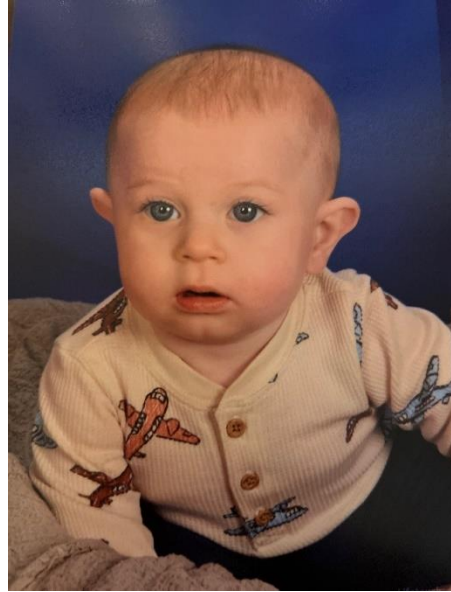


# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Hanover, MA

## First Sunday after the Epiphany: Baptism of Jesus Holy Baptisms and Ingathering Sunday



**Dillon Jonathan Michael Chafe**



**Benjamin Thomas Parsons**



**Lucy Madelene  
Parsons**

**Olivia Madelene  
Parsons**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

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Welcome to St. Andrew's, and thank you for being with us on this joyful and hope-filled Sunday. We are excited you are here.

Today we gather to celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, to baptize Dillon, Lucy, Olivia and Benjamin into the household of God, and to mark Ingathering Sunday, when we bless our stewardship pledges for the year ahead.

When Jesus came to the waters of baptism, God offered a sacred declaration of love and delight, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased", which is the foundation of our shared hope and joy. It reminds us that God's future begins with grace, freely and generously given.

This morning we affirm our hope in the waters of baptism, as we promise to love our children, pray for them and for their families, teach them and make ourselves available to learn from them. Most importantly, we promise to accompany each child and the members of their families as they grow, just as Jesus accompanies each of us.

Baptism is rarely a private act because it represents a communal covenant. This morning we will review our own baptismal identity and our shared connection as people who persevere in love, seek justice for all and honor the dignity of every living being as we proclaim our hope for this busy and challenging world.

Our work together for Ingathering Sunday includes offering and blessing our annual pledges – our faithful investment and hope for the future. This morning we honor and give thanks for God's faithfulness and presence in this community for the preceding 300 years. Our pledges are our communal declaration in our hope and trust in God's engagement with us and our confidence in St. Andrew's' ability to bless generations to come.

If you are visiting today, we are especially glad you are here. Whether you are new, returning, or simply seeking, know that you belong, and you too are invited to help love, serve and support Lucy, Olivia, Dillon and Benjamin as they grow into their full, beloved selves.

God's peace,



The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.  
Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* (H 76)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with five numbered parts and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People: There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People: One God and Father of all.**

## **THE COLLECT FOR FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

*The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday 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 and is a terrific prayer to take with you and revisit throughout your week to reconnect to the spirit and love that you encounter this morning.*

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 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.*

#### **Isaiah 42:1-9**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed  
    until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

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 29**

Sung to the tune ST. THOMAS.

Ascribe to God, you gods,  
Ascribe all glory, might;  
Ascribe the glory due his Name,  
Worship in holy light.

God's voice is on the deep,  
God's thunder rolls on high;  
The Lord is on the water-flood,  
God's voice a mighty cry.

God's voice breaks mighty trees,  
Tall cedars great in worth;  
They writhe and leap like mountain sheep,  
God's voice shakes all the earth.

God's voice splits flames of fire,  
God's voice shakes desert sands;  
God's voice makes oak trees shake and strips  
The leaves from forest stands.

Within God's temple all  
Cry "Glory!" and adore;  
The Lord sits throned above the flood  
As King for evermore.

The Lord will give his strength  
To all his own, nor cease  
To give his people evermore

## **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.*

### **Acts 10:34-43**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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** *I want to walk as a child of the light* (H 490)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The  
 night and the day are both a - like. The  
 Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.  
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## THE GOSPEL

### Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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.*

*Children return from Children's Chapel to support their friends to be baptized.*

## HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

**Parents and Godparents: I present**  
**Dillon Jonathan Michael Chafe**  
**Lucy Madelene Parsons**  
**Olivia Madelene Parsons**  
**Benjamin Thomas Parsons**  
**to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

**Parents and Godparents: I will, with God's help.**

*The examination continues. The Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children.*

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer: I renounce them.**

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer: I do.**

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

**Answer: I do.**

*Celebrant:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*The community robustly answers.*

**People: WE WILL!**

*Celebrant:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Creator?

**People: I believe in God almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

**People: I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Dillon, Lucy, Olivia and Benjamin who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver these children, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep Dillon, Lucy, Olivia and Benjamin in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send these children into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of those gathered here and those living in fear or doubt.

(People may add their own petitions and requests for help.)

Leader: Hear us, Lord.

**People: For your mercy is great.**

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

(People may add their own blessings)

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

Leader: We pray for all of the family and friends of the Chafe and Parsons Families who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People: Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant:* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory, who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

As the candidate and his family and friends move to the font, we sing with joy

Take Me to the Water (LEVAS 134)

1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the  
2. None but the right - eous, none but the  
3. I love Je - sus, I love  
4. He's my Sav - ior, He's my

1. wa - ter, take me to the wa -  
2. right - eous, none but the right -  
3. Je - sus, I love Je -  
4. Sav - ior, He's my Sav -

1. ter to be bap - tized.  
2. eous shall see God.  
3. sus, oh yes, I do.  
4. ior, oh yes, He is.

**THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, God, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE BAPTISM**

*The congregation proclaims with joy and conviction each Amen.*

### **FOR EACH CANDIDATE**

Dillon Jonathan Michael I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Dillon Jonathan Michael you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **AMEN.**

Lucy Madelene I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Lucy Madelene you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **AMEN.**

Olivia Madelene I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Olivia Madelene you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **AMEN.**

Benjamin Thomas I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

Benjamin Thomas you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. **AMEN.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon your servants Dillon Jonathan Michael, Lucy Madelene, Olivia Madelene and Benjamin Thomas the forgiveness of sin, and have raised each of them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give Dillon, Lucy, Olivia and Benjamin inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **AMEN.**

*The Godparents of the newly baptized receive a lit candle and memorial towel as a reminder of the light of Christ and a gift basket from St. Andrew's.*

*Celebrant:* Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*All proclaim with joy and conviction:*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

*Please welcome the newly baptized as they process through the church.*

## Shall We Gather at the River (LEVAS 141)

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the left hand. The score ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final chord.

### 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.*

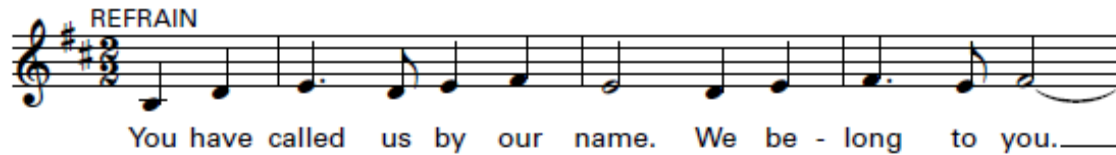
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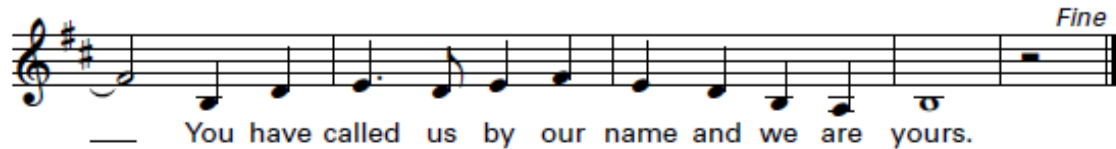
Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself a gift and sacrifice to God.

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY *You Have Called Us* (Bernadette Farrell)

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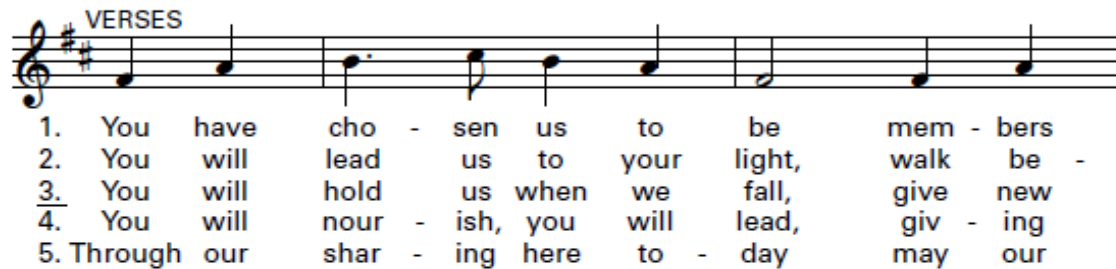


You have called us by our name. We be - long to you.\_\_\_\_

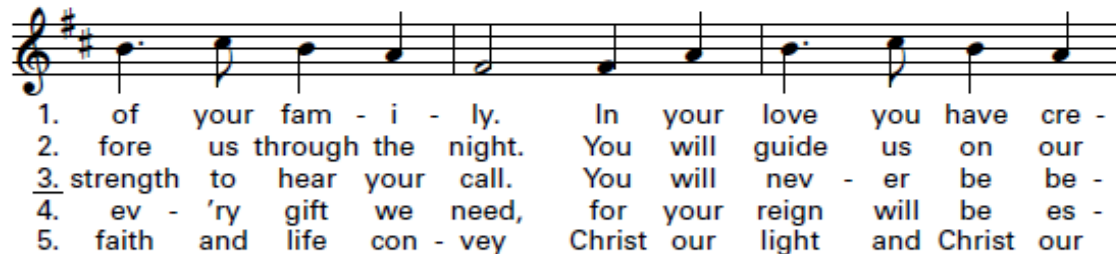


\_\_\_\_ You have called us by our name and we are yours. *Fine*

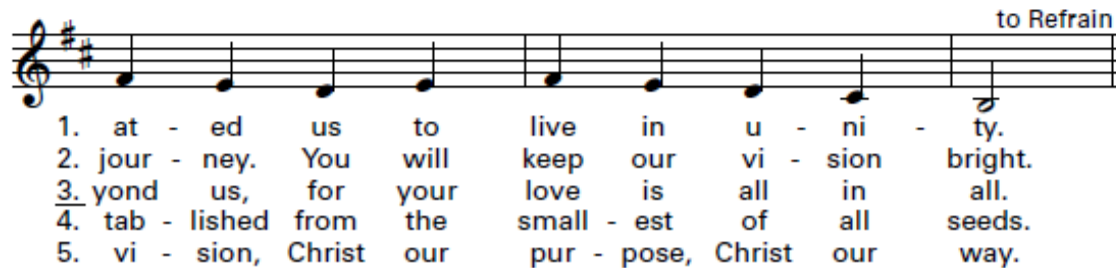
VERSES



1. You have cho - sen us to be mem - bers  
2. You will lead us to your light, walk be -  
3. You will hold us when we fall, give new  
4. You will nour - ish, you will lead, giv - ing  
5. Through our shar - ing here to - day may our



1. of your fam - i - ly. In your love you have cre -  
2. fore us through the night. You will guide us on our  
3. strength to hear your call. You will nev - er be be -  
4. ev - 'ry gift we need, for your reign will be es -  
5. faith and life con - vey Christ our light and Christ our



to Refrain

1. at - ed us to live in u - ni - ty.  
2. jour - ney. You will keep our vi - sion bright.  
3. yond us, for your love is all in all.  
4. tab - lished from the small - est of all seeds.  
5. vi - sion, Christ our pur - pose, Christ our way.

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*This morning's offering includes pledges for 2026 from parishioners who are committing to supporting the ministry of St. Andrew's and participating in the joyful and abundant life of this parish community. Additional pledge packets are available in the narthex if you would like to make your annual commitment and have it blessed as part of today's special service.*

*If you are offering a pledge this morning and have placed your name on a leaf, you are invited to come forward during the collection and place your leaf on our Stewardship Tree as the ushers are gathering the collection.*

## **INGATHERING BLESSING**

*Celebrant:* Gracious and loving God, who blesses each of us with life and love, in the light of Epiphany you reveal yourself among us and call us ever more deeply into your truth. Receive these pledges as outward signs of our readiness to be inwardly transformed—symbols of our gratitude for all that we have received and the manifestation of our hope for this year at St. Andrew's.

**Congregation: We offer them with hope, joy and gratitude.**

*Celebrant:* Bless these gifts, and bless each giver who is sharing their first fruits. May each of us offer ourselves, our time and our talents in the year ahead so that St. Andrew's may continue to be a vibrant place of transformation, a place of learning and a place of sacred and beloved belonging. **Amen.**

*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.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God 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 our thanks and praise.**

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and" and ends with a fermata. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "might," followed by a fermata, and then "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," ending with a fermata. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes.

