

ST. ANDREW'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Jesus Weeps

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 22, 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.

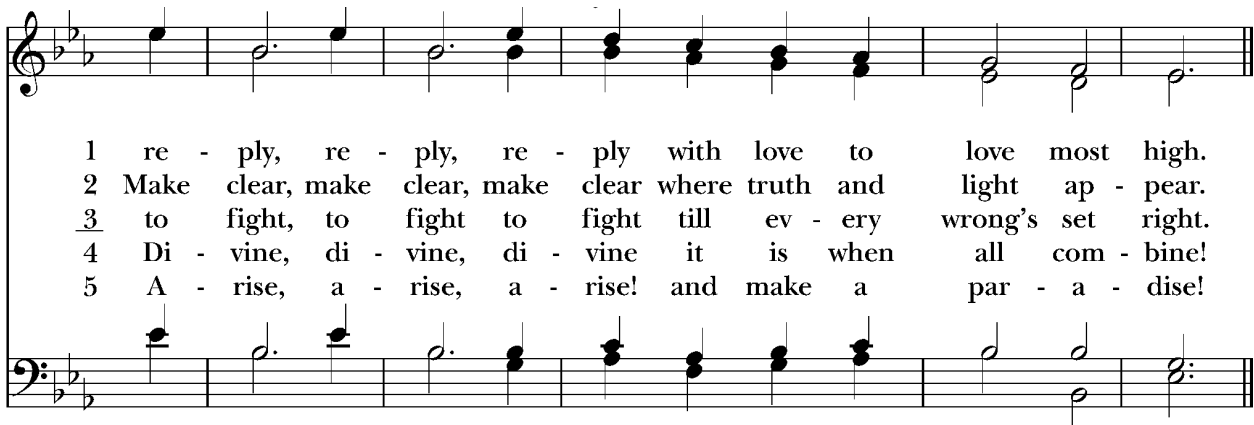
HYMN AT THE PROCESSION *Now quit your care* (Quittez, Pasteurs) (H 145)

1 Now quit your care and anx - ious fear and wor - ry; for
2 To bow the head in sack - cloth and in ash - es, or
3 For is not this the fast that I have cho - sen? (The
4 For right - eous - ness and peace will show their fac - es to
5 Then shall your light break forth as doth the morn - ing; your

1 schemes are vain and fret - ting brings no gain. Lent calls to
2 rend the soul, such grief is not Lent's goal; but to be
3 pro - phet spoke) To shat - ter ev - ery yoke, of wick - ed -
4 those who feed the hun - gry in their need, and wrongs re -
5 health shall spring, the friends you make shall bring God's glo - ry

1 prayer, to trust and ded - i - ca - tion; God brings new beau - ty
2 led to where God's glo - ry flash - es, his beau - ty to come
3 ness the griev - ous bands to loos - en, op - pres - sion put to
4 dress, who build the old waste plac - es, and in the dark - ness
5 bright, your way through life a - dorn - ing; and love shall be the

1 nigh; re - ply, re - ply, re - ply with love to love most high;
2 near. Make clear, make clear, make clear where truth and light ap - pear;
3 flight, to fight, to fight to fight till ev - ery wrong's set right.
4 shine. Di - vine, di - vine, di - vine it is when all com - bine!
5 prize. A - rise, a - rise, a - rise! and make a par - a - dise!



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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 two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy, O Lord." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second 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

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

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 to be read responsively.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him;
in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption,
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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.

Romans 8:6-11

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

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life

because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in 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 *Lord if only you had been there*

Sung to the tune BEACH SPRING

"Lord, if only you had been here, one I love would not have died."
Martha shared her grief with Jesus in these words she sadly cried.
Jesus said, "I'm resurrection. Martha, do you know it's true?
I'm the life for which you're longing." She said, "I believe in you!"

"Lord, if only you had been here!" Jesus heard these words again.
Mary, sitting home and waiting, spoke to Jesus of her pain.
So our Lord was deeply troubled in this world of death and sin.
Sometimes all we see is struggle; death and evil seem to win.

"Lord, if only you had been here," we cry out when all goes wrong —
When our grief is overwhelming, when life's troubles seem so strong.
Then, O Lord, we hear your answer: "I am resurrection — See!
Not just in some distant future — I am life! Now live in me!"

When we share your resurrection, when we know that you are life,
We find courage for our living in this world of pain and strife.
We your church will work for justice, welcome strangers, help the poor.
Faced with death, we'll be a witness: you are with us, Risen Lord.

Biblical Reference: John 11:1-45

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Christopher Gage ("God Whose Giving Knows No Ending")

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THE GOSPEL

This morning's story of the raising of Lazarus is very long and complete. You are invited to remain standing, or to kneel, or to sit for its reading. Please adopt whichever posture will help you connect to and absorb these holy words.

Gospel: John 11:1-45

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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, as Jesus, in the days before his passion, offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears, let us pray for those who suffer, those who are in need, and those who seek reconciliation.

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:

God of compassion, you know our faults and yet you promised to forgive. Keep us in your presence and give us your wisdom. Open our hearts to gladness, call dry bones to dance, and restore to us the joy of your salvation. **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.

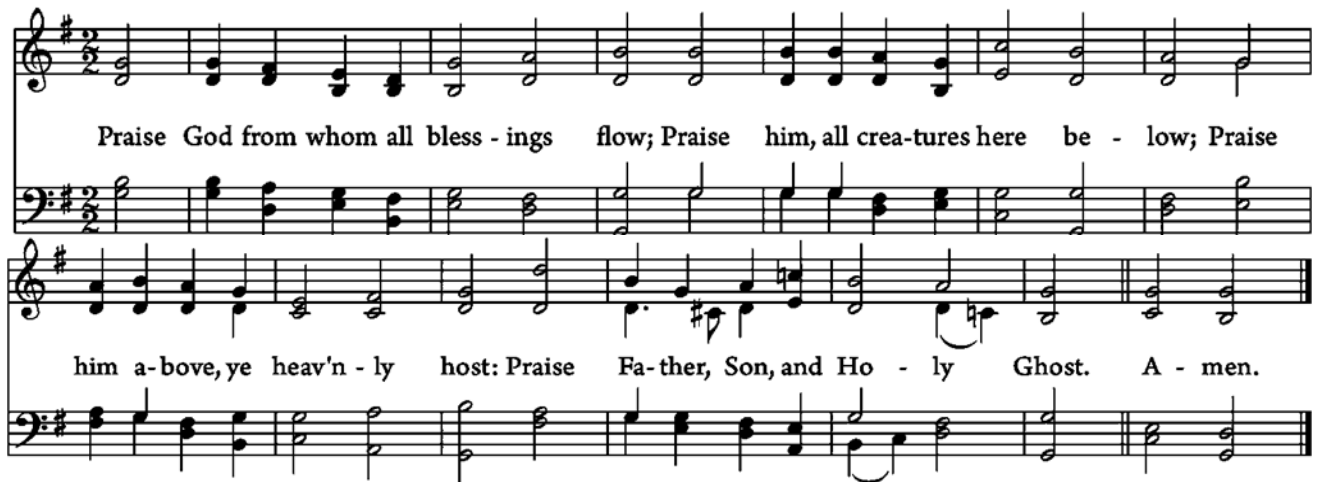
ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Lord Jesus, think on me (Southwell) (H 641)

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,
from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav - en - ly way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

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.

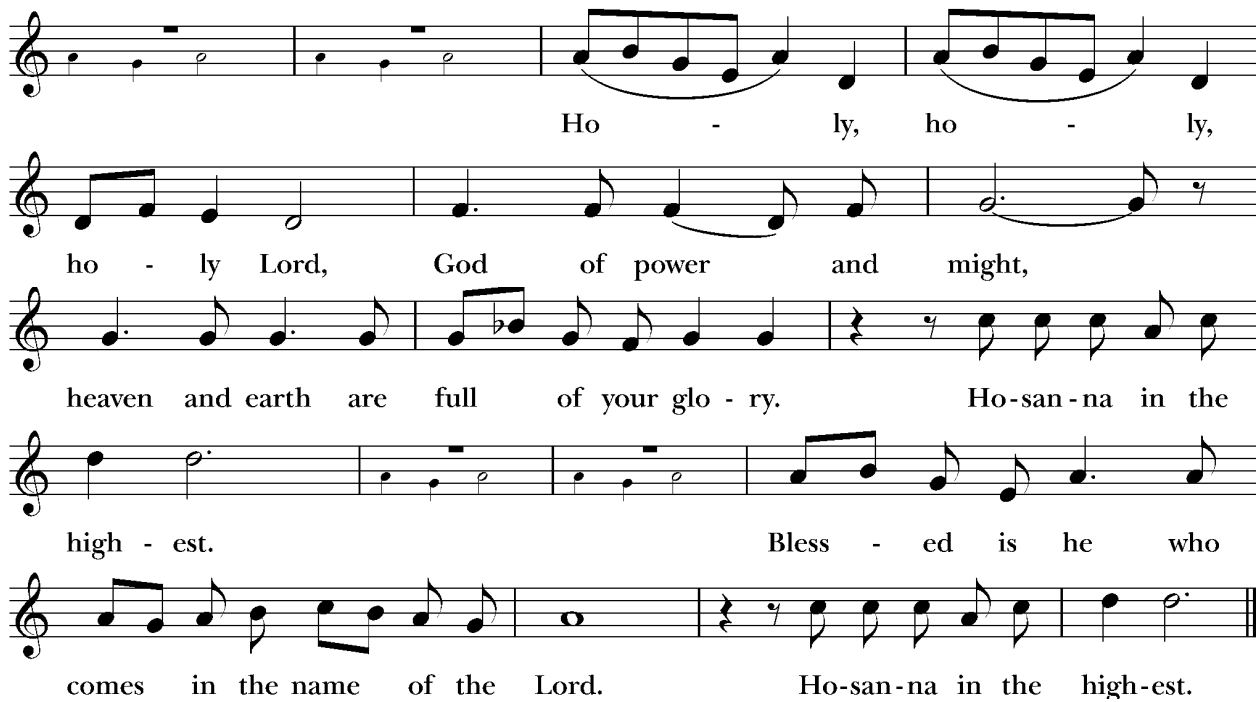
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

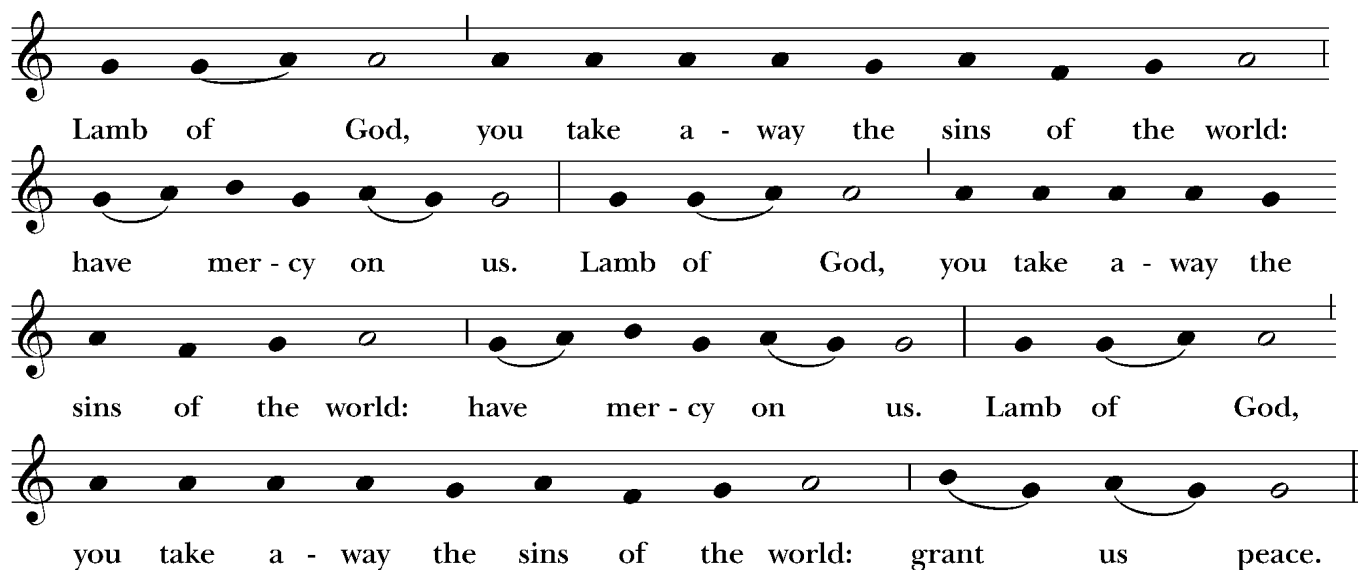
The priest breaks the bread in silence.

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

Kind Maker of the world, O hear (H 152)

1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent
2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est
3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and
4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -
5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -

1 prayer, with man - ya tear poured forth by all the
2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and
3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry
4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,
5 chang - ing Un - i - ty; that this our fast of

1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!
2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.
3 of thy Name, our weak - ened souls to health re - claim.
4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.
5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

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.**

OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

PRAYER LIST

Aaron Thurston – Kay – Taylor – anyone in harm's way – 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: William J. MacLellan – 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 (May 17th), 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 continue this week. We will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (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 today, Sunday, March 22 and on Sunday, 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.

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.

COMMUNITY BRIDGE

Weekly on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m., beginning on Holy Tuesday, March 31, a group will meet to play bridge followed by lunch at noon in the parish hall. Beginners most welcomed. If interested, contact Keith MacLeod at flockof4@comcast.net or at 617-733-3270.

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.

REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS AND BELLS. Together we will flower the Cross and punctuate our "Alleluias" with joyful bell ringing 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 **3/31/26** 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.

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 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 Series #4 (St Andrew'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 9:30 am Bridge Group	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.			

Holy Week - Tuesday-Saturday (3/31-4/4): Sanctuary open for prayer, 9am to 4pm

April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Easter 9:30 am Service Flowering of Cross (bring flowers)	6	7 9:30 am Bridge Group	1 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom 6:00 pm Lenten Series #5 (St Luke)	2 Maundy Thursday Agape Dinner 6pm Service with feet washing 7pm	3 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7pm	4 9-11 am DUCT TAPE Committee
12 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT 9:30 am Service Sunday School 11:30 A.M. Sunday School Greyhound Adoption cookout	13	14 9:30 am Bridge Group	8 7 a.m. Coffee & Current Events by Zoom	9	10 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT	11 SHORE TO SHORE RETREAT
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UPCOMING EVENTS (March 22 through April 19, 2026):

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

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

Holy Week (March 29 – April 5)

Palm Sunday

3/29/26 - 9:30am service

Tuesday–Saturday (3/31–4/4): Sanctuary open for prayer, 9am to 4pm

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

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

Sunday, April 19, 2026; 11:00 a.m.

Vestry Meeting

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

JESUS'S FRIEND, LAZARUS, HAD DIED.

Jesus went to Lazarus's house. Lazarus's sisters, Mary and Martha, came out to meet him.

They said, "Master, if only you had been here to save him, our brother would not have died."

Jesus said, "I am resurrection... I am new life!"

JOHN 11:25

Jesus was crying, too. But he said, "Take away the stone from the cave where he is buried."

The sisters said, "But it will smell!" Jesus said, "LAZARUS! COME OUT!!"

Jesus cried, because he loved Lazarus and his sisters. He cried because sin and death have spoiled God's world for all of us. He cried, because death is a strong enemy. Soon, he would face death himself, on the cross. Jesus fought against death, and won new life for all of us!

O DRY BONES, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

I WILL RAISE YOU FROM YOUR GRAVES, O MY PEOPLE, AND YOU SHALL LIVE

ZEKEHIEL 37:4

Make the dry bones come back to life!

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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:

