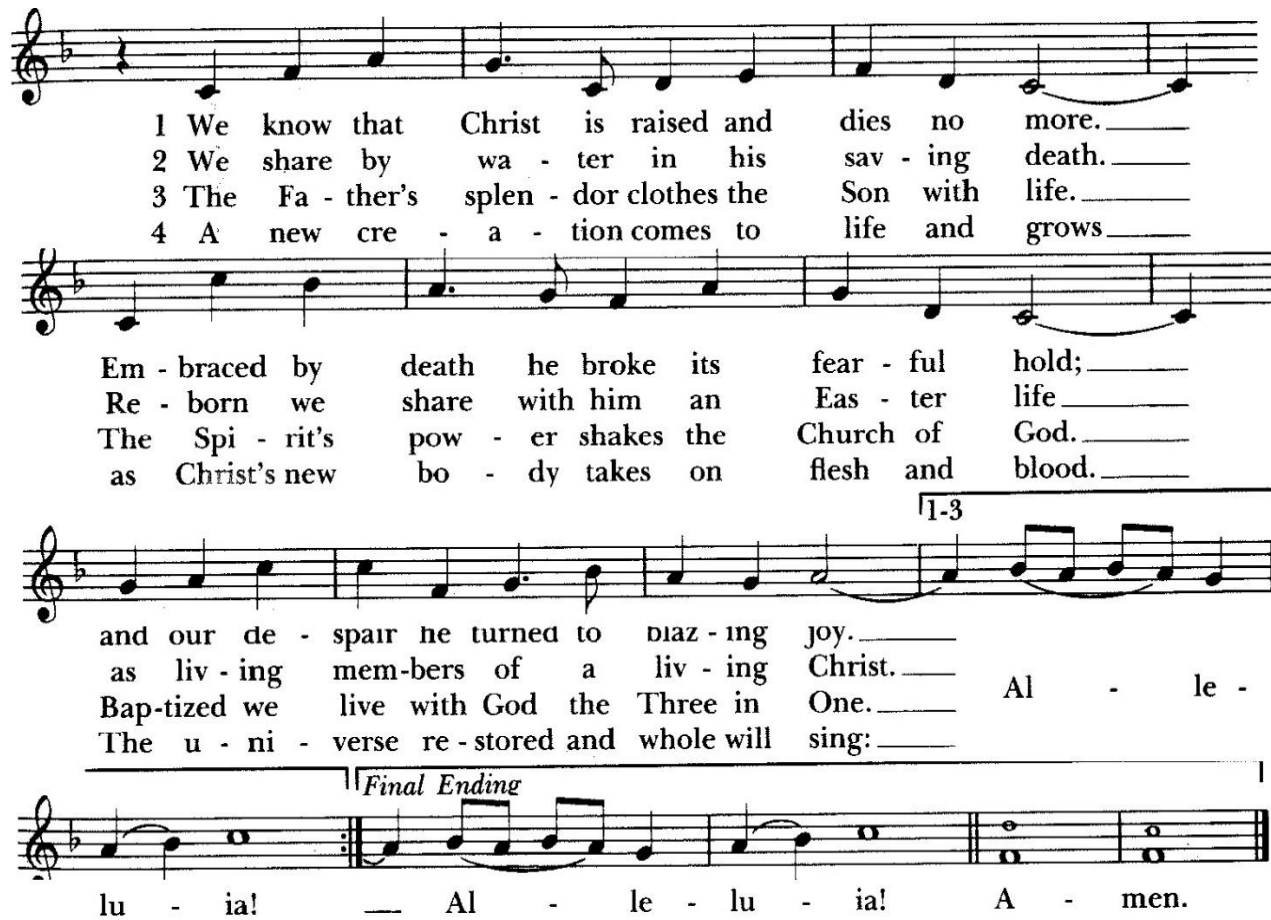


Please note updated COVID-19 Guidelines:

- 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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more (Engelberg) (H 296)*



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

and our de - spair he turned to diaz - ing joy. _____
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending
lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

OPENING COLLECT

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. **Amen.**

HYMN *Come away to the skies (Middlebury) (H 213)*

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joyce in the day thou wast born; on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus' Name; so u - ni - ted in heart,
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: to the Lamb that was slain,

1 come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn.
2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God.
3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine.
4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb.
5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S HOMILY

We invite all of the children to come forward.

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40 A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

PSALM: Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:
“May your heart live for ever!”**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**For kingship belongs to the LORD;
he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the LORD’s for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21 A Reading from the First letter of John.

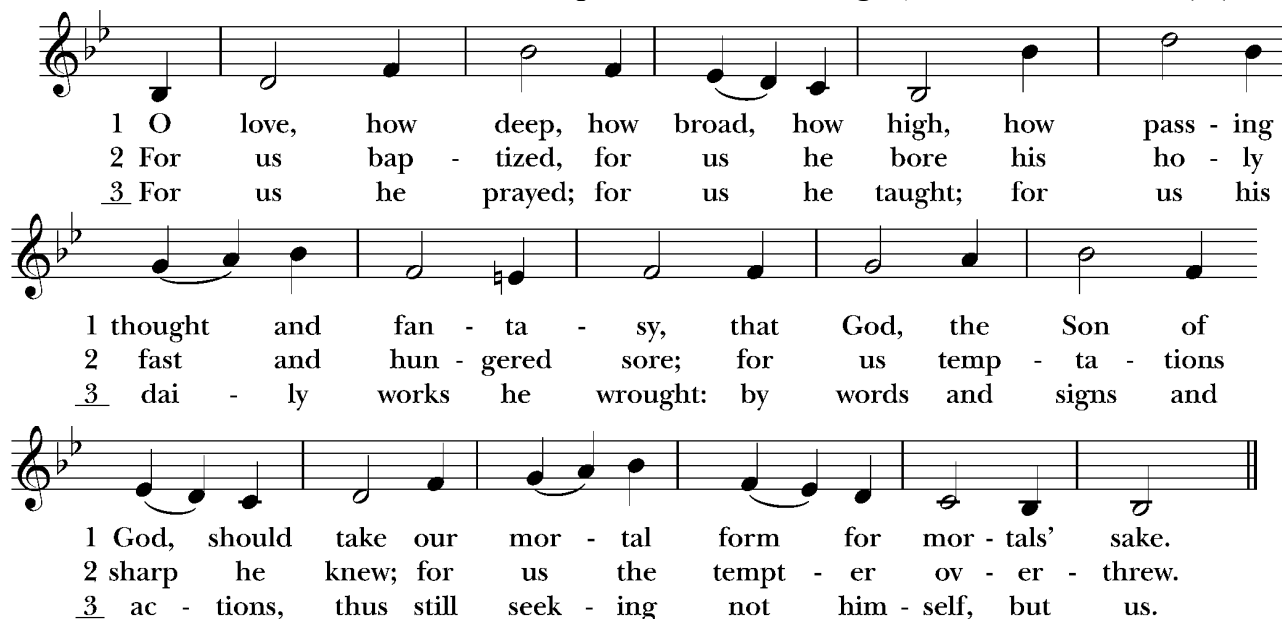
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Creator has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deus tuorum militum) (H 448) (V 1-3)*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

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

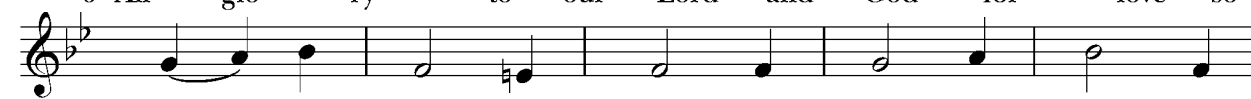
[Jesus said to his disciples,] “I am the true vine, and my God is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My God is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *O love, how deep, how broad, how high (Deus tuorum militum) (H 448) (V 5-6)*



4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Patricia Handloss

THE NICENE CREED

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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures, we bring our prayers to you:

For all to whom you have given life and being, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

For the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world and all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy, we pray:

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Creator of all life, giver of all gifts, we ask you for guidance and patience as we seek our new Rector. Grant us the ability to hear your word and know your presence as we go about the business of choosing the Priest who will be our companion and leader in the future. Give us the Grace to see ourselves as we are and know the goodness of ourselves as we go through this process.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant
People

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in Love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God is Love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh) (H 379)

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -
ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 offer thanks and praise.***

God of all power, Ruler 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: 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 memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of 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.

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:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S 125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, God, we who have been redeemed by him, 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 Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he 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, he 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 many 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 his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah; 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. 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.

Accept these prayers and praises, Creator of All Life, 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.*

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

THE LORDS PRAYER

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

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

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

INVITATION

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.

