

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Centered in God, Focused on Others



Christmas Day, 9:30 a.m.

December 25, 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

Good Christian friends, rejoice (H 107)

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

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!

Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save!

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;

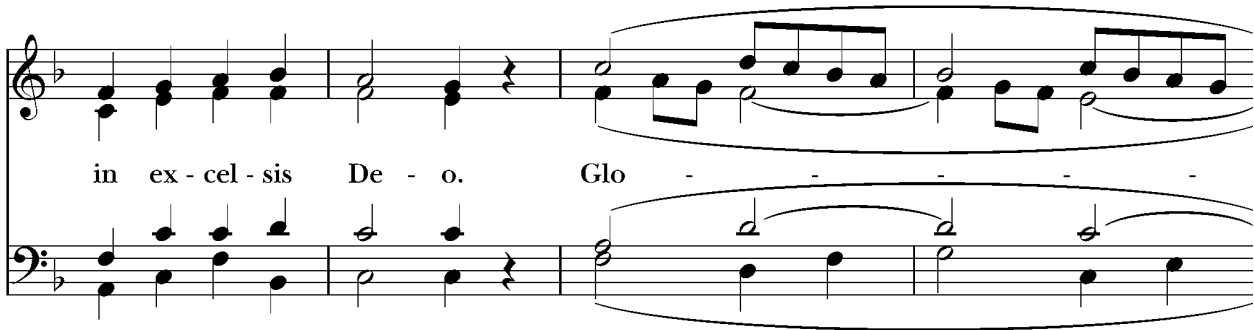


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

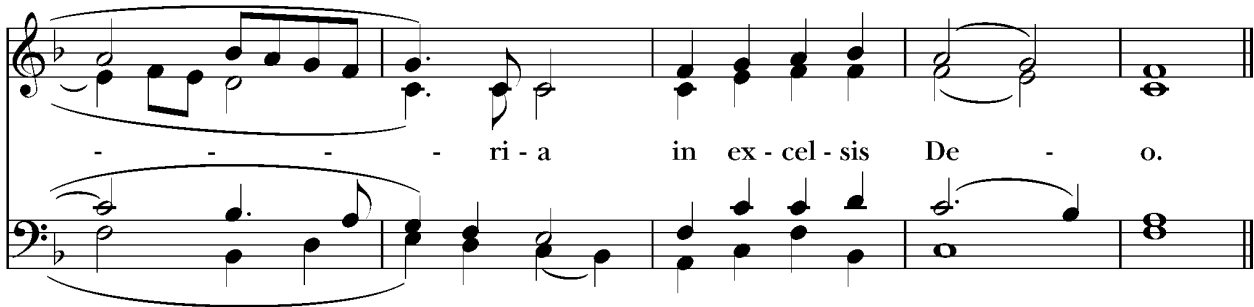
Refrain



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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 recited responsively.

Sing to the Lord new songs of praise;
Let all the earth sing to the Lord.
Sing out and praise God's holy Name;
Proclaim good news with one accord.

**Declare God's glory far and wide,
God's wondrous acts and holy law;
For God is greatly to be praised
And then beheld with greatest awe.**

The gods that other nations serve
Are idols made of wood and stone;
But it is God the Lord who made
The heavens above us, God alone.

**Magnificent God's presence here,
With splendid courts in glorious light;
Ascribe to God all peoples, tongues;
Ascribe to God all power and might.**

Ascribe all honor to the Lord;
Bring gifts into the holy place.
In holy beauty worship God,
And let us bow before God's face.

**Proclaim, "It is the Lord who rules
And who will judge with equity";
Rejoice, O earth; O sky, be glad;
And roar, all creatures of the sea.**

O fields and forests, shout for joy
When God our ruler comes in might
To judge the peoples with the truth,
The whole created earth with right.

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 *Hark! the herald angels sing (Mendelssohn) (H 87)*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

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.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Away in a manger (H 101)

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
* 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care.

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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 (bass clef). The key signature is 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 is written in a simple, homophonic style with block chords and moving lines.

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.

The first system of musical notation for 'FRACTION' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words 'Je - sus', 'Lamb', 'mer - cy', and 'on'.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of musical notation for 'FRACTION' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words 'Je - sus', 'bear - er', 'mer - cy', and 'on'.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of musical notation for 'FRACTION' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words 'Je - sus', 're - deem - er', 're - deem - er', and 'of'.

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of musical notation for 'FRACTION' consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' are written below the treble staff, with hyphens under the words 'give', 'us', 'your', 'peace', 'give', 'us', 'your', and '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.

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Silent Night*

played by Blake Shetler

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.

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.**



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the world! the Lord is come (Antioch) (H 100)

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far - as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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!

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

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
Barbara Whitman
Bill Maclellan
Bonnie & Bob Teetsell
Katie Lutz
David Matheny
Jean Marie Krous
John Cann
Bob Mastro
Margie Jokinen Tyrie
Muriel Finnegan
Pamela O'Reilly Fahey
Horace Euclid Laprade
Teresa Hamilton Laprade

In Memory of

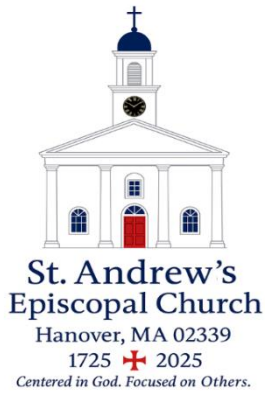
Carroll Gagnon
Wilford and Doris Miller
Patrick and Isabelle Gagnon
Wayne and Helen Miller
Matthew and Lestina Jasinski
Edward and Patricia Belanger
Robert Frazier
Paul McKenzie
Charles Randolph Barrett
Carla Edwinna Barrett
Sandra Taylor Knowles

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 Blake Shetler, guest organist.

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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This Morning:

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

Lay Reader: Cheri Dauphinee
Chalice Bearers: Cheri Dauphinee and
Chuck Fiorentino

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:

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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:

