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ST. ANDREW'S

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
# THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

GATHERED BY GRACE. TRANSFORMED BY LOVE.
SENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

**October 4, 2026 • 9:30 AM**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 22 A**

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

## **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *Immortal, invisible, God only wise (St. Denio) (H 423)*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

*This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.*

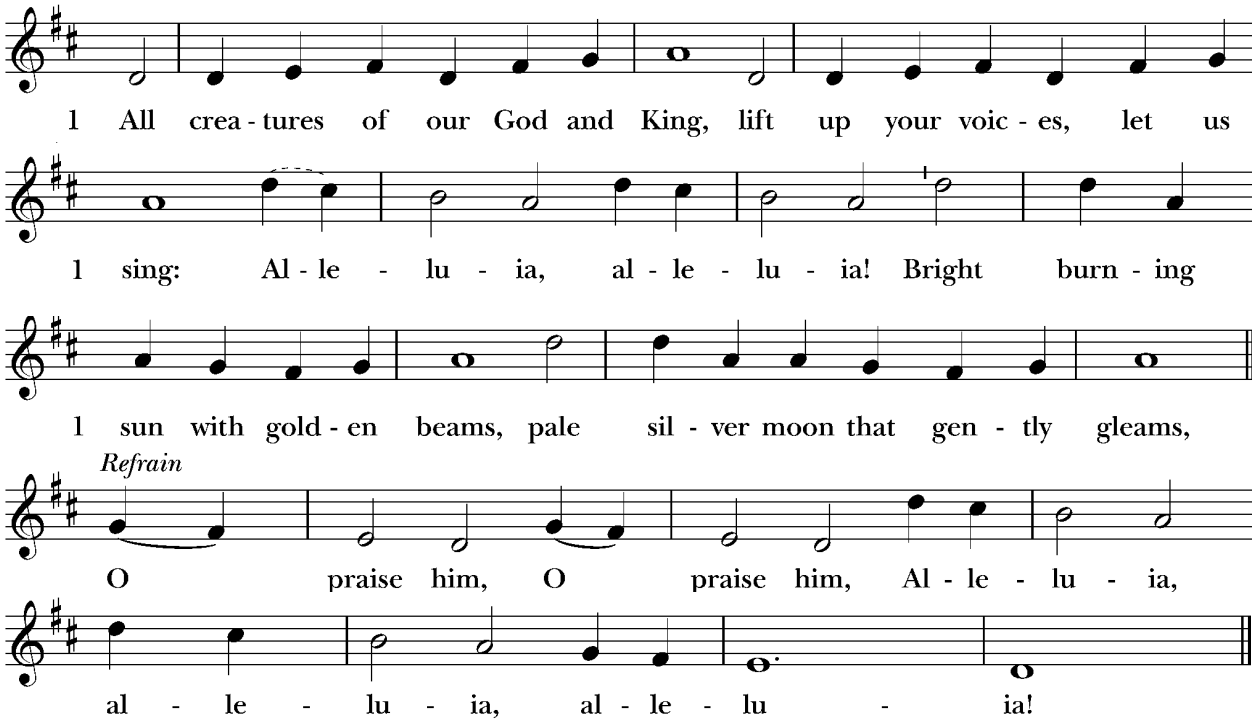
## COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

**People: Amen.**

*The Gloria centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.*

## GLORIA *All creatures of our God and King (H 400)* (V 1)




*The collect is the appointed prayer that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

**All:** **Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

*This reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures which Jesus knew and often referred to or quoted.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Job 39:1–18**

A Reading from the book of the book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labor to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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.*

*Read responsively*

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

**My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for 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 4:32-35, 5:1-11**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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 *Morning has broken (Bunessan) (H 8)* (V1-2)

*This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.*

## THE GOSPEL

**Luke 12:13-21**

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

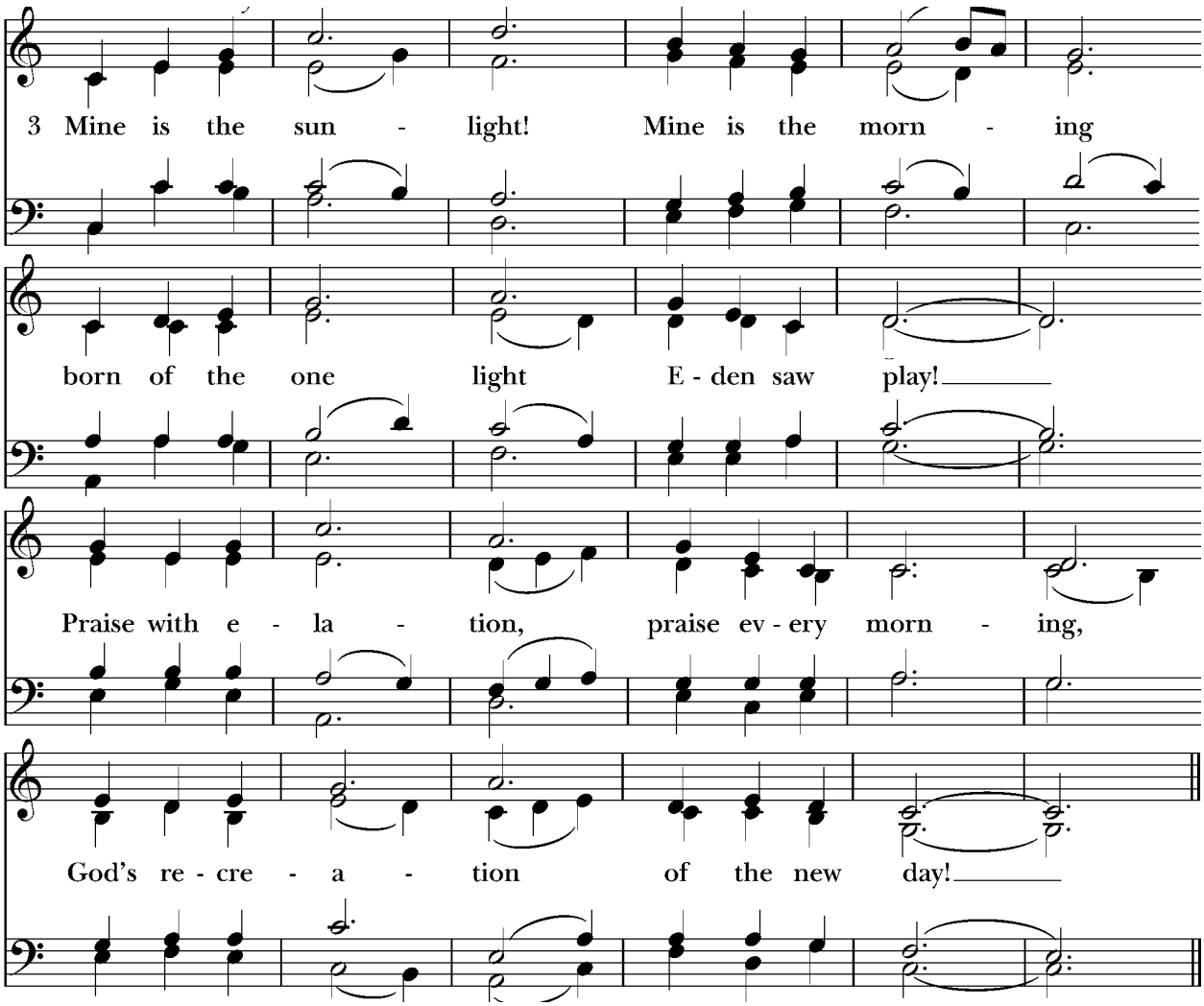
**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of

a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

## GRADUAL HYMN *Morning has broken (Bunessan) (H 8* (V3)




## THE SERMON The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

## SILENT REFLECTION

## THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

**All:** **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

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

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: 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:

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: For all elected leaders including Donald our President, Maura our Governor, Joe our Town Manager, for members of our courts,

and for all public servants, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray:

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: 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 the devastation and violence of war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

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

*(pause as the community shares their prayers either silently or aloud)*

we pray to you, O Lord:

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: For those who suffer from any grief or trouble, those on our parish prayer list, and those who need our love and support

*(the community shares their prayers either silently or aloud)*

we pray to you, O Lord:

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: 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. We pray for all the blessings of this life including those we name in our hearts or aloud

*(the community shares their prayers either silently or aloud)*

we pray to you, O Lord:

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: For those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the North Shore Deanery: St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Mary's Church, Rockport; Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem; Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators, we pray:

**People:** **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

*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.

**People:** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

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

**People: Amen.**

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

*Celebrant*: The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life. They are mentioned in creation. God, who confers gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them reminders of the gifts of salvation. Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah.
The paschal lamb recalls the passover sacrifice and the deliverance from slavery in Egypt. A giant fish saved Jonah. Ravens brought bread to Elijah. Animals were included in the repentance of Nineveh. A donkey carried Mary and animals, cows and sheep were with the infant Jesus in the cave where he was born. And animals share in Christ's redemption of all God's creation.

We, therefore, invoke God's blessing on these animals. As we do so, let us praise the Creator and thank God for giving us the gifts of other beings in other forms to share our lives.

Let us pray.

**People: Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Send us forth to be your people.**
***Amen.***

*Showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.*

## THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a loving sign of God's peace and gratitude to be joined together in community.*

## *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

## BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Celebrant: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in each heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

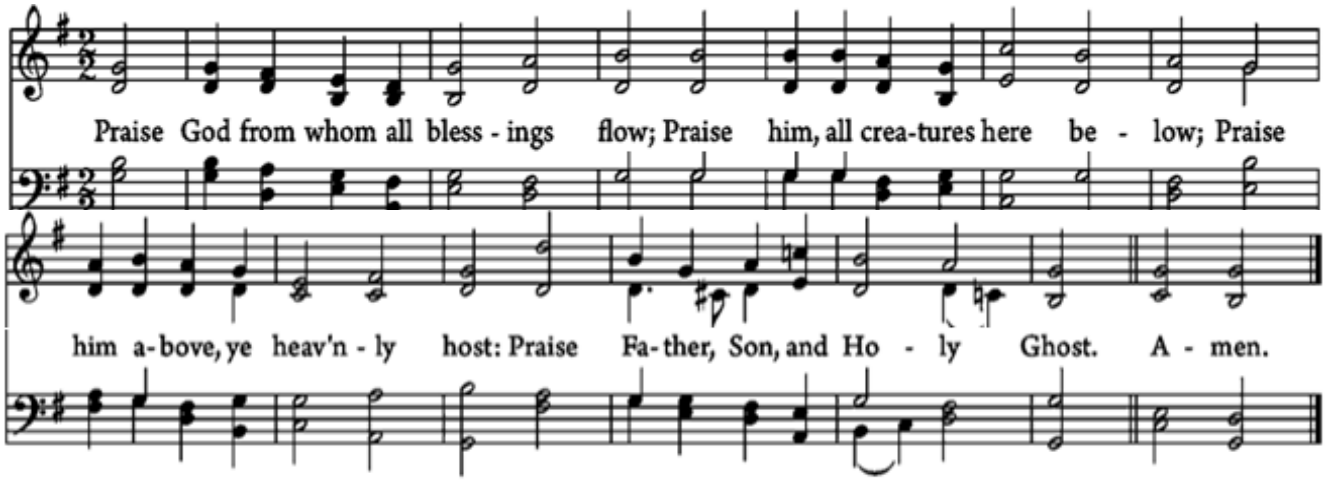
*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*
*An offering is received to support St. Andrew's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet, or online at standrewshanover.org/give.*

*The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM *'Tis So Sweet to Trust Jesus* (LEVAS 108)

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

## DOXOLOGY



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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer III

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

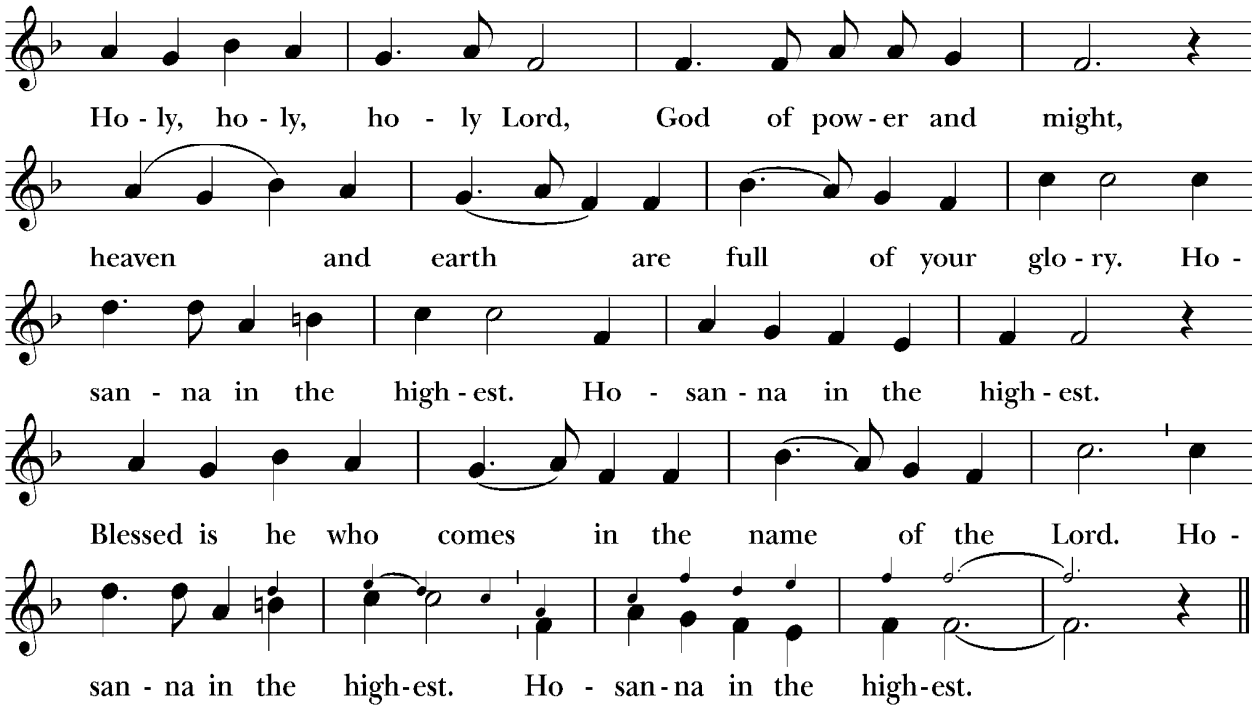
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

## SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S125)*



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

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior

Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, and Andrew and all your people and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

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

Celebrant: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

**ALL: AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

**All: 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.**

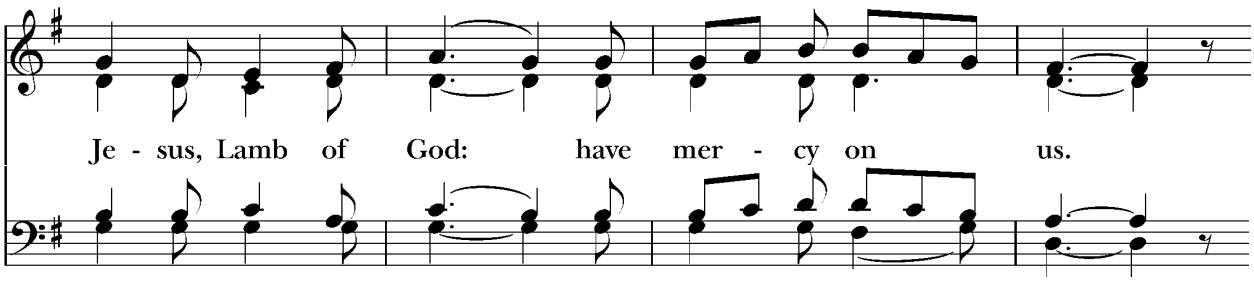
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

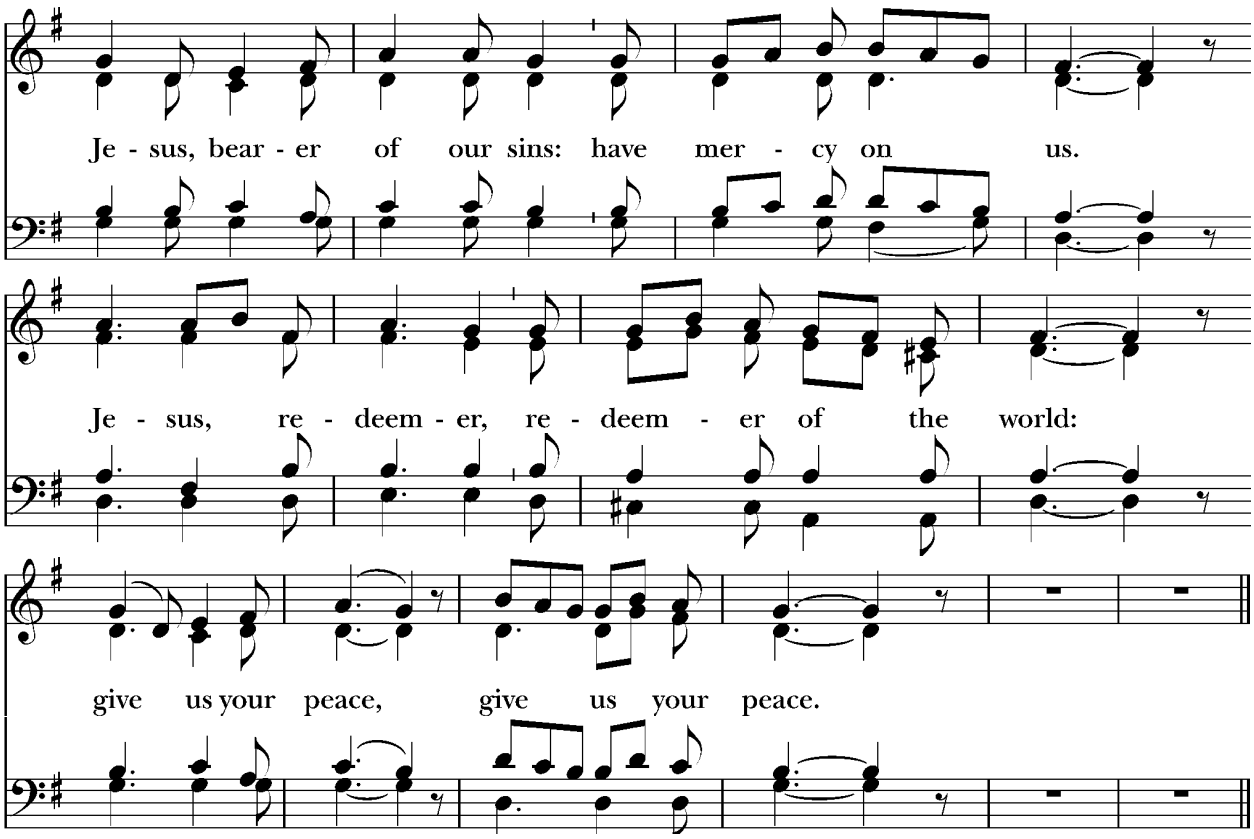
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S 164)*






## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on God in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION

*The homemade Communion bread is gluten free.*

## SILENT REFLECTION

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**People: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life and gathered us as one people in the love of Christ. Help us to use this gift; guide us to be humble enough to listen, courageous enough to see what is true, and faithful enough to be changed by it. Free us from the need to be right, from the certainty that closes our hearts, and from whatever keeps us from one another. Amen.**

## BLESSING

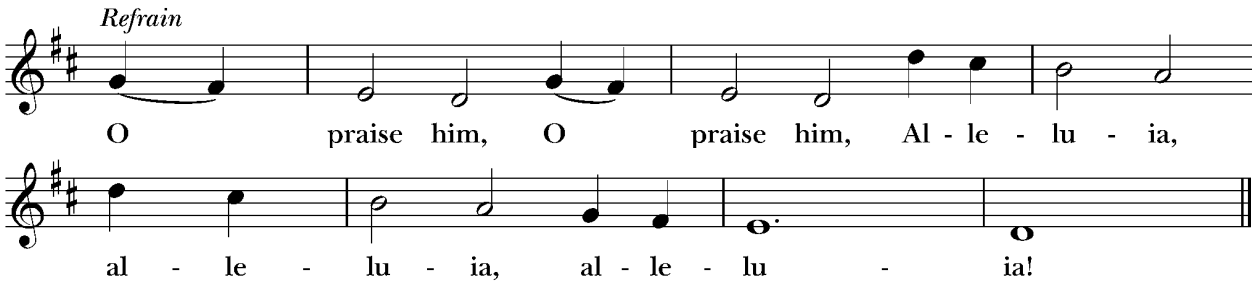
Celebrant: Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to make kindness loud, and may the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always.

**People: Amen.**

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

## RECESSIONAL

*All creatures of our God and King (H 400)* (V 2-7)




## DISMISSAL

Celebrant: My siblings in Christ, our worship has ended; let our service begin, as we go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

In continuation of the love and connection experienced during our service, please come spend some time together in our parish hall sharing refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

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## Our Prayer and Sacramental Life

### PRAYER LIST

Those in need: Barbara Kean - Darren and Katrina - Nicole - Linda - John G - Christine, Derek & Kelly - Chuck F - Kevin S - Mary D - Libby Tolley - Rev. Patti – Penny - Carol & Twig - Monica - Patrick S - Louie - Betty G - John S - Carol and Chick Kastner - Edward "Ned" McCann - Sue G - Mary Robinson - Camdyn M - Matt - Aiden – safe return of Nancy Guthrie and The Guthrie Family - Eileen K - Patricia - Carol Ann - Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - Alec - Ann Ferzoco - Ellen Elliott -- Meredith C -- Greg Eaton - Nicol Family – John – Tracy Sprows – Dennis - Lee G – Don S – 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 -- Jesse on his seminary journey

Those who have died and their families and loved ones: Joan Dwyer - Dieter Braun - David Magraw - Celeste Hopkins – Richard Buonvicino - Joy Misek - Benjamin Tappa - Tiffany Gloria Malloy - Matilda Dale DiIorilo - Jimmy Tracy - James Busby

*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 Youth

### SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

A YOU(TH) GROUP! Young People Change the World

Shore to Shore connects teenagers from Massachusetts to South Africa.

Next meeting is Sunday, October 18 at 5 p.m.

There are two ways to give and support this ministry. The first is to bring your spare change to church and drop it in one of the Shore to Shore change buckets (making a change with every gift!); the second is to give through the give butter platform: https://givebutter.com/2bdiK2 or at QR CODE.

**GODLY PLAY - Come Wonder With Us. There is a place for your child here. New and returning children (ages 3+) are warmly welcome. Godly Play begins Sunday October 11, 2026.**

How it works: At 9:00 a.m. grownups bring their children directly to the Godly Play Room where we will begin our morning together.

While grownups head to worship, children enter a beautiful, welcoming space created especially for them to hear stories, ask big questions, wonder, create, pray and discover how much God loves them.

After Godly Play, the children join their families in the church for announcements and Holy Communion, so that we end our Sunday morning together as one church family.

Curious? See Rev'd Amy or any one of our ambassadors (Elizabeth Lehnertz, Ann Hunt, Linda Thurston, Sally Boutin, Suzanne Bunszel, Susan Soumah).

Check out parish website for printable "Invitation to Parents Letter" and "Sign Up Form"

## PARISH COMMUNITY

### BECOME A PLEDGING MEMBER

Being faithful stewards of our resources is an on-going opportunity. If you are among those who have pledged – THANK YOU! Your gift and promise contributes to the stability of St. Andrew's and allows us to plan ahead. If you have not yet made a commitment, pledge packets are in the Narthex, and your thoughtful investment of your time, talent or financial resources are a blessing.

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH

Are you a musician? Do you know one? We seek a Director of Music who will partner with clergy and parish leadership to build upon a strong musical foundation while helping shape the next era of ministry at St. Andrew's. Salary: Competitive and commensurate with experience. Part-Time (approximately 10-12 hours per week). Please see full job description, video and application process on the parish website.

Our parish is growing; this is a good time for everyone to wear a nametag. If you don't have one or if yours needs replacing, please scan the QR code to left so we can provide you with one.

### CHRISTMAS FAIR (WATCH FOR REQUESTS, SIGN UP FORMS, NOTICES)

➢Next organizational meeting will take place after church TODAY, October 4, 2026.

➢**Publicity Chair/Team Needed.** Are you good with social media, posters, talking to people, publicizing events? We could use your help. We are looking for one or more persons to lead our publicity efforts to get the word out to the community of the best Christmas Fair eva! Let Dianne Nicol or Sarah Kelbaugh know if you are interested.

➢**Donations Needed for "Rooms".** Donations are needed for the Toy Room, Grandma's Attic, the Holiday Room, the Boutique and the Basket Table. All donations should be left on the stage in the parish hall. This week we are spotlighting our TOY ROOM which is in need of gently loved toys. Are you tripping over your children's toys? Bring them here. If all your children are grown, do you have any neighbors or friends who would like to make room before Santa makes another delivery? The toy room is lovingly turned into a mini-toy store experience every year by Carol Scott. Let's see what we can do to help.

➢**Calling all volunteers for needed RAFFLE ITEMS, BASKET ITEMS, HELP ON DAY OF FAIR.** Use this QR Code to go to our Sign Up Genius form for more details and to volunteer to obtain items or donate "person power" on the day of the Fair.

➢**Baskets**. In addition to the Gift Baskets items listed at the QR CODE, we welcome ready-to-go Themed Baskets (we can wrap & complete) and empty baskets that we can fill. Some theme suggestions: Patriot's/Red Sox/Bruin's/Celtic's fan; Dog/cat lover; Tea/coffee drinker; Baby boy/girl; Movie/game night; Teacher thank-you; Spa/relaxation; Gourmet treats; Holiday baking; Christmas morning breakfast

➢**Craft/Artisan Tables**. Once again, our vendors' tables are going to be held exclusively for parishioners and their family/friends. For a $50.00 rental fee, and a willingness to be at the table for both days of the fair, everything the vendors make from their sales is theirs to keep! To reserve your table, (or share one with another church friend) see Sarah Kelbaugh.

➢Watch for more volunteer opportunities . . . in the Cafe, baked goods for the Bake Sale Table, more.

**A Six-Week Inquirers' Series: Wednesdays**
**7:00–8:30 p.m.; September 30 – November 4**
**Growing in faith. Asking good questions. Finding your place in God's story.**
Attend in person at St. Andrew's or online via Zoom. We'll make it easy for everyone to participate, wherever you are on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.; September 30 – November 4

Everyone is welcome. Whether you're discerning membership, preparing for Confirmation or Reception, or simply curious about the Episcopal Church, we'd be delighted to welcome you. To register or learn more, please contact Rev. Amy or sign up using the link on the parish website.

**A Class for Couples – The Art of Being Together**
**Six Thursdays, October 1-November 5; 6:00–8:15 p.m.**
This Fall we will spend 6 weeks focused on The Art of Being Together, and the joys and challenges of being part of a healthy couple. To love and be loved is among the greatest gifts and joys God offers and it isn't easy.
All are welcome. (Six Thursdays 7pm – 8:15pm in person or by Zoom.) Please sign up using the Sign Up Form on our parish website if you are interested and Reverend Amy will respond to any questions in advance.

## OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

**HANOVER FOOD PANTRY**
St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry Thank you so much for your consistent donations. For the month of September, we have been asked to collect cookies and school snacks of all kinds including gluten free and peanut free options.

**DIGNITY MATTERS**

Our church is excited to begin supporting Dignity Matters, a Massachusetts nonprofit that provides free menstrual care products to women and girls experiencing homelessness or hardship. We now have a Dignity Matters collection bin at the church by the parish hall doors, and there are lots of ways to get involved! You can donate needed products, help hang flyers and spread the word in our community, or volunteer to transport our collected donations to the Dignity Matters warehouse in Westborough. Interested in helping or have questions? Please reach out to Elizabeth Lehnertz (774-999-9376).

**BABY BLANKETS**

Calling "yarn magicians"! We are in need of small baby blankets (suggested maximum 2' x 3') to be included in our baptism baskets. You can leave them in the sacristy or bring them to the office. Thank you!

**CALENDAR**

**Becoming Episcopalian (Inquirer's Class); Six Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**
**September 30 – November 4;** in person or Zoom

**Art of Being a Couple; Six Thursdays • 7:00-8:15 p.m.**
**October 1 – November 5**; in person or Zoom

**Today, Sunday, October 4**

- Blessing of the Animals at 9:30 a.m. service
- Parish Life Committee meeting at 11 a.m.
- Christmas Fair planning meeting after church
- Memorial service for pets who have passed at 4 p.m.

**Sunday, October 11**
Godly Play begins
Vestry Meeting, 11:15 am

**Sunday, October 18**
Shore to Shore 5 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR – FIRST WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER**
**Friday 6th (4-7pm) & Saturday 7th (10 am-2 pm)**

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Jesse Avellino, Sexton

**TODAY:**

Acolytes: Cheri Dauphinee
Jen Mitchell
Keith MacLeod

Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson

Lay Readers: Elise McKee and
Janet Keane

Chalice Bearers: Jen Mitchell and
Janet Keane

Choir Members: Kristi Peak-Oliveira, Janice Nickerson, Maryann Haen, Sarah Kelbaugh, Gordon O'Reilly, Priscilla O'Reilly, Suzanne Bunszel, Rebecca Maki, Hannah Maki, Dane Ripellino, Joanie Rogers and Chuck Rogers.

**Welcome Vocational Deacon**

Please join Rev'd Amy in welcoming Molly Breiling, a vocational deacon in formation. She will be with us on Sundays through May, 2027. In addition to pursuing ordination as a deacon, she is an entrepreneur, wife and mother. Molly is a chef, baker, food writer and scholar, seeker - passionate about food justice issues with an eye on reducing food waste while improving sustainable practices. She is the owner of Divine Culinary Enterprises. Her clients include the Sisters of St. Margaret in Duxbury.

**Kevin Galiè** is our guest organist and leader of the choir. A native of Philadelphia, Kevin holds a B.S. - B.A., Boston University (Music /Computer Science); J. D. (Juris Doctor) Boston University School of Law; an M. Mus., The Boston Conservatory/Berklee School of Music (Orchestral & Choral Conducting, Organ) and a Certificate from the Pontificio Istituto di Musica Sacra - Roma. His principal performing instrument, in addition to choral and ballet/opera/orchestral conducting, is classical pipe organ, especially in collaborative settings such as symphony orchestras, chamber music for organ and various instruments, and with choruses. From 2019 until Spring 2023, Kevin was based in Munich, Germany, with his wife, Dr. Franziska Galiè. Though now based in Boston, he still travels frequently to Munich as well as to his home in Italy, and around the world for his various engagements.

**VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:**

Suzanne Bunszel, Warden; Michelle Joyce, Treasurer; Elise McKee; Gordon O'Reilly; Jen Mitchell and Sherry Long

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For all of our latest news, check out:
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our facebook page https://www.facebook.com/standrewshanover;
or our youtube channel https://www.youtube.com/@saintandrewshanoverma/

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**RECURRING EVENTS:**

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m., Godly Play 9:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour following service
Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; Thursday: noon-6:00 p.m.
Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

**LINK TO ONLINE GIVING:**