



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Hanover, MA 02339

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Centered in God. Focused on Others.

First Sunday after Christmas

Shining God's Light Through Our Lives

Sunday, December 28, 2025

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *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!

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 written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line starting with a '1' and the second line starting with a '4', indicating different parts of the song. 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 is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature.

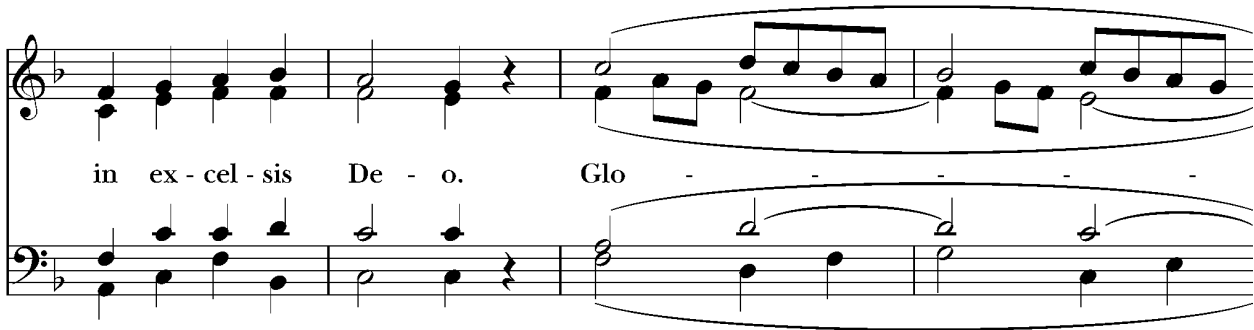


and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

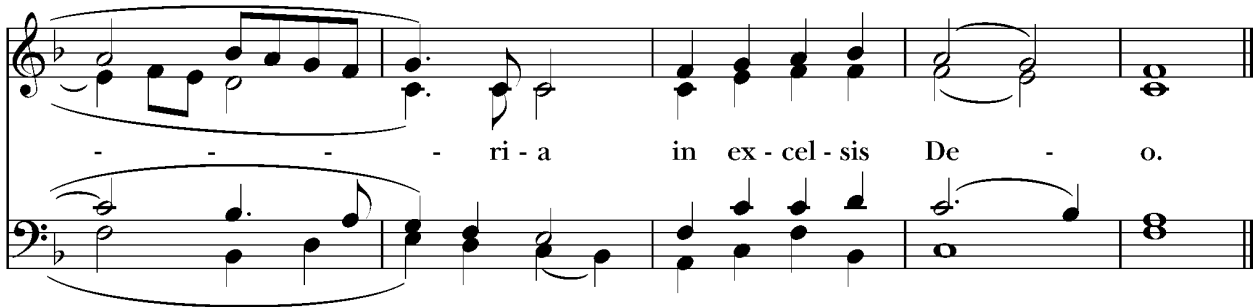
Refrain



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



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COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
 Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 61:10--62:3

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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 147:13–21

Sung to the tune RICHMOND

Worship the Lord, Jerusalem,
Praise God, O Israel;
The Lord has made your gates secure
And blessed your children well.

Upon your borders, God makes peace,
The wheat fields give us flour;
You, Lord, send your command on earth,
Your word speeds forth with power.

Who can withstand the freezing cold,
The hoarfrost, hail, and snow?
Yet when you send your word and wind
They melt and waters flow.

You give to Israel your word,
Your just decrees, but yet
You have not shown to other lands
Your law. Alleluia!

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.

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

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

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

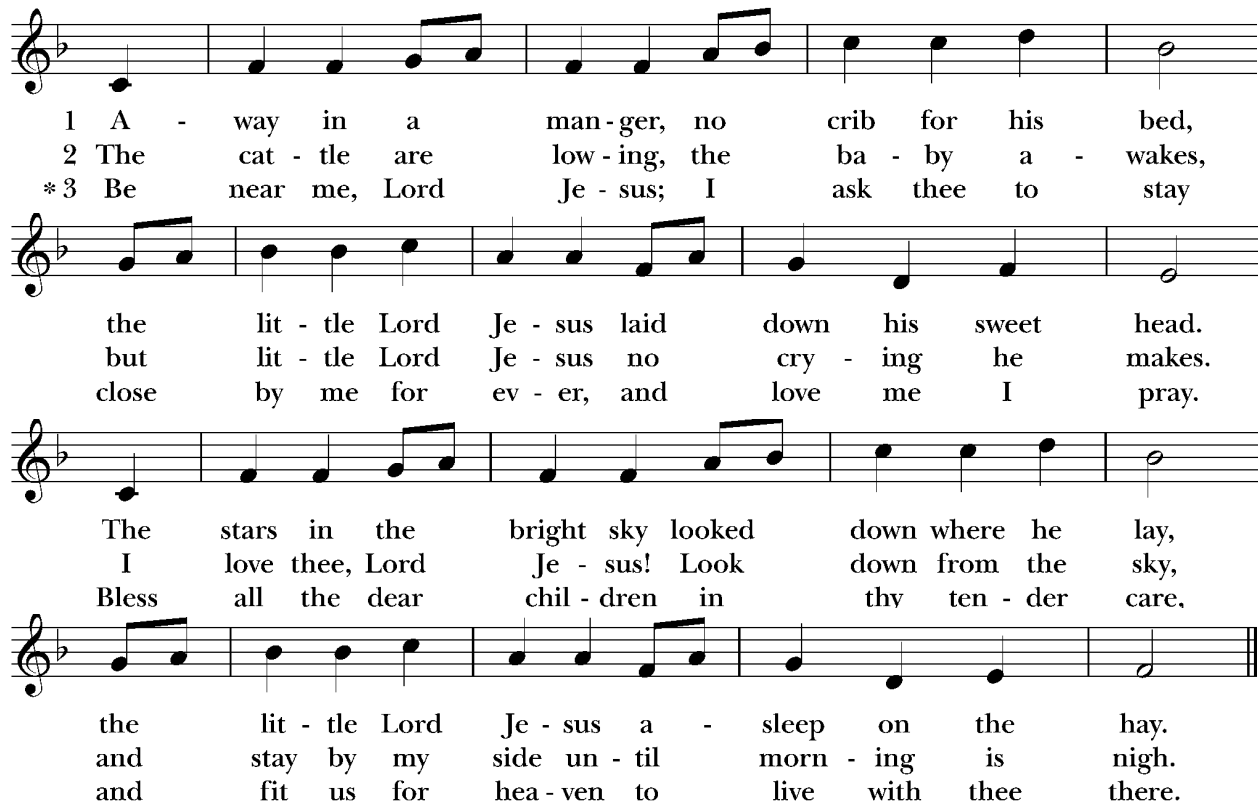
Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

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

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 night.
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

THE GOSPEL

Gospel: John 1:1-18

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name,

he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

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

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

Celebrant:

We bless you, God of glory, for you have visited your people in one like us in all things but sin, and in human fragility you have revealed the face of divinity. You have claimed us as your people and entrusted the justice and holiness of your creation to our hands and hearts. Hear the prayers we offer this day on behalf of this world.

All to say the response in bold.

Readers:

My sister Karla R has been living with long covid. Please pray for her health and the strength to meet the day whatever she may be experiencing.

Prayer for Karen P to heal her broken leg.

Please pray for Jim that his cancer will be cured.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Pray for my sister Andrea (and Rose too) that her total knee surgery goes well on December 2. Last time on the other knee they nicked her patella tendon. She needs to help take care of her handicapped son ASAP.

Please help and keep safe Barbara, Rita, Jerry.

Prayers for Gregory and family.

Prayers for my brother to recover from his addiction and be healthy and happy.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Please say a prayer for Margaret (Peggy). She passed away 2.5 years ago.

Please say a prayer for the Brennan Family for the loss of Debbie this past Wednesday (in November).

Please say a prayer for Angel on the loss of her husband and Dave and Pose on the loss of their son. Also, those who have lost loved ones.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for Janet C – this friend of mine has spent 18 days in November in the hospital with serious health issues. She is on the mend but needs prayers for her recovery.

Prayers for Pamela M, Steven T, Mauro P, Debbie B.

Prayers for my younger brother Kevin who just had surgery at South Shore Hospital. Asking for a speedy recovery (gall bladder). Thank you.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

We pray for our brother Hank, and hope he regains his health. And for our lovely Mom who takes care of us.

Prayers for all people celebrating alone or after the loss of a loved one this holiday season.

Our family wants the best for our Abuela who suffers from dementia. We want her to be happy and spend the rest of her time with us the happiest she can be.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Good health. Families able to enjoy the holidays together!

Prayers for the bride and groom! Also prayers for Mary W, Gordan and Priscilla, Cassandra, Edie, Seraphina, Caleb and David.

Prayers for my son and his wife and little girl as their marriage breaks up.

Prayers for family tensions.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Stay blessed and be safe.

Prayers for Rev'd Amy's health and mission.

Prayers for Church volunteers – feel like friends. They are like Jesus.

Prayers for my dog Lacie. She died and I miss her.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for James R.

Prayers for the Stephanson family that we may find peace and resolve during an unimaginable time of grief, loss and sadness.

Prayers for the family of Anna (my mother's roommate who passed away); Eva and her family (lost brother) and Nancy (lost her husband).

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Also, prayers for my daughter as she is under a lot of stress with school, work, friends, and DECA.

I would like to have a prayer for strength to get through Junior year of high school happy, healthy, and successful with my studies. Thank you.

Prayers for a speedy resolution to my sleep issues.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for Lexi and Ludwig navigating transition to adulthood.

For Devin and family – that their dysfunction may be healed.

For Kent and recovery from lung cancer.

For Shannon healing from anxiety.

For Margaret – because we love her.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for healing from cancer – advanced. Prayers for David C, father of three and devoted husband.

Prayers for health, upcoming MRI, ultrasound, biopsy mammogram, and oncology appointment and strength for family.

Prayers for Dola M for continued recovery from surgery.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

In loving memory of Suzanne Manoogian Lehnertz.

Please God grant us a healthy pregnancy after two miscarriages.

Prayers for a healthy recovery for Ms. L.

Prayers for a special young man on the West Coast who is finding his way.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for all who are hungry and displaced; for all who are feeling confused or cast down.

Pray for my Quincy neighbor who was pulled over and taken away. His children don't know where he is. They are scared.

For those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer: the Churches of the Alewife Deanery: Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington; St. James' Church, Somerville; Christ Church, Waltham; Congregation of St. Peter at Christ Episcopal Church, Waltham; and Church of the Good Shepherd, Watertown.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for my mother-in-law Gina who is fighting a battle with cancer.

Prayers for my nephew Paul to get to see his daughter after not seeing her for 2-3 years.

A prayer for my dear friend, Susan L, as she suffers from a long term life threatening disease.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for Thaddeus.

Prayers for the marriage and relationship of Megan that she and her husband John would reconcile and turn to Christ.

Prayers for Dennis' receiving a new kidney on December 9, 2025.

Prayers for my son John and all people who are dealing and living with cancer.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for myself: I lost my job in November. Friends and church are our refuge in uncertain times. Bless St. Andrew's.

I would love prayers for my lungs that are inflamed and my overall health.

Prayers for finances and inner peace for my soul.

Prayers for Aunt Maria for her back to be healed so she can walk.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for my mother Anita for her anxiety and fears for her health. She could use peace with the next stage. She's not terminal and is making herself sick with worry.

Prayers for continued good health, blessed with caring healthcare providers.

Prayers for John and Milla Fr, John G, Sue G, Jan F, Pat H

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for my sisters.

God please attend to and lift my depression, and for my sister's back problems and pain, for my brother-in-law's surgery and their caregivers and for my best friend's surgery.

Please pray for those who need surgery or are hospitalized during this holiday season.

Prayers for my parents Dick and JoAnne for health and peace and grace.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;

Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Pray for my late wife Heather Rose. We lost her too young from cancer.

My prayer is for my uncle who is now in heaven. I hope that he is doing well. I am also praying for my cousin (his son) he is sick at the moment and I hope that he gets better.

Lift this crushing grief from me so that I can care for my family again.

Please pray for the National Guard including my sister who doesn't like her posting.

I pray for the president who is not my enemy but is causing me pain.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Prayers for those who are experiencing hardship especially around the holiday season whether that be from hunger, losing a family member, mental health, etc.

I pray for health and peace for all.

Prayers for all of the people in Gaza and our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and all oppressed areas.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Pray for Dillon, Benjamin, Olivia and Lucy who will be baptized, receiving the sacrament of new birth, on January 11.

Let us pray Our Father and Hail Mary for our needs.

Fill the valleys, make low the hills;
Come, Great Redeemer, Come.

Celebrant:

Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children. Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all of creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. Hear our prayers and gather into your arms all the peoples of the world, so that in your embrace we may find blessing, peace, and the fullness of our inheritance as your daughters and sons. **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

Arise and shine (Wareham) (VF 156)

1 A - rise and shine, the pro - phet sang;
2 God's ris - ing sun will light the way,
3 You will not need the sun by day

your light has come, the mes - sage rang.
as peo - ple stream to dawn - ing's ray.
nor moon by night, to light your way;

The shroud of dark - ness stripped a - way,
Your o - pen gates will nev - er close,
God's glo - ry and e - ter - nal might

God's glo - ry brings a bright new day.
in bus' - ling day or night's re - pose.
will be your ev - er - last - ing light.

*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 the hymn "Ho - san - na in the high - est." 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 piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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

Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S164)

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

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

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

give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

COMMUNION

The homemade Communion bread is gluten free.

SILENT REFLECTION

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

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 day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the world! the Lord is come (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

In memory of 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.

OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY

St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry. Thank you for your support with your donations. Please drop them off in the narthex. For the month of January, the requested item is strawberry jam.

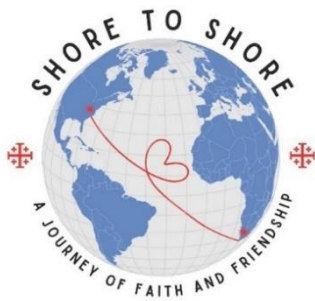
St. Andrew's is supporting the work of the Hanover Family and community Engagement (FACE) program with gift cards, food and support for local families in need.

OUR YOUTH

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel meets every Sunday in the Parish Hall. Children of all ages are welcome, and parents are warmly invited to have some of their own sacred time in the sanctuary with other grown ups. Children will re-join you and the service during announcements.

SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Shore to Shore 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 want to support scholarships for our teens, please reach out to Rev'd Amy or see the information page on our website standrewshanover.org.

The next meeting will take place Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. here at St. Andrew's.

STEWARDSHIP

From Elizabeth Lehnertz: Our Stewardship campaign is underway, and the progress to-date has been a joyous response to the questions "What blessings have you have received and offered at St. Andrew's? How has God met you through this community?" Our commitment to ingathering the abundant time, talent and treasure we have to offer is a faithful commitment to our church's mission and impact to serve God in every human being. We have received 26 pledges, including 3 new pledges from last year, with many of those pledges increasing from the previous year.

The theme of our campaign is "Tell Out My Soul" – inspired by Mary's song that exemplifies her gratitude, humility, and joy – the very gifts that hopefully help guide each of us as we consider our commitment. An additional reflection I'd offer is one that symbolizes how grateful I feel for St. Andrew's. The song is shared during a time the expectant Mary visits, and stays for an extended time, with her cousin Elizabeth. I love the idea that Mary must have gained strength and support and love from Elizabeth during a time that was of course joyful, but must have also included feelings of fear, worry, and anxiety. I like to think that Mary is able to sing her joyful song not because she didn't experience the other emotions, but because she is able to share them with God and with her fellow traveler Elizabeth.

You'll soon see a "Giving Tree" in the Narthex, where we'll joyfully add a leaf with the name of each person that returns their pledge of time, talent, and treasure. When you see my name on the tree, it will be out of my enormous gratitude for the community of St. Andrew's. To share joyfully in our future, to work together to be the model of God in the world, and to hold each other, as Elizabeth did for Mary, during our times of need.

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
Jonny Hackett
Michael Halley

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
Richard & Diana Gregory
Kevan & Michael Joyce
Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Howe
Feige & DeChellis Families

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

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Suzanne Bunszel, Anne Staples,
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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:

