

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Illumination and the Cost of Seeing

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PENITENTIAL ORDER

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

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *The glory of these forty days (Erhalt uns, Herr) (H 143)*

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de -
4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full
* 5 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to
1 ce - le - brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
2 lov - ing God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
3 liv - ered from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
4 oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spi - rits strength - en
5 thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold
1 things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
2 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
3 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
4 with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
5 Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.**

KYRIE

Lord, Have Mercy (LEVAS 237)

sung three times

The musical score is written for a choir or soloist, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord." The score consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line.

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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.

1 Samuel 16:1-13

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel

said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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.

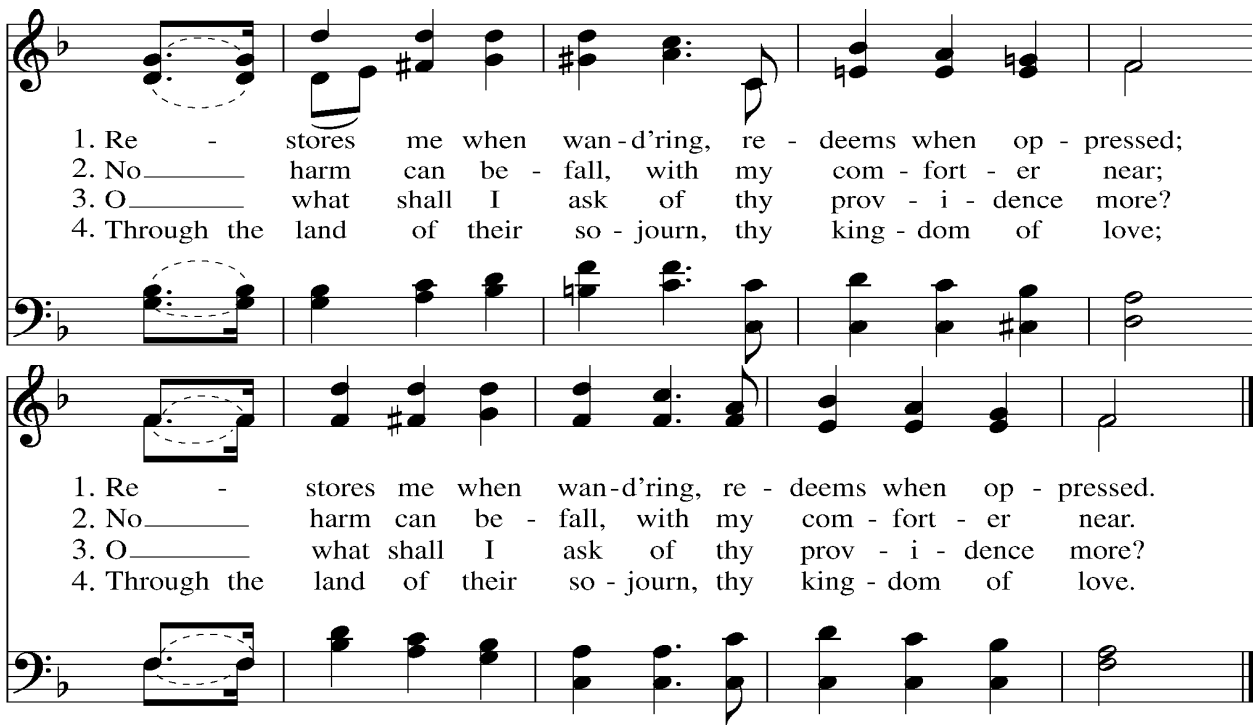
Psalm 23

The Lord Is My Shepherd (LEVAS 104)

1. The _____ Lord is my Shep-herd, no want shall I know;
 2. Through the val - ley and shad - ow my death though I stray,
 3. In the midst of af - flic - tion my ta - ble is spread;
 4. Let _____ good - ness and mer - cy, my boun - ti - ful God,

1. I feed in green pas - tures, safe - fold - ed I rest; _____
 2. Since thou art my guard - ian, no e - vil I fear; _____
 3. With bless - ings un - meas - ured my cup run - neth o'er; _____
 4. Still fol - low my steps till I meet Thee a - bove; _____

1. He lead - eth my soul where the still wa - ters flow, _____
 2. Thy rod shall de - fend me, thy staff be my stay; _____
 3. With per - fume and oil thou a - noint - est my head; _____
 4. I seek by the path which my an - ces - tors trod, _____



1. Re - stores me when wan - d'ring, re - deems when op - pressed;
 2. No harm can be - fall, with my com - fort - er near;
 3. O what shall I ask of thy prov - i - dence more?
 4. Through the land of their so - journ, thy king - dom of love;