All are welcome at God's table. If you wish a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest.

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

COMMUNION HYMN *I am the bread of life (I Am the Bread of Life) (H 335)*



1 I am the bread of life; — they who
 2 (The) Bread that — I will give — is my
 3 (Un-) less — you eat — of the
 4 I am the re - sur - rec - tion, —
 5 (Yes,) Lord, — we be - lieve — that —



1 come to me shall not — hun - ger; they who be -
 2 Flesh for the life of the world, — and they who
 3 Flesh of the Son of — Man — and —
 4 I — am the — life. — They who be -
 5 you — are the — Christ, — the —



1 lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 2 eat — of this bread, they shall — live for
 3 drink — of his Blood, you shall not have life with -
 4 lieve — in me, e - ven — if they
 5 Son — of God who — has



1 me — un - less the — Fa - ther draw them.
 2 ev - er. — they shall — live for ev - er.
 3 in you. you shall not have life with - in you.
 4 die, — they shall — live for ev - er.
 5 come — in - to — the — world. —

Refrain

And I will raise them up, and I will raise them

up, and I will raise them up on the

last day. —

2 The
 3 Un- day.
 4 —
 5 Yes,
 (2)

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 be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and Jesus the Christ. The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. *AMEN.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN Lord, whose love through humble service (Blaenhafren) (H 610)

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

DISMISSAL *Celebrant: Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER LIST

Wesley – Sherry L -- Peter C - Dave N – CH - Joan & Keith Macleod – Hilarie Lennan – Pam F – Lee G. – Kristyn & Jesse – Gene and Maryann – Jackie – Sally Cotten – Kristen, Marc & Eleanor – Edgar, Gary, Glenn, and Gayle & Darrell and Cassandra & Korey – Don S – Steve K – Nancy – Heather – Teddy – Jackie H. – Michael Curry – John and Janet – Dwayne – Tracy Sprows – Sally W.- Cathey Gately - Barbara W .- Betsy S.- Barbara K. - JoAnn K. - Pam W. - Charlotte C. - Paul M. - Karen C. - Carolyn R. - Ashley E. - Sue G. - Meredith C. - Seth H. - Joann K. - Gerry M. - Paul Sheehan - Bonnie T. – Jerry - Bob S. - Nancy Huntley - Sally D. – Janice – Lisa – Alex – Bruce – Paul R. - Susan J. - Diane G. - Beth - Marilyn - Sara, Matthew & Trang

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM – Classes meet on Sundays after the 9:30 services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL meets during Sunday Service (Calendar on the parish website).

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY: St. Andrew's collects items for the **Hanover Food Pantry**. Please drop off in the narthex. Our current needs are: canned chicken, tuna, mustard, dish washer detergent, liquid dish detergent, strawberry jelly, peanut butter, mayonnaise, salad dressing, canned peas

REQUEST FROM KITCHEN COMMITTEE: Any food in the refrigerator that is outdated, soon to be outdated or is not serving a purpose, please take it with you or dispose of it. Also, any food on the counters or in the cabinets should be in airtight containers. Many thanks!

“LOVE FROM OLIVIA”: We are collecting donations of diapers and Similac formula from now until Mother's Day, May 12, 2024 to fill care baskets for the babies in shelter at the Baymont Hotel and the Pilgrim's Hope shelter in Kingston (under the care of the Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless). Needed: **Diapers (sizes 4,5 and 6); Similac formula (blue) powdered**. Please leave donations on stage in the Parish Hall. See Sherry Long with any questions.

Mother's Day Walk for Peace on May 12. Dianne and Paul Nicol have created a St Andrew's Episcopal Church, Hanover - 28th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace TEAM. See <https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/StAndrews> to JOIN the TEAM as a WALKER and/or to donate in support of the walkers. See parish website for detailed information.

Election of Bishop: Registration for the Special Convention to Elect our 17th Bishop Diocesan for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, to take place Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Trinity Church in Boston, is **OPEN!** Register now at <https://cvent.me/2WEVy5>. This convention is open to all in the diocesan community, however only voting members and those with assigned credentials will have center floor seating. For more information: <https://www.diomass.org/electing-convention-2024>

OFFICE HOURS: (Closed Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30) For the month of MAY, the office will be OPEN every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; every Thursday noon to 6:00 p.m. and alternating Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as follows: Tuesday, MAY 7 & 21; Friday, MAY 17 & 31.