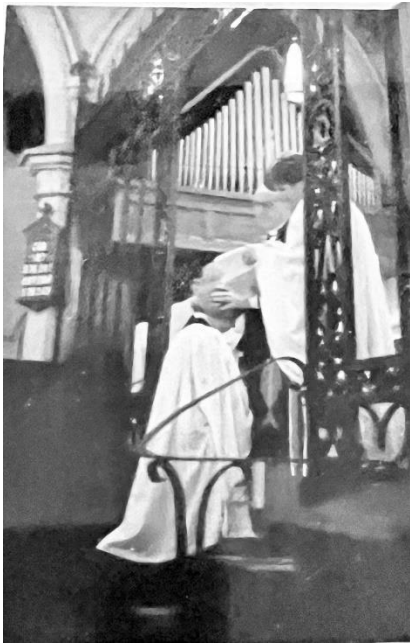


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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 12

Sunday, July 28, 2024

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All who hunger gather gladly (Holy Manna) (WLP 761)*

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is
is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.
Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who
days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see that God is good.
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

PSALM Psalm 145:10-19

All your works praise you, O LORD, and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, to all who call upon him faithfully.

SECOND READING Ephesians 3:14-21

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *Come down, O Love divine (Down Ampney) (H 516) (v 1-3)*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

GOSPEL: John 6:1-21

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

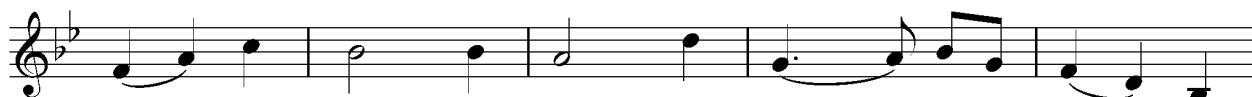
When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *I bind unto myself today (St. Patrick's Breastplate) (H 370) (v.1)*



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name



of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion



of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

A LITANY

God of our forebears, we remember the first women ordained to the priesthood in the Episcopal Church: Alison, Alla, Betty, Carter, Emily, Jeannette, Katrina, Marie, Merrill, Nancy, and Suzanne. Thank you for calling them to priesthood, and for giving them the resolve to answer.

We thank you, Holy One.

We remember the bishops who acted to ordain them: Daniel Corrigan, Robert DeWitt, and Edward Welles. We thank you for their apostolic service.

We thank you, Holy One.

We give thanks for the leaders of the Church of the Advocate, who embodied hospitality and care.

We thank you, Holy One.

We thank you for the bishops and deputies who acted to break down gender barriers to ordination, opening the way for women to answer your call in this church.

We thank you, Holy One.

Spirit of love, we pray for ears to hear your call, and the strength to answer.

Hear us, Holy One.

Spirit of wisdom, we pray for discerning hearts, so that we may recognize the gifts and ministries for which you equip us.

Hear us, Holy One.

Spirit of justice, we pray for those who are devalued and limited rather than lifted and celebrated; help us to see your glory in every human face.

Hear us, Holy One.

Spirit of love, we pray for your church and for your world. As we strive to bring equity to our church, we pray to serve as models of justice and peace for our neighbors.

Hear us, Holy One.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, we pray to participate each day in the renewal of your church and in the healing of the world. Teach us to value one another, to rely on the breadth of our diverse gifts, and to unite us in bonds of love. We pray because of Jesus, who teaches us to serve. **Amen.**

(from Collects and Prayers written by: the Very Reverend Kay Sylvester, Diocese of Los Angeles)

THE PEACE

Celebrant
People

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

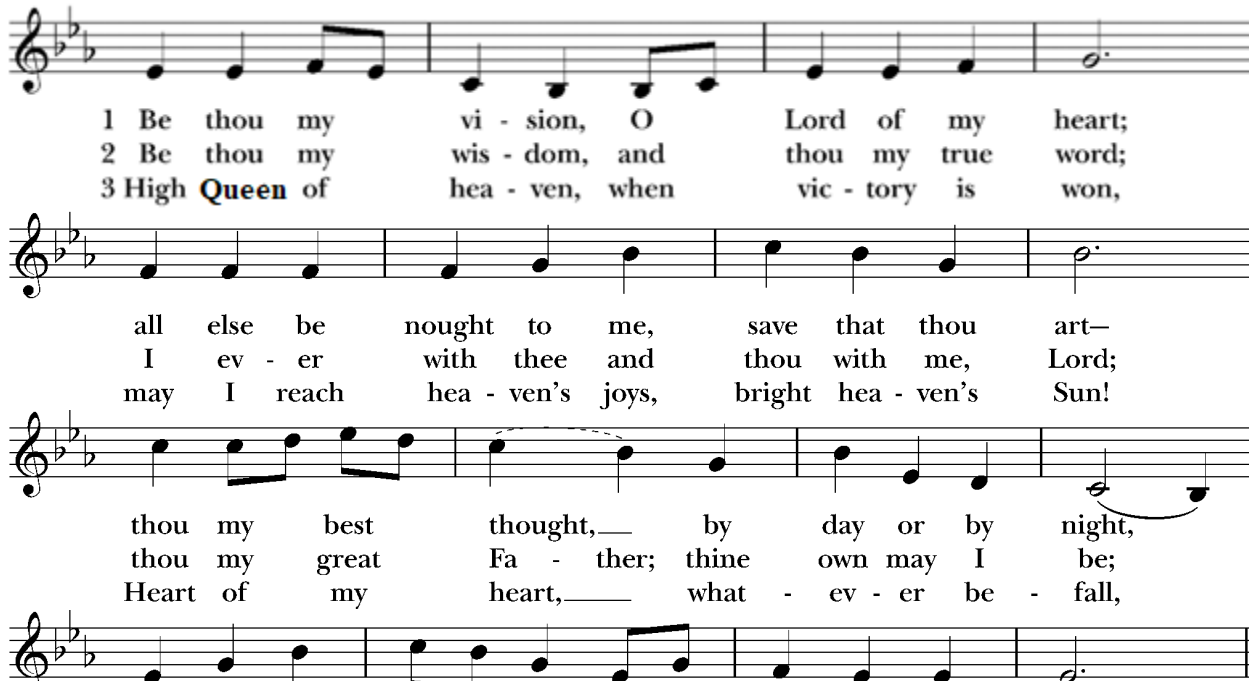
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

OFFERTORY HYMN *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (Slane) (H 488)*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High Queen of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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.***

Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

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

S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)

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 LORD'S 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,
for ever 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* (#335)



1. I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not
2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the
3. Un - less you eat of the flesh of the Son of
4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion, I am the
5. Yes, Lord, we be - lieve that you are the



1. hun - ger; and who be - lieve in me shall not thirst.
2. world, and if you eat of this bread,
3. Man and drink of his blood, and
4. life. If you be - lieve in me,
5. Christ, the Son of God,



1. No one can come to me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.
2. you shall live for - ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.
3. drink of his blood, you shall not have life with - in you.
4. e - ven though you die, you shall live for ev - er.
5. who has come in - to the world.

REFRAIN



And I will raise you up, and I will raise you



up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

Meditation: Consecration

The choir sang this piece on December 3rd in celebration of the 45th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood of The Reverend Patricia Handloss. The choir re-dedicates this piece to Rev. Pattie in recognition of completing her ministry at St. Andrew's.

“Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king.

Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.

Take my every thought, to use in the way that Thou shalt choose.

Take my love; O Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.

I am Thine, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.”

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

Life is short. Take time to be kind. Take time to bear the Christ to others 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.*

A Prayer for Pattie's Faithful Retirement

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for binding this community together in worship and at your table, and for uniting us to your saints at work and rest. We ask that the Holy Spirit remain present and obvious to our remarkable priest Pattie, as she prepares to take her leave of us, and she transitions into a period of rest, refreshment and retirement. Grant her understanding of the difference she has made to this community. Uphold Pattie in her new life so that she may look with clear eyed confidence at the on-going grief of her partner Cathy's passing, and help us to know how to support her in prayer in the days ahead.

Lord, you know the faithful path that Pattie has traveled, and we are grateful that you paved it so that our paths would cross. You alone know the challenges that she will face as she hangs up her stole, and we ask you to make your love and support known to her as she faithfully moves into her well-deserved retirement. We give you special thanks for bringing us together so that we may experience Pattie's ministry and love of this community. Her work here has been a gift, and her presence and faithful investments of time are blessings. We ask you to guide Pattie in her retirement, and to help us as we miss her ministry. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Lift High the Cross (Crucifer)* (H 473)

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.
Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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

PRAYER LIST

Nicol Family - Dennis –Jean & John - Wesley – Peter C - Dave N – CH - Joan & Keith Macleod – Hilarie Lennan – Pam F – Lee G. – 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.- 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 – Suzanne – Wendy - Gary

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY: St. Andrew's collects items for the **Hanover Food Pantry.**

Please drop off in the narthex. Our current needs are: crackers, chips, decaf coffee, shelf stable milk, grape jelly, canned pineapple, pancake syrup, mayonnaise, instant oatmeal, salad dressing, brownie mix, juice boxes, liquid dish soap, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning products

ROSIE'S DAY AT THE BEACH IS BACK THIS SUMMER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 8!

We will need all sorts of volunteers to make this day a success. Here are some of the ways you can be a part of this amazing day:

- Donate new or gently used WARM WEATHER clothing (please no sweaters or winter coats), hangers, and accessories (belts, handbags, scarves etc.) for the Boutique;
- Help with setup on the evening prior; Come to the beach or serve at the church; Make food for the cookout; Work the Boutique;
- Be part of the cleanup crew on the day of the event.

Donations can be brought to the Parish Hall and placed on the stage on Sundays or during office hours. Signup sheets for food and volunteers are posted in the Narthex.

You can also use the sign-up genius link on [standrewshanover.org](https://www.standrewshanover.org), in the Call or here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4FAFA72FABF94-50185360-rosies#/>

Please contact Michelle Joyce (781) 504-5907; or Carol Scott (617-347-3647) with any questions.

"Save the Date" for "**COME HOME SUNDAY**" on **Sunday, September 22, 2024**. If you are interested in helping with this welcoming event, please reach out to Linda Gelinias at lgelinias@comcast.net.

OFFICE HOURS:

For the balance of July the office hours will be as follows:

CLOSED every Monday

OPEN Every Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (17, 24 & 31)

OPEN Every Thursday noon to 6 p.m. (18, 25)

OPEN Alternating Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. as follows:

Friday, July 19 and Tuesday July 23.

Last week of July & first days of August:

OPEN Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7/31, 8/1 & 8/2

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDINATION OF THE PHILADELPHIA 11

From The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop Diocesan and The Rt. Rev. Carol J.W.T. Gallagher, Assistant Bishop:

Dear People of the Diocese of Massachusetts,

On July 29, 1974, at the Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia, 11 women were ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests—the first women to be ordained priests in The Episcopal Church. This summer the church is giving thanks for the 50th anniversary of that historic event.

It may be difficult now for some to imagine our church without the blessing of women serving as priests. It was a singular moment of transformation in our life together in the Body of Christ.

The women, who became known as the “Philadelphia 11,” were the Reverends Merrill Bittner, Alla Bozarth-Campbell, Alison Cheek, Emily Hewitt, Carter Heyward, Suzanne Hiatt, Marie Moorefield, Jeannette Piccard, Betty Bone Schiess, Katrina Swanson and Nancy Wittig. They were as varied in background, style and gifts as any 11 people might be, but they shared a determination and faithfulness that gave them the courage to face into the challenges, roadblocks and hostility with which their call was greeted.

The ordination took place on the Feast of Mary and Martha. This pointed, of course, to the fact that women had been among Jesus’ earliest and most devoted followers. At another level it highlighted the wholeness which had been missing from the church’s priesthood. Mary and Martha individually represent a difference of style and focus too often set up in binary opposition to one another. In fact, it is the completeness created by both together that is their collective gift. Just so, the ordination of women made us more whole.

We call upon the congregations and worshiping communities of our diocese to commemorate the 50th anniversary of women’s ordination in The Episcopal Church on Sunday, July 28.

It is so appropriate that The Reverend Patricia Handloss – Pattie’s – final service with us at St. Andrew’s will be today, Sunday, July 28.

Considering the profound impact of that event 50 years ago, Pattie shared her memories: “Starting in 1970, I worked for the ordination of women with the Rev. Carter Haywood and the late Rev. Susan Hiatt as well as most of the Philadelphia 11. We traveled across the county advocating for the ordination of women called by God to be priests. Those women, my sisters, walked with me on my journey to ordination. Attending their ordination was one of the joys of my life. I was filled with deep gratitude for their bravery and vision.”

Last November, Pattie shared with us on the 45th anniversary of her ordination: “The biggest change for me was going from the role as one of the organizers of the movement for women’s ordination which is a unique set of tasks, to the role of parish priest. I never wanted to be anything other than a parish priest. I never aspired to the Episcopate or to the academy. It was in the community that I felt my call was to be lived out. . . . The ministry of shepherding is in my soul. Celebrating the Eucharist is deeply settled in my soul. There is nothing more special to me than giving people the Body of Christ—offering them in the tender palm of their hand the body that came to give us life—love for eternity. . . . I remember sitting in evening Chapel early on in my first semester of seminary, looking at the red cross hanging over the altar and thinking in awe, “Here I am. Thank you.” And now some 50 years later (5 years from seminary entrance to ordination to the priesthood), once again saying to God, “Thank you.”

We will show the movie “The Philadelphia 11” following today’s service at the coffee hour/reception. What better way to say “Thank You” to Pattie!

Dear Friends,

You are my friends. We have been together for 2 1/2 years. For everything there is a season says the writer of Ecclesiastes. It is time for me to retire and say goodbye. Goodbyes are thresholds and I am not a threshold person. Today I am both sad to be leaving you and thrilled about your future. The Holy Spirit is a leg of the Trinity about which I spend a goodly amount of time speaking in sermons, classes and one to one. I trust The Spirit, When Amy showed up for the showing of the Philadelphia 11 in the chapel last April, I had no idea what was in store as our friendship developed. I had heard her name but had no face to go with the name until that night. We were in the midst of an Episcopal election. We were supporting the same candidate. We became friends. I told her about St Andrew's. She seemed a good fit. Apply, I urged. I believe there are no coincidences. She listened to what the Spirit was calling her to do and be. That was huge and wonderful.

I could not be happier to be hanging up my stole and turning over the parish to Amy. We are friends for which I thank God, and Amy is going to be your new Priest-in-charge for which I also thank God. And I am going to work on a book I have been putting off finishing, and spend some time letting the loss of Cathy become real. My children want me at Linden Pond and I am not adverse to that so I will be in the area in the future. This summer I will spend some time on the beach, sailing and doing some work with the camera and in a dark room. Seeing our children, and going to see Our Lady Of Guadalupe.

There are so many to thank. Joanne comes to mind. She is my spiritual twin in so many ways. You are a wonderful parish. You are growing, diverse and a parish, maybe the only one in an eucharistic church, that is without any fences. My time serving at Christ's altar with Bill and Dane has been richly rewarding. Sean's music is superb and his gentle heart a gift. Dan is without question the reason the building stands and Gordon is the reason Dan is always safe. He is the watch the ladder man. Jesse is a tremendous help at the altar and around the building. He is a postulant fully now. In 3 or 4 years he will be a priest. And Linda has been a faith filled leader; a priest cannot ask for anything more than that. The list could go on and on and I would miss someone and cause hurt feelings. I am ever grateful for all you have done for the community, for Cathy and myself and for God. Truly this parish takes seriously listening to the Spirit, being Kind and being the hands and feet of Christ in the world. For that I give deep thanks. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve you.

Blessings and love,
Pattie

From *Devotions, the Selected Poems of Mary Oliver*

I HAVE JUST SAID

I have just said
 something
ridiculous to you
 and in response,

your glorious laughter.
 These are the days
the sun
 is swimming back

to the east
 and the light on the water
gleams
 as never, it seems, before.

I can't remember
 every spring,
I can't remember
 everything—

so many years!
 Are the morning kisses
the sweetest
or the evenings

or the inbetweens?
 All I know
is that "thank you" should appear
 somewhere.

So, just in case
 I can't find
the perfect place—
 "Thank you, thank you."