



**St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church**

Hanover, MA 02339

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Centered in God. Focused on Others.

Changed from the Inside Out
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, February 8, 2026

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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

Christ is the world's true Light (H 542)

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
cast out our pride and shame that hin - der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

To God be the glory (VF 108) (V2)

2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - ery be -
liev - er the pro - mise of God! The vil - est of - fen - der who
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!
O come to the Fa - ther, through Je - sus the son,
and give him the glo - ry! Great things he has done!

COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 58:1-9a, 9b-12

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,

they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,

and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today

will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,

a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,

and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

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 112:1-9, 10

Sung to the tune RICHMOND

Hallelujah! How blest are they
Whose joy is God's command;
Their children will be always blessed
And mighty in the land.

Riches and wealth will bless their homes,
Their justice will endure,
And they are merciful; light shines
In darkness for the pure.

In justice do they rule their lives,
And freely do they lend;
Unshaken they, their memory
Is treasured without end.

Hearts firm, they fear no evil news;
In God they put their trust;
Their hearts secure, they will not shrink
Until their foes are crushed.

The righteous spread their gifts abroad,
Give freely to the poor;
With honor will their heads be raised;
Their justice will endure.

Then will the wicked see these things
And rage and pine away;
Their anger and their base desires
Will perish in a day.

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.

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

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

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him"—

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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

Lord of all being, throned afar (Mendon) (H 419)

1 Lord of all be - ing, throned a - far, thy glo - ry
2 Sun of our life, thy quick - ening ray sheds on our
3 Lord of all life, be - low, a - bove, whose light is
4 Grant us thy truth to make us free, and kin - dling
flames from sun and star; cen - ter and soul of
path the glow of day; star of our hope, thy
truth, whose warmth is love, be - fore thy ev - er -
hearts that burn for thee, till all thy liv - ing
ev - ery sphere, yet to each lov - ing heart how near!
soft - ened light cheers the long watch - es of the night.
blaz - ing throne we ask no lus - ter of our own.
al - tars claim one ho - ly light, one heaven - ly flame.

THE GOSPEL

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth

pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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." The Nicene Creed 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

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For The Most Reverend Sean W. Rowe, our Presiding Bishop and The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, our Bishop Diocesan, for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For those on the Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery: St. Mark's Church, Dorchester; St. Mary's Church, Dorchester; Epiphany School, Dorchester; The Diocesan Council; Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

For the special needs and concerns of those gathered here.

(People may add their own petitions.)

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

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

(People may add their own blessings.)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

(People may name loved ones.)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant:

O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illumines your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. Listen to the cries of those who pray to you. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

People:

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant:

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

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

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

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

Make Me a Blessing (LEVAS 158)

1. Out in the high - ways and by - ways of life,
 2. Tell the sweet sto - ry of Christ and His love,
 3. Give as 'twas giv - en to you in your need,

1. Man - y are wea - ry and sad;
 2. Tell of His power to for - give;
 3. Love as the Mas - ter loved you;

1. Car - ry the sun - shine where dark - ness is rife,
 2. Oth - ers will trust Him if on - ly you prove
 3. Be to the help - less a help - er in - deed,

1. Mak - ing the sor - row - ing glad.
 2. True, ev - ery mo - ment you live,
 3. Un - to your mis - sion be true.

Make me a bless - ing, Make me a bless - ing,

Out of my life ————— May Je - sus shine; —————

Make me a bless - ing, O Sav - ior, I pray, —————

Make me a bless - ing to some - one to - day. —————

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

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise

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

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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,

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for feeding us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. In this meal, you have begun again your work of transformation within us.

We ask that you help us to use this gift to transform us from the inside out. Soften what has grown hard, restore what has grown weary, and awaken within us the life of Christ.

May we be your salt and light. Send us now into the world you love: to preserve what is fragile, to bring warmth where there is cold, and to shine our faith as mercy and truth.

All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God who is at work within you continue the transformation begun this day. May Christ, the light of the world, shine through your words and your actions, offering clarity where there is confusion and hope where the way feels uncertain.

May the Holy Spirit give you courage to live distinctly, faithfully, and generously— salt for the earth, light for the world.

And the blessing of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

This Little Light of Mine (LEVAS 221)

1. This lit - tle light of mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, _____ I'm gon - na let it
 3. Je - sus gave it to me, _____ I'm gon - na let it

1. shine, _____ This lit - tle light of mine,
 2. shine, _____ Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. shine, _____ Je - sus gave it to me,

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ This lit - tle light of
 2. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Ev - 'ry - where I
 3. I'm gon - na let it shine; _____ Je - sus gave it to

1. mine, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 2. go, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it
 3. me, _____ I'm gon - na let it shine, _____ Let it

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 2. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____
 3. shine, let it shine, let it shine. _____

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Our worship has ended, let our service begin as we go out into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

PRAYER LIST

Those in need: Nancy Guthrie and The Guthrie Family – Joyce – Eileen K – Patricia – Audrey MacDonald and the MacDonald family – Carol Ann – Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben – Prescott and Mansfield families – 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 -- Those who have died: Tiffany Gloria Malloy – Barbara and John Meschino – Wang Suk Choi

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

OUR YOUTH



SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Shore to Shore will meet at 4pm TODAY February 8.

In anticipation of the Patriots' great showing in Santa Clara, we are convening Shore to Shore earlier than usual. Teens will create an introductory video to share with their Volmoed South African counterparts. Catering from Hanover House of Pizza (who is sharing their Super Bowl proceeds with St. Andrews' ministry). Great food, great conversation and connecting across the Commonwealth. Teenagers will be home by kickoff!

We are in the midst of intense fundraising for Shore to Shore. We are committed to ensuring that any teenager who fully participates in this program will be able to travel with us to South Africa in July, regardless of their financial capacity. The cost for education materials, gatherings, retreats and travel is just over \$6,000 per teen. Thanks to several generous parishioners, we have two full scholarships in hand for our current program cycle – THANK YOU. We are blessed with teenagers from Boston to Brockton, from Hanover to Pembroke and several communities in between. Our current fundraising focus is on foundations and family trusts. We are sending letters of interest and understand that having direct connections will increase our likelihood for success. If you have relationships or connections that might enhance our inquiries, please let Rev'd Amy know. Sharing those relationships and invitations will be part of what makes the inaugural two-year program cycle for Shore to Shore a success!

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY

Hanover House of Pizza is sharing a portion of all of today's (Super Bowl Sunday!) proceeds with St. Andrews' ministry, If you are hosting a Super Bowl Party, please consider ordering from Hanover House of Pizza. We are so grateful for their partnership!

SHROVE TUESDAY (AKA FAT TUESDAY) PANCAKE SUPPER 2/17/26 AT 6 P.M.

All are welcome to the return of our tradition of eating pancakes, sausage, bacon and other goodies for dinner before Lent. This ancient tradition is a nod to the religious people consuming all of the rich foods and indulgences before they enter into the 40 days of Lent.

With the generous leadership of Dave Thurston at our grill, we are going to resurrect this holiday tradition at St. Andrew's.

See sign up sheet to bring food/other items and/or to volunteer your time at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ACA728A2FAC43-61805729-shrove>

See RSVP form to say you are coming at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845ACA728A2FAC43-61831331-rsvp> .

ANNUAL MEETING

St. Andrew's Annual meeting will be after church on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

We will take our parish community photo, enjoy great food, a blessedly brief business meeting with a summary of our finances and our priorities for the year to come. We will also recognize our members who have joined us since we last met. Most notably, we will celebrate and honor the members of our Vestry whose official service will conclude at this year's meeting, and we will welcome our newest members.

Annual meeting is a shared milestone, is joyful and at THIS Annual meeting we will officially kick off our 300th anniversary celebrations! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Watch for sign-up to help Janet provide the food at the annual meeting.

STEWARDSHIP GIVING TREE

We are grateful for all of the leaves on the "Giving Tree" in the sanctuary. Each one represents a person/family who has pledged their time, talent, and treasure to St. Andrew's. Their generosity contributes to our community's future, our work together to be the model of God in the world, and our loving holding of each other during our times of need.

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 items are large/family size bags of chips (various flavors and types).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Every Wednesday Morning, 7 a.m.** by Zoom (link on calendar on website)
Coffee and Current Events gathering – a place to gather and share your thoughts and feelings about the state of the world and the challenges of being part of it facilitated by Reverend Amy with topics open to whatever participants bring.
- **Sunday, February 8, 4-5:30 p.m.**
Shore to Shore High School Youth Group
- **Sunday, February 15, 11:30 a.m.**
Vestry Meeting – all welcome
- **Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 p.m.**
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- **Wednesday, February 18, noon and 7:00 p.m.**
Ash Wednesday brief service and imposition of Ashes
- **Sunday, March 1 after 9:30 a.m. service**
Annual Meeting
- **Wednesdays in Lent; 6:00–7:30 pm**
Even at the Grave: Being Hopeful, Prepared and Faithful -- A collaborative Lenten Learning and Discussion Series
February 25 at St. Andrew's: *Being Mortal: Naming Our Priorities and Our Hope*
March 4 at St. Luke's Scituate: *Being Human: Grief, Loss, and Love*
March 11 at Trinity Marshfield Hill: *Being Cared For: Hospice, Palliative Care & Sacred Presence*
March 18 at St. Luke's Scituate: *Being Prepared: Decisions, Funeral Homes, and Practical Planning*
March 25 at St. Andrew's: *Being Faithful: Getting Our Affairs in Order as an Act of Love*

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If weather impacts Sunday services or scheduled programs: watch channels 4 (wbz), 5 (wcvb) or 7 (whdh) and/or checkout their websites for cancellation news.

RECURRING EVENTS:

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m., Sunday School/Children's Chapel
Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

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