

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
**Centered in God, Focused on Others**



**Christmas Eve, 4 p.m.**  
**December 24, 2025**

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Dear Friends,

Welcome! We are delighted to be together for this historic and hopeful Christmas celebration.

At the heart of this holy season is the gift we share again and again: God's entrance into the world as a vulnerable child, born humbly in a stable in Palestine. It is a story of deep love and enduring grace, offering comfort and reassurance whenever the world feels unsettled or disconcerting. Our Christmas worship is rich with music, prayer, and symbolism meant to draw us closer to one another as we engage in a deepening experience of God's abiding love.

Thank you for joining us. To step inside this sacred space can be an act of hope in itself! Here, we are invited to pause, to breathe, and to remember that God's love is steady, enduring, and near. Whether this is your first visit to St. Andrew's or you are a long-time member of this community, please know that you belong. As we celebrate our 300th Christmas, we are mindful that this sacred space has held generations of prayer—joy and sorrow, gratitude and longing, faith carried through many seasons. This sanctuary bears witness to God's faithfulness and the hope expressed across centuries.

The Episcopal Church calls us to practice God's expansive and transforming love—a love that does not exclude or shame, but invites us to love our neighbors as ourselves, remembering the surprising truth that we are all neighbors. Shared time in worship is one place where we are renewed and strengthened to live into God's challenging call.

You are invited to participate as fully as you are comfortable: to sing, to come forward for Communion, to reflect quietly, or simply to receive what this holy service offers. Most of all, you are invited to rest in this moment of Christmas light, love, grace, and peace.

May God bless you and all whom you love and care for this Christmas. As you go from this place, may you carry your experience of God's love and Christ's presence with you into our world that needs it so urgently.



The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## HYMN AT THE PROCESSION

*O come, all ye faithful* (H 83) (v. 1-3)

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

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

### *Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Alleluia! I bring you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord.

**People: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.**

## RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

Celebrant: Beloved, let us love one another,

**People: for love is of God.**

Celebrant: Whoever does not love does not know God,

**People: for God is Love.**

Celebrant: In this the love of God was revealed among us,

**People: that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

Celebrant: In this is love, not that we loved God

**People: but that God loved us and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.**

Celebrant: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we ought also to love one another.

**People: For if we love one another, God abides in us, and God's love will be perfected in us.**

## THE GLORIA (sung by all) *Angels we have heard on high (Gloria) (H 96) (v.1 &4)*

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

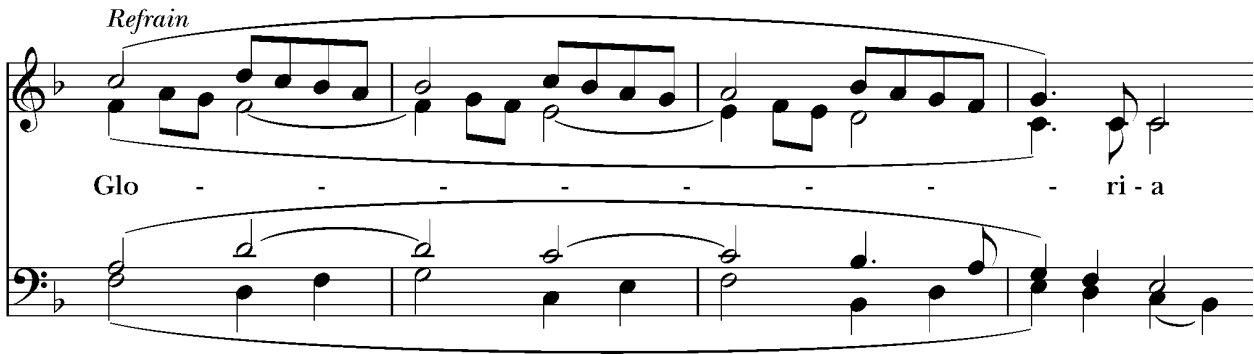
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
4 See him in a man - ger laid, whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The music is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line starting with a '1' and the second line starting with a '4'. The lyrics are: '1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night, 4 See him in a man - ger laid, whom the an - gels praise a - bove;'. The music features a simple harmonic accompaniment with some melodic lines.



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

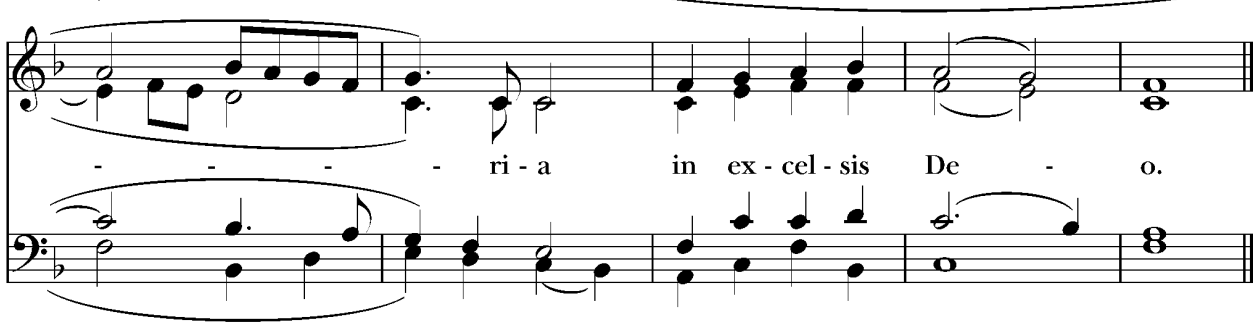
*Refrain*



Glo - - - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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**COLLECT FOR THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

**O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON

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

#### **Isaiah 9:2-7**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
    on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
    and all the garments rolled in blood  
    shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
    a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
    and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
    Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
    and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
    He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
    from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

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 96:1-8**

*To be sung to the tune PUER NOBIS*

Sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.  
Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.  
As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.  
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!  
Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.  
Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

## **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.*

### **Titus 2:11-14**

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

*O little town of Bethlehem* (H 78) (v 1-3)

*Unison or harmony*

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;  
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

## THE GOSPEL

### Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant:           The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

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*The sermon directly follows the Gospel because it is to be grounded in the scriptures. It illuminates the scriptural readings and relates them to daily life.*

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

### **Nicene Creed**

*The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the council of Nicaea in 325 AD and confirmed in 381 AD, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for the Universal church, the nation and all who govern, the welfare of the world, the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed. We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the church—the body of Christ.*

With the angels of heaven we proclaim your glory, O God. As the radiance of your presence lights up the heavens, we pray for enlightenment for your church on behalf of the whole world.

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace: make joyful our hearts.

Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. Glorious Lord,

***Glory to God in the highest heaven for you are full of grace and truth.***

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. Glorious Lord,

***Glory to God in the highest heaven for you are full of grace and truth.***

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you. Glorious Lord,

***Glory to God in the highest heaven for you are full of grace and truth.***

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace: summon the people to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence. Glorious Lord,

***Glory to God in the highest heaven for you are full of grace and truth.***

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely. Glorious Lord,

***Glory to God in the highest heaven for you are full of grace and truth.***

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection. Glorious Lord,

***Glory to God in the highest heaven for you are full of grace and truth.***

*Celebrant:* Grant that, through our prayers, our lives may radiate the presence of Christ to all who dwell on earth, for he is our Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE:**

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

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*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. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support the St. Andrew's ministry of making Kindness Loud, and sharing God's love in many forms. You are invited to make a gift, which the priest will bless and offer to God. You can make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code, or donating online at [StAndrewshanover.org](http://StAndrewshanover.org).*

### **ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY**

*In the Bleak Midwinter* Lyrics by C.Rosetti; Music by G. Hoist; Arranged by D. Forrest  
Sung by Hannah Maki, Rebecca Maki and Kristi Peak-Oliveira

*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

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him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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."*

**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, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and single notes, with some melodic lines in the vocal part.

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, and Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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

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.*

*Jägerlied* by J. L. F. Mendelssohn, played by Kayleigh McKee

*Concertino in D Major* by Dennis Alexander, played by Kayleigh McKee

*Clair de lune* by Claude Debussy, played by William McKee

*O Holy Night* by A.C. Adam, P. Cappeau, and J.S. Dwight, sung by T. Joyce

## SILENT REFLECTION

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together,

**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.**

*The overhead lights will now be dimmed and handheld candles and glowsticks will be lit.*

### **Silent night, holy night (Stille Nacht) (H 111)**

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

## BLESSING

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be amongst you this night, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*The candles may now be extinguished as the overhead lights are turned up.*

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Go tell it on the mountain (H 99)*

*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and  
ev - ery - where; go tell it on the moun - tain, that  
Je - sus Christ is born! 1 While shep - herds kept their  
2 The shep - herds feared and  
3 Down in a low - ly  
watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -  
trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth rang  
man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and  
hold, through - out the hea - vens there shone a ho - ly light.  
out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sa - vior's birth.  
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin as we go into the world rejoicing in the blessed birth of baby Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## Postludes

*Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)* by G.F. Handel, played by Kayleigh McKee  
*Jingle Bell Boogie*, played by William McKee



## OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### PRAYER LIST

For our deceased Margie Jokinen Tyrie and Noah Anderson and ZEUS; For others in need: Audrey MacDonald and the MacDonald family - Carol Ann - Janet C - 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.*

### BAPTISMS

The next Baptisms to take place at St. Andrew's will be on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the Sunday 9:30 service. If you are interested in someone and/or yourself being baptized on that day, please fill out the form at the Baptism LINK on the parish website and return it to the office.

### PRAYERS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE

Throughout this holiday season, we will continue to invite friends and neighbors to offer prayers for themselves and others. Please grab a form in the narthex if you would like your prayers included, or fill one out one on the parish website home page or please share the link with family and friends. All of the prayers will be assembled and offered as a focus for our prayer of the people for our service on Sunday, December 28th. If you would like to be among the volunteers to read these prayers please let Joanne know.

## 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.

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 is our new High School Youth Group connecting teenagers from across Massachusetts with the Volmoed Youth Leadership Program in South Africa.

This program is bold, joyful, and deeply needed. Our teens come from different communities, schools, and lived experiences. Some are active in church; others are not. All show up with curiosity and courage—ready to build friendships, ask big questions, and grow together.

Shore to Shore invites young people to broaden their horizons, deepen their sense of belonging, and see themselves as leaders who can help change the world. In 2026, our group will travel to South Africa for a transformational pilgrimage of culture, education, and service. In 2027, we will welcome our South African partners here in Massachusetts.

If you would like more information or to support scholarships for our teens, please reach out to Rev'd Amy or see the information page on our website [standrewshanover.org](http://standrewshanover.org)

## OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### A Word About Stewardship

Stewardship is our faithful response to God's abundant gifts and a sign of our hope and confidence in the future God is calling St. Andrew's to share. Through our annual stewardship campaign, we give thanks for the generosity already offered in support of this parish and its ministry.

We are improving our mailing list. If you have not received your campaign packet or would like to be included in our church's list, please let an usher know. We have copies in the Narthex.

## *Christmas Flowers and Music*

### *In Memory of*

John G. Broidrick  
Roger Leslie  
Vernon Gibson  
Antonio & Olinda Goncalves  
Roger and Marie Gelinas  
Edie & Carlo Cassoli  
Jean Ivers  
Elaine Miscia  
Gertrude & Wade Killman  
Jackie Hauser  
Jay & Kathryn Murdoch  
Francesca Scopelleti  
Thomas Keane  
Avi Lir & Jean  
David Nickerson  
Harold A. Crawford  
Antonia Crawford  
June Crawford  
Ruth Shade  
Marie Macaluso  
Baroness E. M. von  
Keyserlingk Crawford

### *In Memory of*

Kenneth Talbot  
Florence and Louis Roberts  
Violet & William Laumer  
Beverly Bumpus  
Bruce MacFadden  
Suzanne Lehnertz  
Betsy Daley  
Pamela O'Reilly Fahey  
Bill Maclellan  
Bonnie & Bob Teetsell  
Katie Lutz  
David Matheny  
Jean Marie Krous  
John Cann  
Bob Mastro  
Margie Jokinen Tyrie  
Muriel Finnegan  
Barbara & Kenneth  
Whitman  
Horace Euclid Laprade  
Teresa Hamilton Laprade

### *In Memory of*

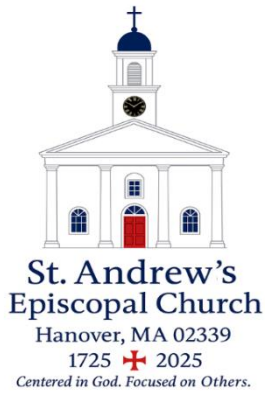
Carroll Gagnon  
Wilford and Doris Miller  
Patrick and Isabelle Gagnon  
Wayne and Helen Miller  
Matthew and Lestina Jasinski  
Edward and Patricia Belanger  
Robert Frazier  
Paul McKenzie  
Charles Randolph Barrett  
Carla Edwinna Barrett  
Sandra Taylor Knowles

### *In Thanksgiving for*

Adam, Hannah and Daniel Maki  
Theo Kruse  
Eric Laumer  
Bonnie and Gene Laumer  
Barbara, Deirdre, Erik and Karen  
Maki  
Jeff, Andrew, Melanie, Brian &  
Carson  
Caroline Talbot  
Kristen, Jessica, Julia, Michael,  
Steven, Nicole & Brooke

**Special thanks** to our music director, Sean Glennon and St. Andrew's Festival Choir; HuiMin Wang, piano; Robert Glennon and Zach Terman, trumpet; Hannah Maki, Rebecca Maki and Kristi Peak-Oliveira, Soloists, Kayleigh McKee and William McKee, pianists, and the Joyce Family as ushers.

We also give *special thanks* to the Altar Guild who arranged our beautiful worship space and to all who contributed their time, talent, and treasure to make this service possible.



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Linda Gelinas, Warden  
Sean Glennon, Music Director

Joanne Bibeau, Administrative Assistant  
Jesse Avellino, Sexton  
Courtney Hill, Sunday School Director

### **This Evening:**

Crucifer: Cheri Dauphinee  
Gospeler: Chuck Fiorentino  
Torch Bearer: Jen Mitchell  
Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson and  
Ben Coleman-Lyon

Lay Readers: Sarah Kelbaugh and  
Linda Gelinas  
Chalice Bearers: Linda Gelinas and  
Jen Mitchell

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

### **Contact Information:**

Do you receive "The Call", our weekly e-newsletter, on Wednesdays? If not, please let an usher know and we will help you to subscribe (or use link on website).

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### **RECURRING EVENTS:**

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m., Sunday School/Children's Chapel

**Office Hours:** Tues. & Wed.: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thurs.: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

**Holiday Office Hours:** The office will close at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24 and reopen on Tuesday, December 30 at 9:30 a.m.

**online giving link:**