God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
 full, full of your glory. 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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **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

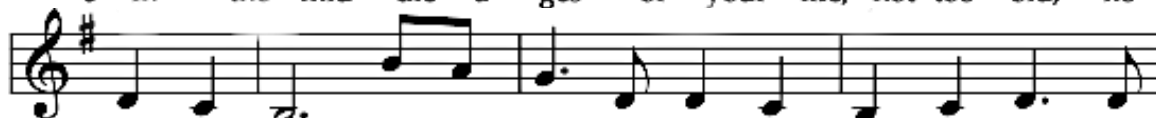
*After Communion we observe a few moments of silence to reflect and give God thanks.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

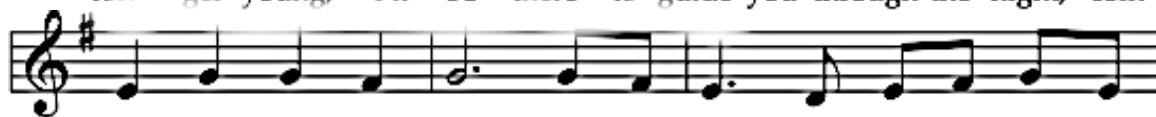
*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when  
2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to  
3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to  
cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to  
lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a  
whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your  
plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of  
time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to  
in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of light and revelation, in this season of Epiphany's light, you have fed us with spiritual food and called us to be aware of your presence with us. Strengthen us to live as a people of hope having been nourished and transformed so that we may grow deeper in our faith, enhance our understanding so that we may be effective advocates for our children, and embolden us to be seekers of justice in the world you have created. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the God who is revealed in the waters of baptism, name you beloved and strengthen you for the life you are given. May the light of Christ, made known in this season of Epiphany, open your hearts to be inwardly transformed to send you outward in hope, courage, and love. May the gifts as symbolized in the leaves we have offered this day grow as we love, nurture and support our extraordinary children, families, seniors and elders. And may the blessing of God our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

# HYMN AT THE CLOSING

*Songs of thankfulness and praise (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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cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

## 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

Audrey MacDonald and the MacDonald family - Carol Ann - Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - Peter Mansfield - 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

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

## OUR 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 item is strawberry jam.

St. Andrew's is supporting the work of the Hanover Family and community Engagement (FACE) program with gift cards, food and support for local families in need.

## OUR YOUTH

### 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.



## **SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Shore to Shore, our high school youth group, meets THIS EVENING from 5pm - 6:30pm. We will learn about Hermanus South Africa and the Volmoed Youth Group in advance of making an introductory video for the members of the Volmoed Youth Leadership Program.

Dinner will be catered from the Wingstop ([www.wingstop.com](http://www.wingstop.com)). All teens joining us on tonight are encouraged to review the menu and make their selections for dinner by 2 p.m. today, January 11th. Please send your dinner order via e-mail or text to Jim Laprade - [JFLaprade@comcast.net](mailto:JFLaprade@comcast.net), or text: (617) 312-4631. If you have not participated in Shore to Shore and would like more information, please give Jim or Rev'd Amy a call (781) 422-4112.

## **PARISH COMMUNITY**

### **STEWARDSHIP**

We are now well into our 2026 Stewardship campaign with 37 pledges received. Many of these pledges represent pledges from last year with an increase, **thank you**, along with some new pledges. We are so grateful for all as these pledges support the important work at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Hanover.

My husband and I represent one of the new pledges mentioned, we joined St. Andrew's about a year ago.

This past year we attended two funerals at St. Andrew's which were both were deeply personal and religious. The readings, Rev. Amy's spirituality, the music, the choir, and the family members' involvement were so touching, providing a beautiful tribute to each person. We immediately realized that St. Andrew's was a special place that we needed to learn more. Shortly after we attended several Sunday services and made the easy decision to join.

We really appreciate how welcoming everyone at St. Andrew's has been since we joined. It feels great to help support the church and all the good things happening here. If you have not already, we would love you to join us in keeping our ministries and outreach going strong.

Happy New Year!

Thank you - Linda Thurston

### **VESTRY MEETING**

Next Vestry Meeting is Sunday, January 18, 2026. All welcome.

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## **This Morning:**

Lay Readers: Linda Gelinias and  
Kristi Oliveira  
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## **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

**online giving link:**