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THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

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

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

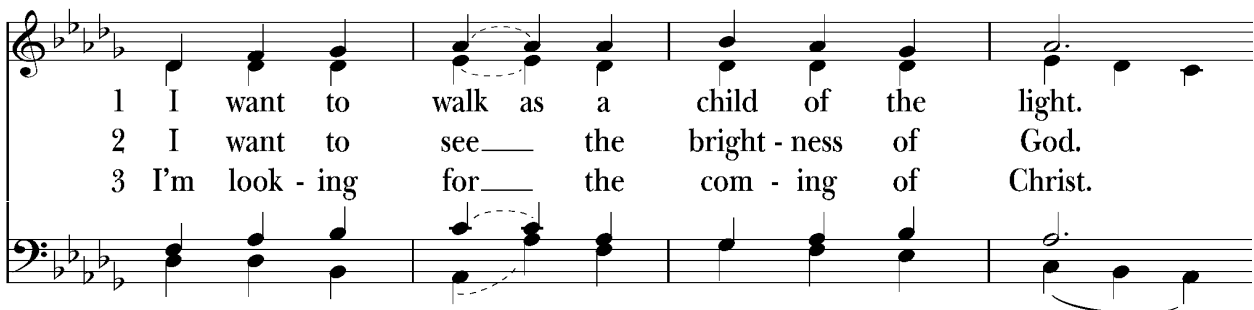
Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

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

I want to walk as a child of the light (H 490)



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

THE GOSPEL

Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

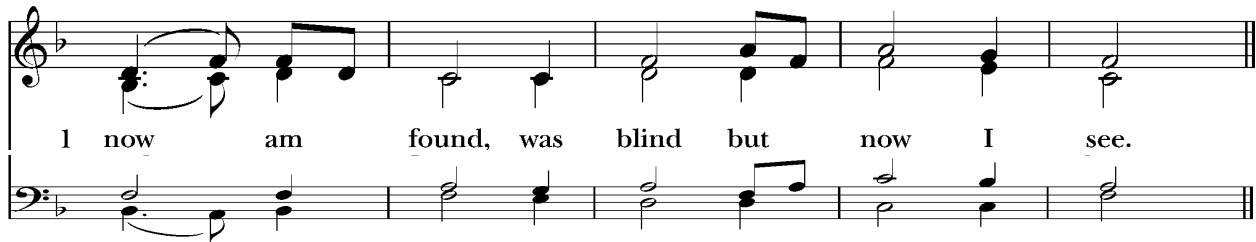
Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN *Amazing grace! how sweet the sound (New Britain) (H 671) (V 1)*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "I A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that I saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but". The piano accompaniment consists of simple chords and moving lines in the right and left hands.



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

My brothers and sisters: reconciled to God by the mercy of Christ, we pray with confidence for the needs of the church and the world.

For those who lead and guide the Episcopal Church including Julia our bishop and Sean our presiding Bishop; for loving care, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For faithful witness, fellowship in love; for living hope, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For Donald our President, Maura our Governor, Joe our Town Manager, for the leaders of all nations, and for all in authority, we pray that wisdom and kindness prevail, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those who seek and serve the common good; that justice reign, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For neighbors' needs, for shelter from storms; for homes of peace, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those who hunger, who thirst, who cry out for justice, for the unemployed and the destitute; we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those in sorrow, anguish, and despair; that they find hope, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For those oppressed, those who live in fear, those who live under the threat of terror; we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For all the sick, the suffering, the dying, and the dead, be life and grace, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for all who remember and care for them, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: St. Barnabas' Church, Falmouth; Christ Church, Harwich Port; Grace Church, Vineyard Haven; For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged, we pray to you, O Lord:
God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

For all the dreams held deep within our hearts; for all our needs, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

That we might live in peace from day to day; that wars will cease, we pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

That we may stay faithful, open to your Word; your Kingdom come! We pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Entrusting all we are into your hands, we call your name, and pray to you, O Lord:

God ever faithful, God ever merciful, God of your people, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Discerner of hearts, you look beneath our outward appearance and see your image in each of us. Banish in us the blindness that prevents us from recognizing truth, so we may see the world through your eyes and with the compassion of Jesus Christ who redeems us. Accept our prayers in the warm embrace of your compassion. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

God Will Take Care of You (LEVAS 183)

1. Be not dis-mayed_ what - e'er be - tide, God will take care of you;—
2. Through days of toil_ when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;—
3. All you may need_ He will pro- vide, God will take care of you;—
4. No mat - ter what_ may be the test, God will take care of you;—

1. Be - neath His wings_ of love a - bide, God will take care of you.____
2. When dan - gers fierce_ your path as - sail, God will take care of you.____
3. Noth - ing you ask_ will be de - nied, God will take care of you.____
4. Lean, wea - ry one,____ up - on His breast, God will take care of you.____

God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, O'er all the way;

He will take care_ of you, God will take care_ of you.____

*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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him 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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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 (Mathias) (S128)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

FRACTION

Lamb of God (ChantMartens) (S160)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us 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 Father, 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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and Jesus the Christ. The blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be with you and remain with you always. **Amen+**

RECESSIONAL HYMN *O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon) (H 493)*

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

DISMISSAL

As we follow the cross, we are sent into the world with a renewed commitment to loving God and neighbor.

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

PRAYER LIST

Aaron Thurston - Camdyn M - Matt - Tom F - Aiden - safe return of Nancy Guthrie and The Guthrie Family - Joyce - Eileen K - Patricia - Carol Ann - Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - Alec - Ann Ferzoco - Ellen Elliott -- Meredith C -- Greg Eaton - Nicol Family - John - Tracy Sprows - Dennis - Lee G - Don S - 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: Benjamin Tappa - Tiffany Gloria Malloy - 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.

BAPTISM

We are excited to have the next celebration of Baptisms on Sunday, May 24th, the Feast of Pentecost with baptism preparation on the preceding Sunday, after church. This is a joyous occasion and is for anyone regardless of age, background or belief. If you or you have a loved one whom you wish to be baptized or you have any questions, please be in touch with Rev'd Amy.

CONFIRMATION/RECEIVED IN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you have any interest in or are curious about the possibility of being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church this spring please see Rev'd Amy.

HOLY WEEK MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week will begin NEXT week. We will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (3/17, 3/19, 3/24, 3/26) in the parish hall, starting at 5:30pm. The choir will sing on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

We are looking for people to join our handbell choir for Easter Sunday. We will hold rehearsals on Sunday, March 22 and March 29, immediately following our morning service. All are welcome, and no prior experience (or ability to read sheet music) is required for either opportunity.

HOLY WEEK READING OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to be one of the readers of the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday, please contact Janet Keane (jpk482000@yahoo.com) or Joanne (office@standrewshanover.org).

OUR YOUTH



SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Shore to Shore is headed to retreat to learn, play and connect via Zoom with the members of the Volmoed South Africa Leadership program. Part of the shared time at the Barbara C Harris Camp and Conference Center will be creating social media content that invites supporters to our inaugural on-line fundraising campaign.

This is a milestone step and we ask you to participate in this ministry in three ways. First, please keep the young participants of this group and its co-conveners in your prayers. Shore to Shore is an exciting, ambitious and novel ministry and will only succeed with God's help. Second, please tell the story and talk with folks about Shore to Shore. There is lots of exciting and up to date information here. Finally, please visit Shore to Shore's online fundraiser, <https://givebutter.com/2bdik2>, and share the link with your friends. This campaign will require God's help, a lot of grace and a giant footprint of donors.

Thank you for spreading the good news, and all of the love and support for this youth group. Your love and prayers are part of what make these brave and curious teens remain engaged and will change the world.

To donate: Use this QR CODE



or Text **"Shore2Shore" to 53-555**

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.

Calling all animal lovers! The Sunday School will be doing a Puppy Party for our Lenten fundraiser. This will be both a fundraiser and adoption event for Greyhound Pets of America. We'd love it if the congregation can help.

WHEN - Sunday, April 12th - 11:30am - 1:00 pm at St. Andrews.

HOW CAN YOU HELP -

-Donations - we'd love donations of food or money to be put towards the food (we plan to sell hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks with the profits going to Greyhound Pets of America - Massachusetts). Or we can accept donations that we can give directly to Greyhound Pets of America.

-Volunteers - we plan on having fun activities for the kids in addition to some yummy food. Please let us know if you'd like to help set up, man the grill, help with the dogs, entertain kids or help with cleanup. Any help is greatly appreciated!

-Advertise - do you know any families looking to adopt a dog? Or maybe folks who would love to spend some time with some great dogs? Or families who are looking for a free event for kids? Please let invite them! Or feel free to take a flyer (copies are located in the back of the church) to post in the community or share with friends.

QUESTIONS??? - please see anyone from the Sunday School crew or Courtney Hill (617-990-2164).

PARISH COMMUNITY

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.

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

If you prefer to give your pledge (weekly, monthly, other) in a pledge envelope with your name and pledge number, please let Joanne know by email (office@standrewshanover.org) or by phone (781-826-2062) and we will make a set of pledge envelopes for you.

OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY

St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry Thank you so much for your consistent donations. You are invited to join Rev'd Amy when she blesses the donations for the Food Pantry. She prays in thanksgiving for the donors, and for the health and wellbeing of the eventual recipients. For the month of March, we have been asked to collect dish detergent -- either liquid or pods.

March 2026 (See Details on Reverse Side)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 9:30 am Service Sunday School VESTRY MEETING So. Shore Deanery Assembly 5:30 pm Trinity Rockland	16	17 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	18 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom 6:00 pm Lenten Retreat Series #3 (St Luke)	19 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	20	21
22 9:30 am Service Sunday School Handbell choir rehearsal after service Solidarity through Song at UCC Norwell 2pm	23	24 Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	25 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom 6:00 pm Lenten Retreat Series #4 (St A's)	26 Deadline for return of Easter Music/Flower donations Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 am Service Sunday School Handbell choir rehearsal after service	30	31	OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY: Rector's Sabbath TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY: 9:30 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. THURSDAY: Noon TO 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY: 9:30am service; Choir Practice 8:45 a.m.			
April 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Easter 9:30 am Service Flowering of Cross (bring flowers)	6	7	8 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom 6:00 pm Lenten Retreat Series #5 (St Luke)	9 Agape Dinner 6pm Service with feet washing 7pm	10 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT	11 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT
12 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT 9:30 am Service Sunday School 11:30 A.M. Sunday School Greyhound Adoption cookout	13	14	15 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom	16	17	18
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UPCOMING EVENTS (March 15 through April 12, 2026):

Sunday, March 15, 11:00 a.m.

Vestry Meeting. All welcome.

Sunday, March 15, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

South Shore Deanery Assembly at Trinity Church in Rockland. Canon Chris Wendell will be guest, and gathering will include Evening Prayer and a pot-luck supper.

Tuesday, March 17 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week

Wednesday, March 18, 2026; 6:00–7:30 pm

Being Prepared: Decisions, Funeral Homes, and Practical Planning

Hosted by: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066

Thursday, March 19 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week

Sunday, March 22 immediately following service

Handbell choir rehearsal

Sunday, March 22; 2 p.m.

Solidarity through Song at UCC of Norwell

Tuesday, March 24 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week

Wednesday, March 25, 2026; 6:00–7:30 pm

Being Faithful: Getting Our Affairs in Order as an Act of Love

Hosted by: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 17 Church Street, Hanover, MA 02339

Thursday, March 26 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsals for Holy Week

Sunday, March 29 immediately following service

Handbell choir rehearsal

Wednesday, April 1, 2026; 6:00–7:30 pm

Being Human: Grief, Loss, and Love

Hosted by: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 465 First Parish Road, Scituate, MA 02066

Holy Week (March 29 – April 5)

see next page

April 10–12, 2026

Shore to Shore retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center

Sunday, April 12, 2026; 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Sunday School Greyhound Adoption Event & cookout

Recurring events:

Sundays: 9:30am service; Choir Practice 8:45 a.m.; Sunday School/Children's Chapel; Coffee Hour following service

Wednesdays, 7 a.m.: Coffee and Current Events gathering by Zoom

Holy Week March 29 – April 5, 2026

Palm Sunday

3/29/26 – 9:30am service

Maundy Thursday

4/2/26 – Agape dinner at 6pm, service with feet washing at 7pm

Good Friday

4/3/26 – Tenebrae service at 7pm

Easter Sunday

4/5/26 – 9:30 am service

REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS to join in flowering the cross on Easter Sunday.

EASTER MUSIC & FLOWER DONATIONS: Please use the Easter Music/Flower donation envelopes in the pews and return them to the office by **3/26/26** or email or call the office so that your loved ones can be included in the EASTER bulletin.

EASTER OFFERING for St. Andrew's: See envelopes in Narthex and in pews.

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This Morning:

Crucifer: Cheri Dauphinee
Gospeler: Chuck Fiorentino
Torch Bearer: Jen Mitchell
Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson

Lay Readers: Sarah Kelbaugh and
Steve Boutin
Chalice Bearers: Jen Mitchell and
Steve Boutin

A gift has been made to the Altar Guild in loving memory of Frances Church Deering, April 22, 1922 - March 16, 2013.

Vestry Officers & Members: Suzanne Bunszel, Warden; Michelle Joyce, Treasurer; Elise McKee; Gordon O'Reilly; Jen Mitchell and Sherry Long

Contact Information:

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RECURRING EVENTS:

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

Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thursday: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

Every Wednesday Morning, 7 a.m. by Zoom (link on calendar on website):
Coffee and Current Events gathering



online giving link: