

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ANY PLACE, ANY TIME

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 8, 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

Forty days and forty nights (H 150)

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

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

Lord, have___ mer - cy, Christ, have___ mer - cy.

Lord, have___ mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are 'Lord, have___ mer - cy, Christ, have___ mer - cy.' The piano accompaniment starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 6/8 time signature. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'Lord, have___ mer - cy, have mer - cy, O Lord.' The piano accompaniment continues with the same key signature and time signature.

COLLECT FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

Exodus 17:1-7

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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 95

Read responsively.

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

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 5:1-11

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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

When, like the woman at the well (Wayne) (VF 24)

1 When, like the wo - man at the well, I
2 Christ knew my heart, my way - ward ways, yet
3 I learned I could for - ev - er live and
4 Each day I lift my cup a - bove and
5 Since now I am in grace im - mersed, set

lived with bro - ken dreams, _____ Christ came to me, good
gave me hope, not fear. _____ The God I once thought
wor - ship God a - right, _____ could trust the power the
once a - gain re - ceive _____ the liv - ing wa - ter
free, for - giv - en, whole, _____ I share with those who

news to tell, of ev - er liv - ing streams. _____
far a - way, I could ap - proach, draw near. _____
Spi - rit gives to guide me in truth's light. _____
of God's love, re - vealed for my be - lief. _____
are a - thirst the well - springs of my soul. _____

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THE GOSPEL

Gospel: John 4:5-42

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus

answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for

harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN

The Water God Gives Us (V3)

Sung to the tune LYONS

Then just like that woman who went to the well,
We hear you, O Christ, and the truth that you tell.
You know who we are and you know what we've been;
You know us and love us in spite of our sin.

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

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. Christopher's Church, Chatham; St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown; St. Peter's Church, Osterville; Union of Black Episcopalians, 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:

Shape us and transform us by your grace, that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence, never faltering until we have done all that you desire to bring your realm of shalom to fulfillment. **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 *Rock of ages, cleft for me (Toplady) (H 685)*

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

*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

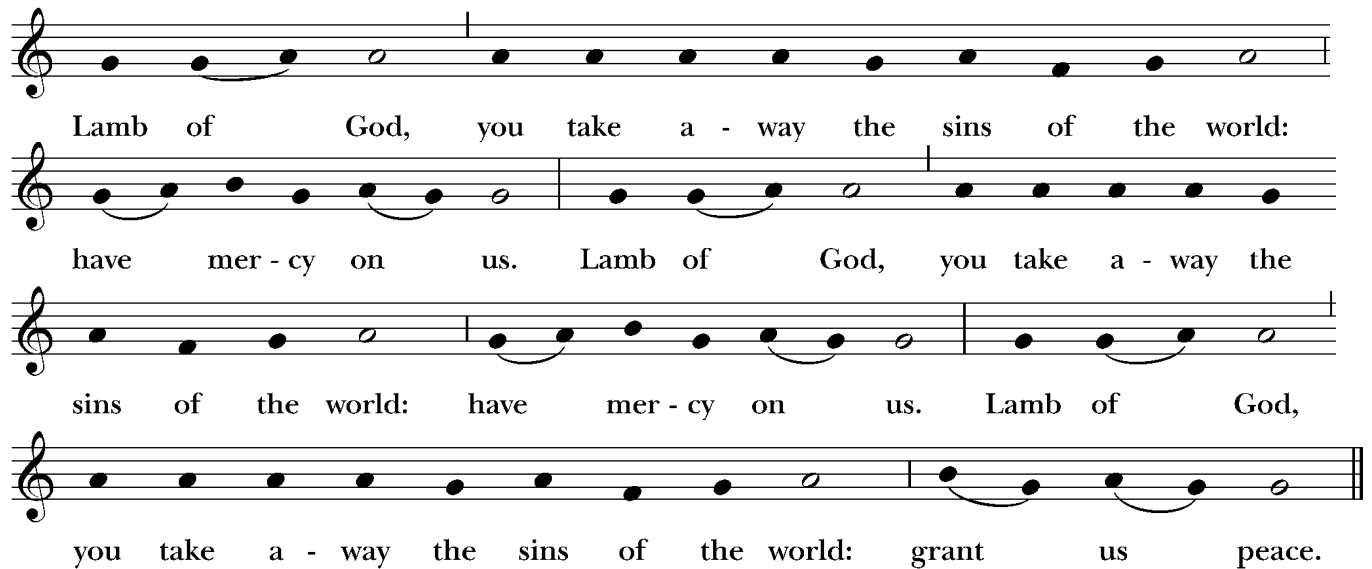
The priest breaks the bread in silence.

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

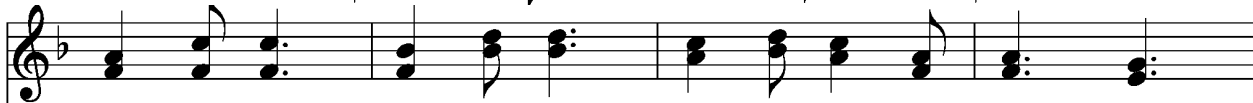
Near the Cross (LEVAS 29)



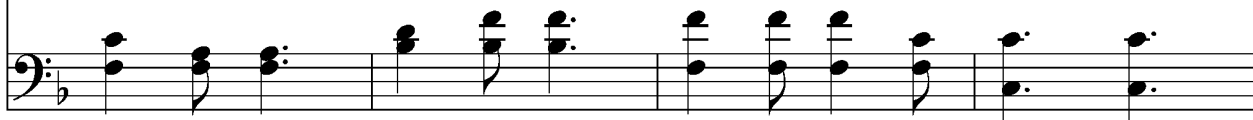
1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
4. Near the cross, I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



1. Free to all, a heal - ing stream Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
2. There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Sheds its beams a - round me.
3. Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ows o'er me.
4. Till I reach the gold - en strand Just be - yond the riv - er.



In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er;



Till my rap - tured soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.



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

Those in need: Camdyn M. Moreau – Tom F – Matt – Aiden – safe return of 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: Benjamin Tappa – 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.

WOMEN COMPOSER SUNDAY

Today, we once again celebrate Women Composer Sunday – an international initiative, which was launched in 2021 to provide a platform for the recognition of the wonderful organ/liturgical music written by women composers. Some of the music used during today's service was written by women in some way (either composition of music/lyrics, arrangement, adaption, etc.) Specific details on selections are below.

When, like the woman at the well

This piece was written by Edith Sinclair Downing (1922–2016), who began her ministry of writing hymns in her late sixties – and continued to write hymns and serve as a church organist well into her 80's. May she be an inspiration to us all.

The Water God Gives Us

Based on today's Gospel reading from John, this text was written by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961), who is a New York based Presbyterian pastor; hospice and hospital chaplain. Carolyn is a gifted hymn writer who has written over 400 hymns. Our music ministry program at St. Andrew's owns many of her hymnals, and we use her hymns frequently.

Lord, who throughout these forty days

This was actually last week's processional, but it deserves recognition, as the text of this hymn was written by the prolific English composer Claudia F. Hernaman (1838–1898), who wrote more than 150 hymns.

PLANNING AHEAD: If you are considering being Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church talk to Rev. Amy or email Joanne.

OUR YOUTH



SHORE TO SHORE – HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Shore to Shore is meeting TONIGHT, March 8, 5:00–6:30 pm. Dinner is being provided by Jersey Mikes. If you will be attending, you must text or call Jim Laprade at (617) 312–4632 with your food order. The group is planning a fund raiser trivia night at St. John's, Hingham on Saturday, March 28. All are welcome. Watch for more details. We are in the midst of intense fundraising for Shore to Shore. The cost for education materials, gatherings, retreats and \$6,000 per teen.

If you have relationships or connections that might enhance our fundraising, 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

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.

Every Wednesday Morning, 7 a.m. by Zoom ([link on calendar on website](#))

Coffee and Current Events gathering - a place to gather with friends to contemplate the state of the world and the challenges of being part of it. No agenda – come as you are.

TODAY, Sunday, March 8, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Shore to Shore High School Youth Group

Wednesdays in Lent; 6:00–7:30 pm beginning 2/25/26

This Lenten season, South Shore Episcopal churches invite the community to *Even at the Grave: Being Hopeful, Prepared, and Faithful*, a five-week retreat series combining presentation, discussion and spiritual reflection on topics addressing end-of-life, loss, and legacy. We will meet at one of three Episcopal churches each Wednesday from 6:00–7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! The series continues:

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Being Cared For: Hospice, Palliative Care, and Sacred Presence

Hosted by: Trinity Episcopal Church; 229 Highland Street, Marshfield Hills, MA

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Being Prepared: Decisions, Funeral Homes, and Practical Planning

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

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

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Being Human: Grief, Loss, and Love

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

Coffee with Your Priest

Part of Rev'd Amy's Lenten Discipline is meeting parishioners for coffee during the 40 days of Lent. Small groups or one on one – she'll meet you at your favorite coffee shop for coffee talk. Casual. Her treat. Call/email Joanne to schedule.

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Torch Bearer: Jen Mitchell
Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson

This Morning:

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

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

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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

Every Wednesday Morning, 7 a.m. by Zoom (link on calendar on website):

Coffee and Current Events gathering

online giving link:

