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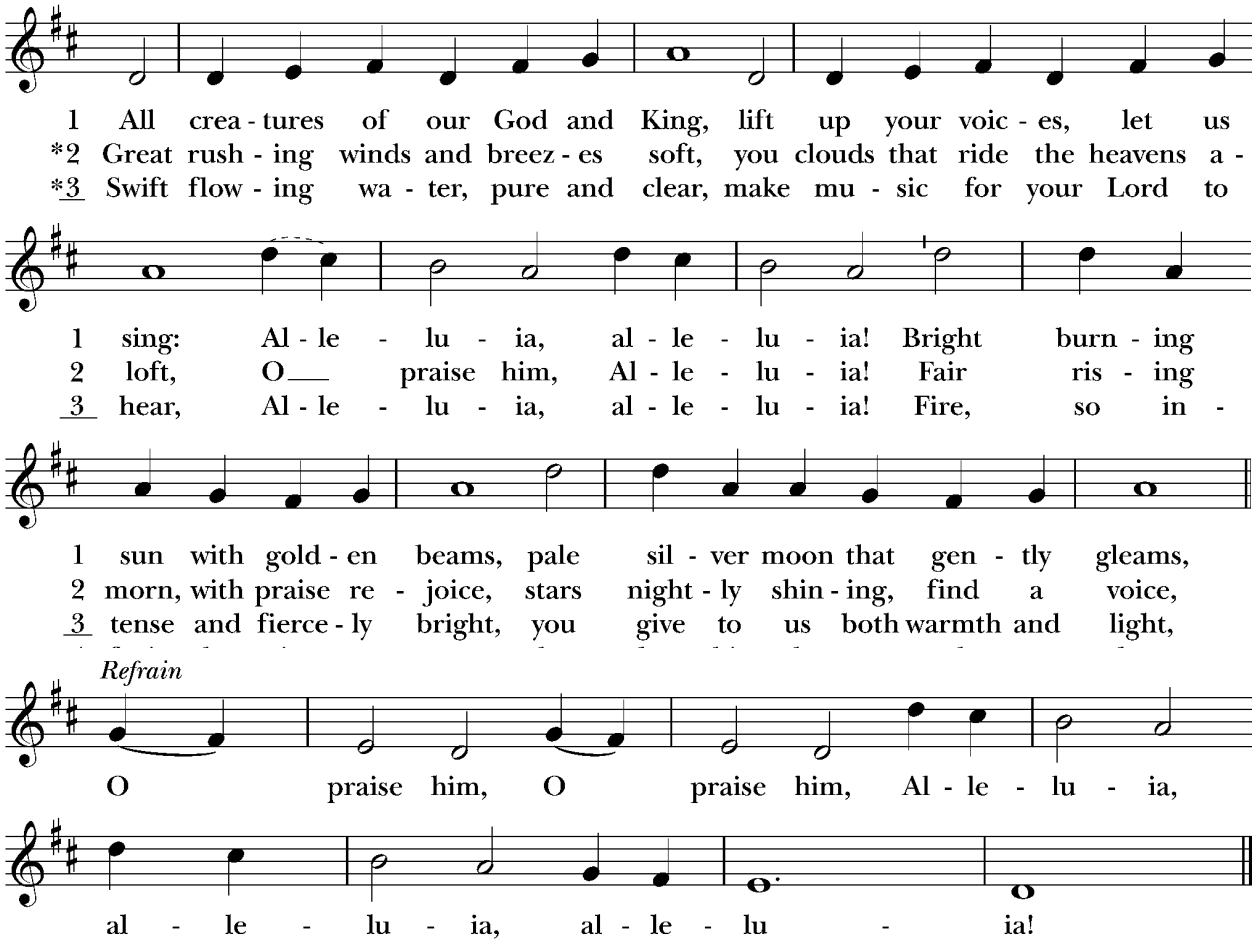
September 13, 2026 • 9:30 AM

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 19 A

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *All creatures of our God and King* (H 400) (V 1-3)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever

This prayer was an English rendering of a Latin prayer that began the liturgy in the medieval church before the Reformation. It remains a distinctive part of Episcopal worship to this day.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

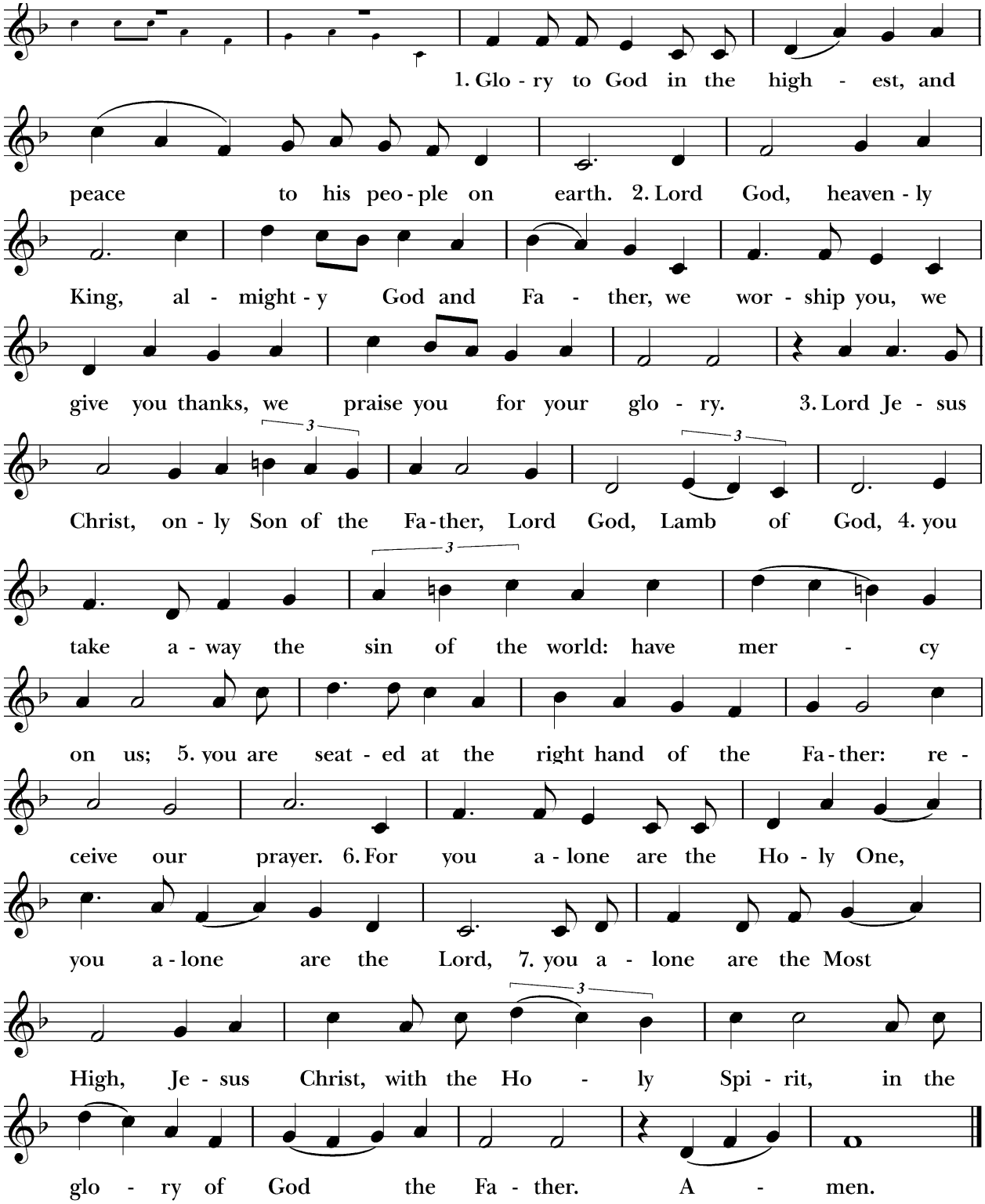
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Gloria centers the service on the God we gather to praise in our worship.

GLORIA

Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell) (S280)



The collect is the appointed prayer that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

All: O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

This reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures which Jesus knew and often referred to or quoted.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:19-31

A Reading from the book of the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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.

Read responsively

Psalm 114

Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt,

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

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 14:1-12

A Reading from Paul's letter to church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of

another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

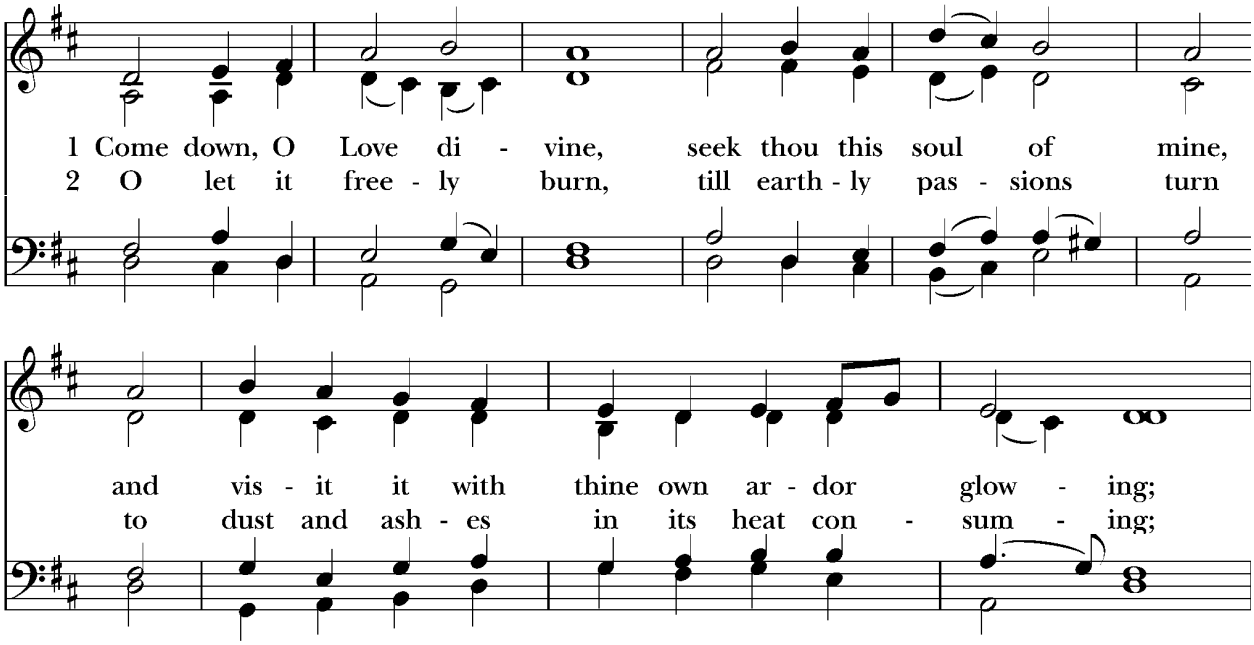
Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

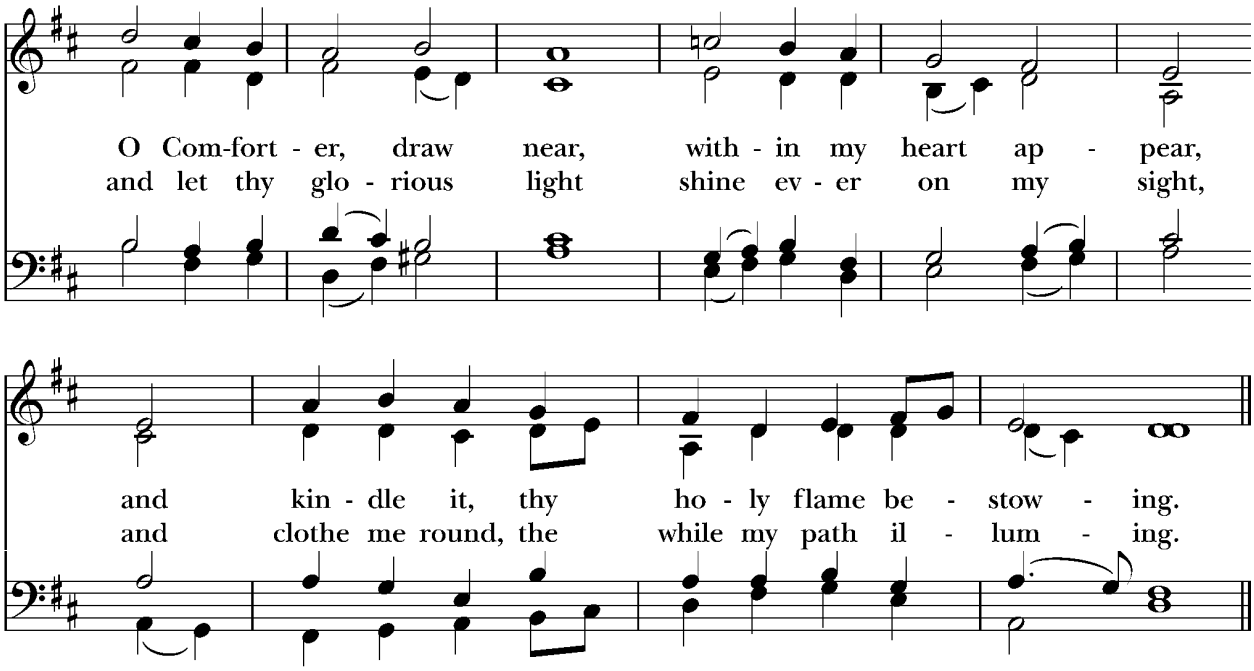
People: Thanks be to God.

The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means "good news"—specifically the "good news of Jesus."

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE

Come down, O Love divine (H 516) (V 1-2)





This reading is taken from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. We stand for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that

had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN

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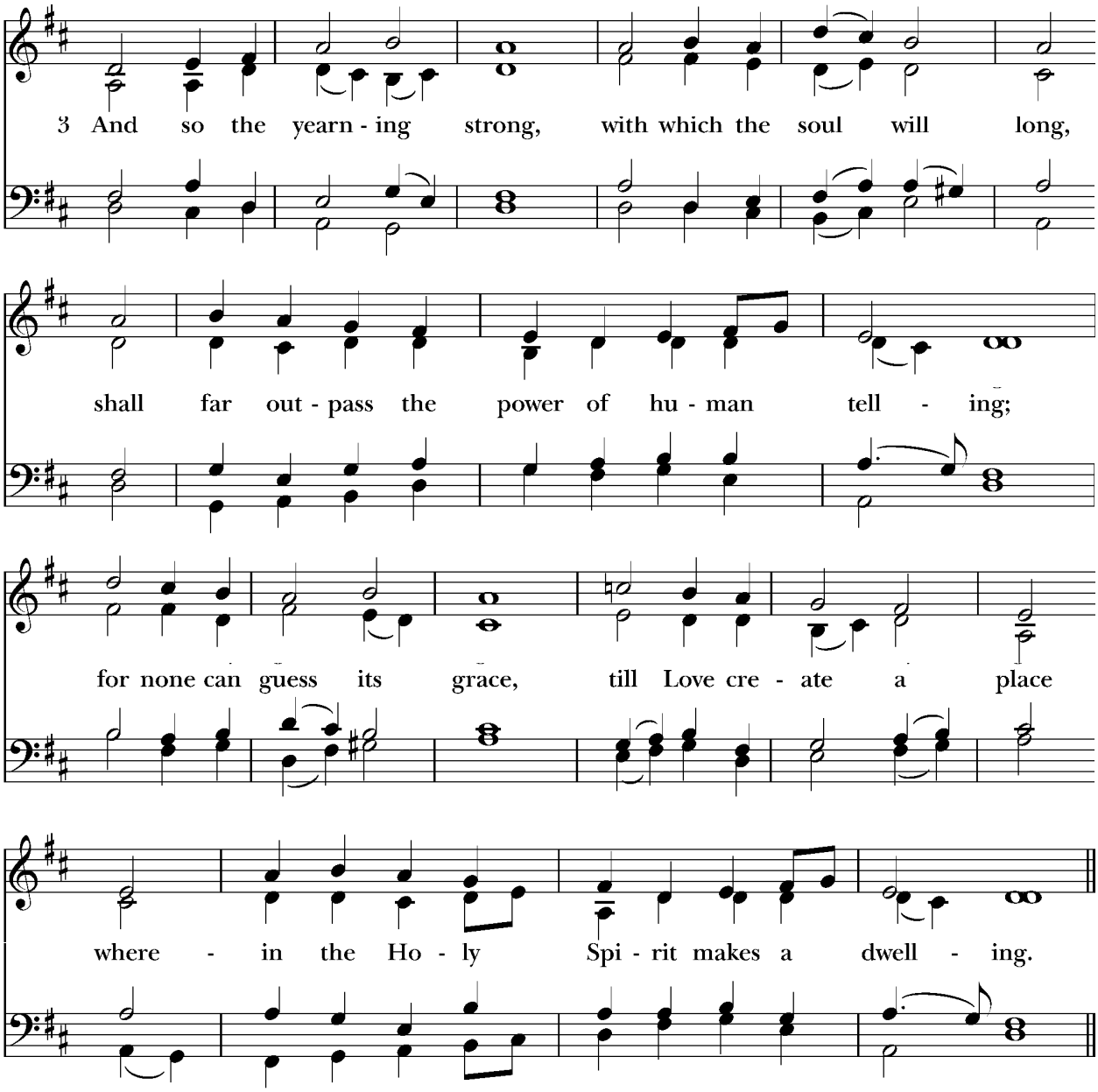

THE SERMON

The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

SILENT REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant: In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

All: **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

Leader: God of salvation, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost, hear our prayers on behalf of those who are lost in our day, receiving these petitions and thanksgivings with your unending compassion.

Leader: For all to whom you have given life and being, we pray:

People: **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People: **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader: For all elected leaders including Donald our President, Maura our Governor, Joe our Town Manager, for members of our courts, and for all public servants, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or the devastation and violence of war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy, and for those we name now

(pause as the community shares their prayers either silently or aloud)

we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For those who suffer from any grief or trouble including the victims and all those who are missing from the floods in Nepal, those on our parish prayer list, and those who need our love and support

(the community shares their prayers either silently or aloud)

we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. We pray for all the blessings of this life including those we name in our hearts or aloud

(the community shares their prayers either silently or aloud)

we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Leader: For those in our Diocesan cycle of prayer: Churches of the Neponset River Deanery: Christ Church, Medway; St. Michael's Church, Milton; Church of Our Saviour, Milton; St. John's Church, Westwood; Trinity Church, Stoughton; Trustees of Donations, we pray:

People: Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Celebrant: Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us. Deliver us from our captivity to pride and indifference to the needs and gifts of others, so that we may be ready to love as you have loved us, and to give even as we have received, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Confessing our sins, receiving forgiveness (absolution), and showing signs of peace to one another prepare us to receive Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord 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

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Gracious and loving God, as a new school year begins, we give you thanks for these children and young people, for their teachers and all who care for them. May your encouraging presence be known to them in their classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, playgrounds, buses, playing fields, rehearsal rooms, and all the places this year will take them.

Give them curious minds, courageous hearts, good friends, patient teachers, and plenty of reasons to laugh. When learning is difficult, give them perseverance. When they make mistakes, help them begin again. Whenever they may become worried or distracted, assure them that they are never alone.

Keep our students safe, and help them to be kind and brave, to notice anyone who needs a friend, to stand up for what is right, and to discover the gifts you have placed within them. And above all else, Dear God, help them embrace that they are known, they are loved and they belong.

Bless their learning, bless their growing, and bless the year ahead with wonder, friendship, discovery, and joy.

People: Amen.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

Celebrant: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in each heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

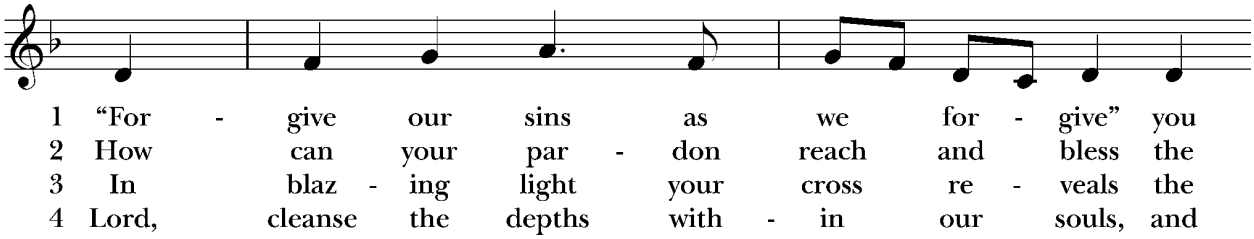
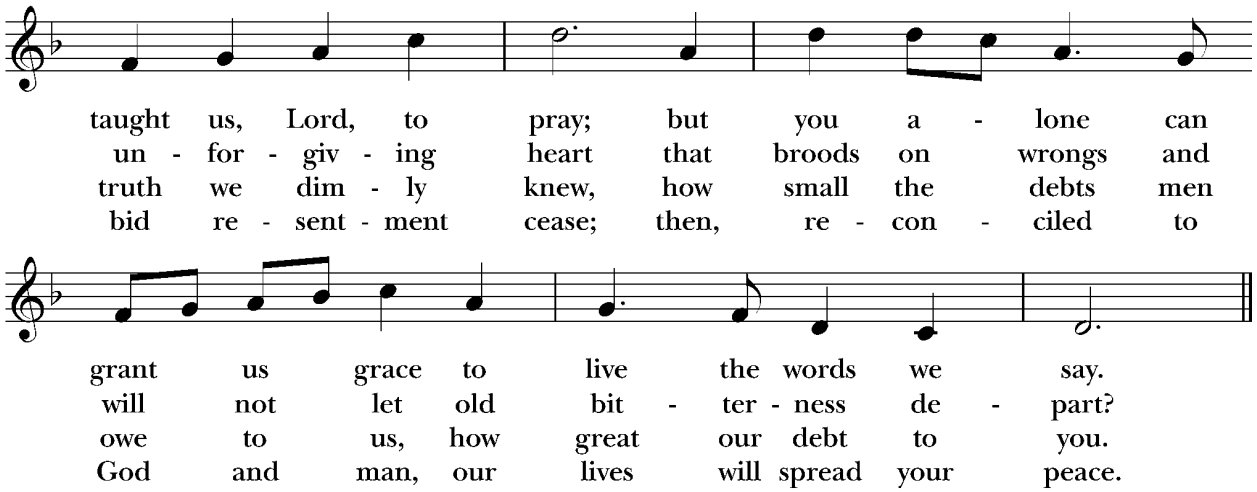
OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.
An offering is received to support St. Andrew's ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code on the back of this leaflet, or online at standrewshanover.org/give.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Forgive our sins as we forgive (Detroit) (H 674)*



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

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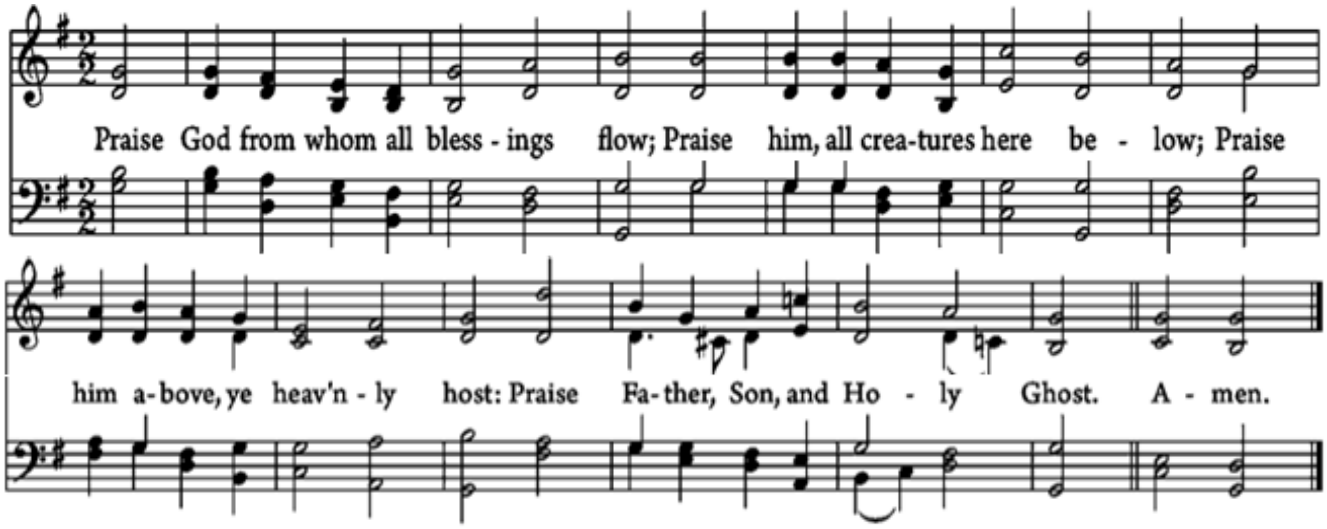


In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action 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

Eucharistic Prayer III

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 our thanks and praise.

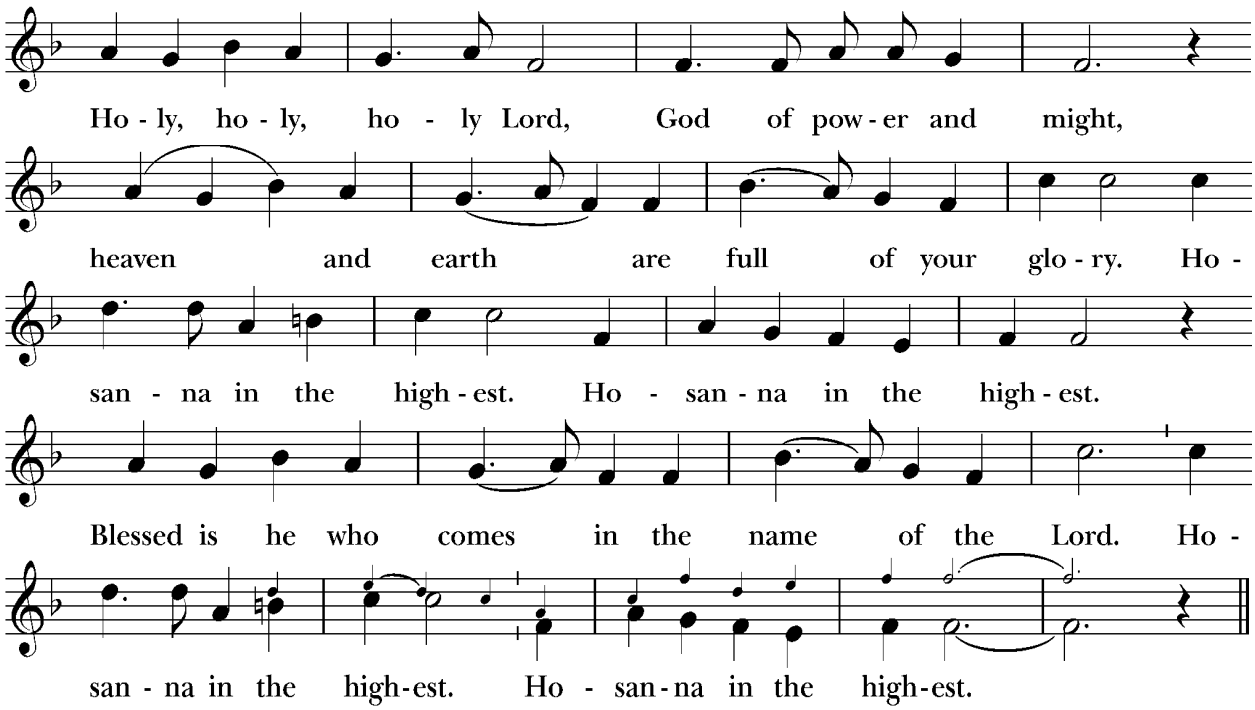
Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

The Sanctus is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.

SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy (Proulx) (S125)*



We recall God's acts of salvation history. The presider 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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, and Andrew and all your people and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name forever.

The Great Amen is when the congregation with a unified great voice concurs with all that the presider has prayed. It is the only "Amen" in all capitals found in the Book of Common Prayer, signifying the greatness of the congregation's response.

Celebrant: Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

ALL: **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

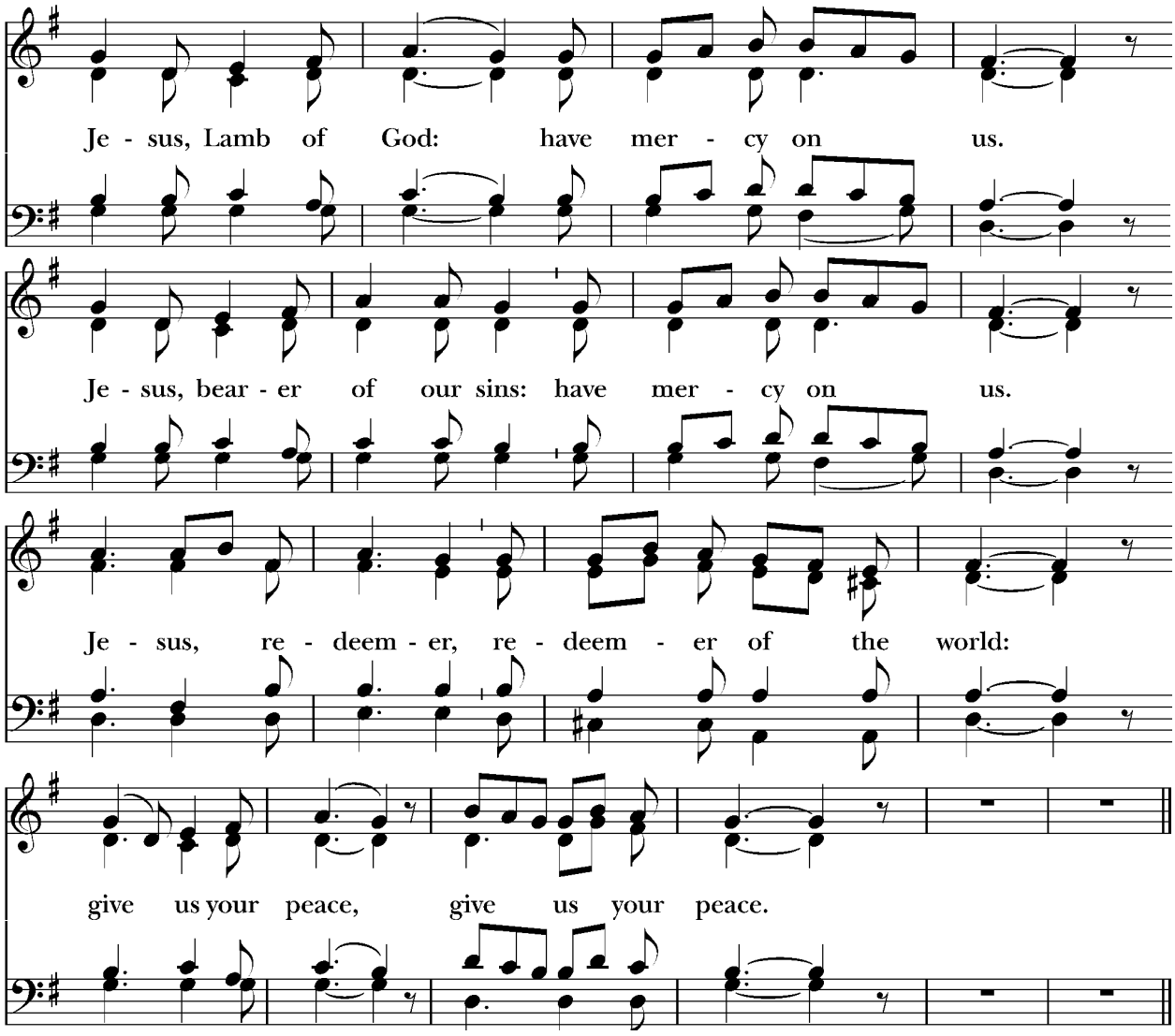
All: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Jesus, Lamb of God (Schubert/Proulx) (S 164)

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.

PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Celebrant: As we give thanks for the meal we have just shared, we also give thanks and celebrate grandparents who have nourished us with their love and blessed us with their stories and connected us to generations past. Thank you, grandparents, for embodying God's love for us and encouraging us. May you find joy on this special day.

People: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Gracious and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, we ask that you teach us to receive the mercy we cannot earn and to offer mercy as freely as we are able. Where we have caused hurt, dear Lord, give us courage to make amends; where we have been wounded, give us freedom from bitterness, and where reconciliation is neither possible nor safe, grant us the wisdom to entrust to you what we can not repair. In your name we pray, Amen.

BLESSING

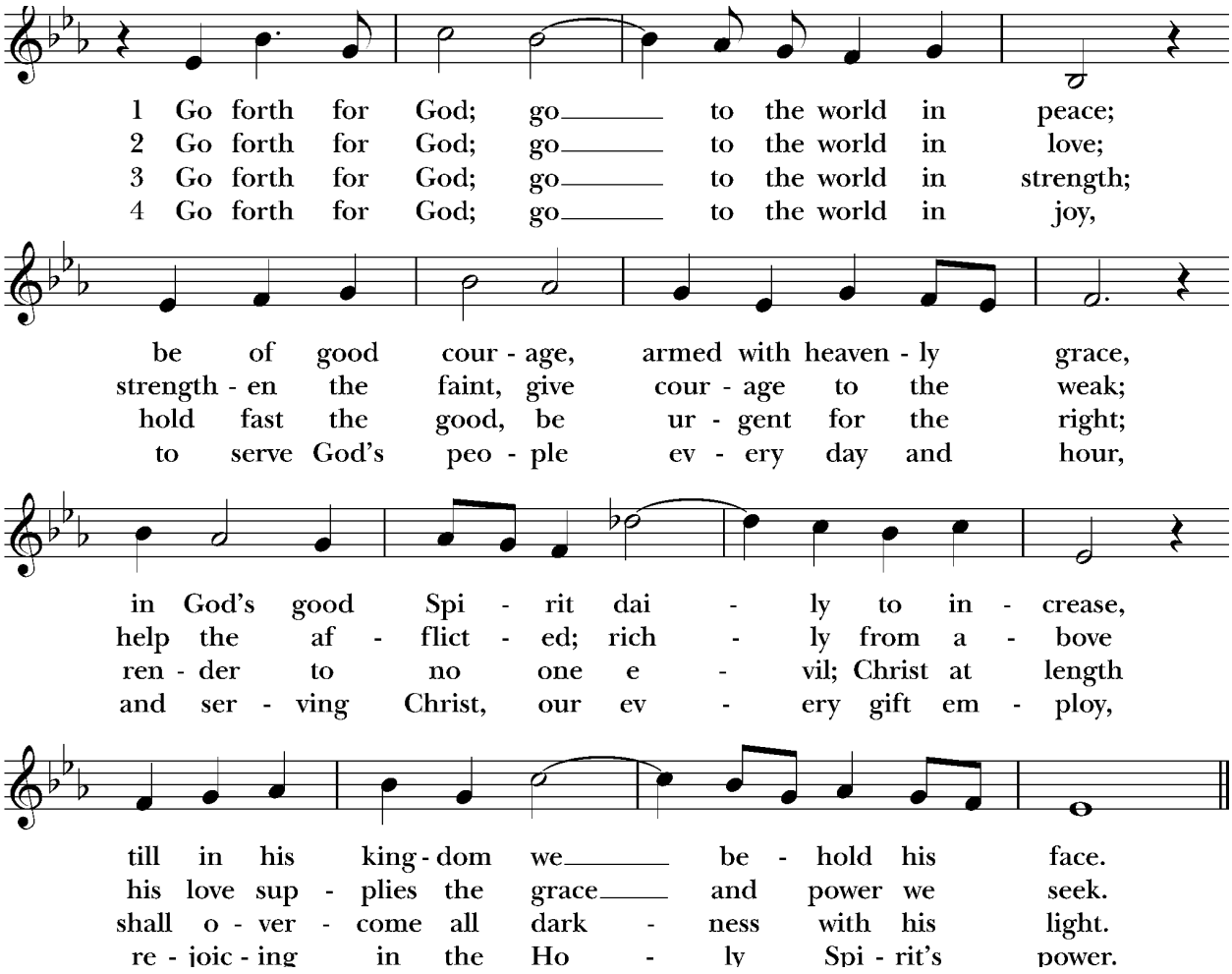
Celebrant: May God who remembers us in mercy, free you from the burdens you were never meant to carry; may Christ give you courage to forgive, wisdom to seek justice, and grace to begin again; and may the Holy Spirit surprise you with beauty, restore your hope, and lead you into joy.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always.

People: Amen.

Children are invited to join the priest at the altar during the Recessional Hymn and to help bear the consecrated elements out of the Church and to help to dispose of them reverently outside.

RECESSIONAL HYMN *Go forth for God; go to the world in peace (H 347)*



DISMISSAL

Celebrant: My siblings in Christ, our worship has ended; let our service begin, as we go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

In continuation of the love and connection experienced during our service, please come spend some time together in our parish hall sharing refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

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Our Prayer and Sacramental Life

PRAYER LIST

Christine, Derek & Kelly - Kevin S – Chuck F - Mary D - Libby Tolley - Rev. Patti – Penny - Carol & Twig - Monica - Patrick S - Louie - Betty G - John S - Sue Hislop - Carol and Chick Kastner - Edward "Ned" McCann - Sue G - Mary Robinson - Camdyn M - Matt - Aiden – safe return of Nancy Guthrie and The Guthrie Family - 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 -- Jesse on his seminary journey. Those who have died and their families and loved ones: Joan Dwyer - Dieter Braun - David Magraw - Celeste Hopkins – Richard Buonvicino - Joy Misek - Benjamin Tappa - Tiffany Gloria Malloy - Matilda Dale DiIorilo - Jimmy Tracy - James Busby

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

BAPTISMS

We are excited to have the next celebration of Baptisms on Sunday, September 27th. 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. Looking further ahead, we will also be celebrating Baptisms on Sunday, November 1st.

Our Youth

SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

A YOU(TH) GROUP! Young People Change the World

Shore to Shore connects teenagers from Massachusetts to South Africa

The Shore to Shore Youth Group's next meeting is tonight, Sunday, September 13th, 5-6:45pm -- Great Food, New Friends, a Place of Belonging. If you have a high school student in your life, please encourage them to check S2S out. Dinner catered by Olive Garden. To place an order or to arrange a ride, contact co-convener Jim Laprade (JFLaprade@comcast.net or text (617) 312-4631). We are excited to see where this ministry takes us!

There are two ways to give and support this ministry. The first is to bring your spare change to church and drop it in one of the Shore to Shore change buckets (making a change with every gift!); the second is to give through the give butter platform: https://givebutter.com/2bdiK2 or at QR CODE.

GODLY PLAY - Come Wonder With Us
There is a place for your child here.
New and returning children (ages 3+) are warmly welcome.
Godly Play begins the first Sunday of October (10/4/26).

At 9:00 a.m. grownups bring their children directly to the Godly Play Room where we will begin our morning together.

While grownups head to worship, children enter a beautiful, welcoming space created especially for them.

Children come together to

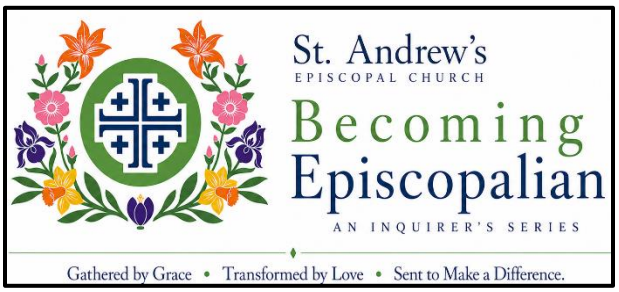
Hear stories.
Ask big questions.
Wonder. Create. Pray.
And discover how much God loves them.

Each week, we hope children will come to know something that can shape a lifetime:

You are known.
You are loved by God.
You belong here.

After Godly Play, the children join their families in the church for announcements and Holy Communion, so that we end our Sunday morning together as one church family.

Curious? See Rev. Amy or any one of our ambassadors (Elizabeth Lehnertz, Ann Hunt, Linda Thurston, Sally Boutin, Suzanne Bunszel, Susan Soumah) after church any Sunday. Learn more at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, September 27. Check out the Godly Play Room.



A Six-Week Inquirers' Series: Wednesdays 7:00–8:30 p.m.; September 23 – October 28

Growing in faith. Asking good questions. Finding your place in God's story.

Whether you are brand new to St. Andrew's, exploring the Christian faith, returning to church after time away, considering Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage or Reception, or simply hoping to deepen your understanding of the Episcopal Church, Becoming Episcopalian is an invitation to discover the richness of our tradition while deepening friendships and community connections while discovering new insights into what it means to be God's people and to follow Jesus.

This is also an opportunity to spend time together beyond Sunday mornings—to listen, laugh, wonder, and learn from one another. Becoming Episcopalian will provide the opportunity for questions and conversation, to share experiences and insights, or to simply be present at church in a different way.

Together we'll explore what Episcopalians believe, how we worship, why we pray the way we do, the Book of Common Prayer, the sacraments, Scripture, the Church year, and what it means to live a joyful, compassionate Christian life in today's complicated world.

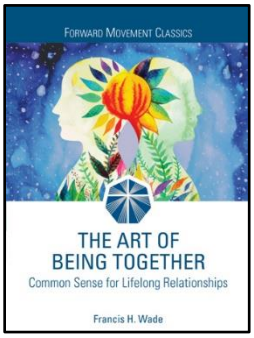
We'll use *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* as our guide, but no prior knowledge is expected.

Bring your questions. Bring your curiosity. Bring your whole self.

Whether you've wondered why some Episcopalians stand, kneel, and cross themselves; how we understand the Bible; why we baptize infants; or how faith intersects with everyday life, this series is designed to be a place of honest conversation, thoughtful learning, and shared discovery.

Attend in person at St. Andrew's or online via Zoom. We'll make it easy for everyone to participate, wherever you are on Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.; September 23 – October 28.

Everyone is welcome. Whether you're discerning membership, preparing for Confirmation or Reception, or simply curious about the Episcopal Church, we'd be delighted to welcome you. To register or learn more, please contact Rev. Amy or sign up using the link on the parish website.



A Class for Couples – The Art of Being Together
Six Thursdays, September 24-October 29; 6:00–8:15 p.m.

This Fall we will spend 6 weeks focused on The Art of Being Together, and the joys and challenges of being part of a healthy couple. To love and be loved is among the greatest gifts and joys God offers and it isn't easy.
Beginning Thursday, September 24th at 7pm we'll gather to discuss some of the fundamentals of building and maintaining a happy and healthy relationship. Whether you are dating, or married, blissfully happy or struggling to find a way forward, this class is for you. All are welcome. (Six Thursdays 7pm – 8:15pm in person or by Zoom.) Please sign up using the Sign Up Form on our parish website if you are interested and Reverend Amy will respond to any questions in advance.

Parish Community

VESTRY MEETING TODAY. All welcome.

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE
The Parish Life Committee is working with our hospitality group in putting together our celebration and thank you to Sean Glennon who was our music director for 15 years.

Please plan on joining us on Saturday, September 26 at 5:00 p.m. for food, memories and fellowship to thank and honor Sean and his family. See sign up sheets in parish hall or email Janet Keane at jkp482000@yahoo.com if you are able to contribute food to the potluck dinner. Use LINK at QR CODE to let us know if you will be attending.

MINISTRY FAIR DURING "COFFEE HOUR"
"God's abundance is not measured by what we begin with. It is measured by what God does with what we are willing to offer." Sunday, September 27, come and learn about the many ministries of the church, and discern how you might be called to add your gifts.

BECOME A PLEDGING MEMBER
Being faithful stewards of our resources is an on-going opportunity. If you are among those who have pledged – THANK YOU! Your gift and promise contributes to the stability of St. Andrew's and allows us to plan ahead. If you have not yet made a commitment, pledge packets are in the Narthex, and your thoughtful investment of your time, talent or financial resources are a blessing.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC SEARCH
Are you a musician? Do you know one? We seek a Director of Music who will partner with clergy and parish leadership to build upon a strong musical foundation while helping shape the next era of ministry at St. Andrew's. Salary: Competitive and commensurate with experience. Part-Time (approximately 10-12 hours per week)
Please see full job description, video and application process on the parish website standrewshanover.org.

SHARING YOUR GARDEN'S ABUNDANCE
Have more vegetables in your home garden than you can use? Bring them to church on Sunday and put them in the parish hall so that others may share in your abundance!

Our Outreach Efforts

HANOVER FOOD PANTRY
St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry Thank you so much for your consistent donations. For the month of September, we have been asked to collect cookies and school snacks of all kinds including gluten free and peanut free options.

HANSON DAY
Join us on Saturday, September 19 (rain date 9/26/26) for Hanson Day! We will be Making Kindness Loud. It is a fun family friendly event! The event takes place at Indian Head Elementary, 726 Indian Head Street, Hanson MA. We are looking for volunteers to set up at 9:30, help at the table from 10:00-2:00 and clean up around 2:00. Please use the sign up form on the parish website. We look forward to seeing you there!

EPISCOPAL CITY MISSION CHURCH CAPTAIN
St. Andrew's is seeking a Church Captain to serve as a liaison with Episcopal City Mission, to keep us connected and updated around opportunities for learning and action related to immigrant justice, housing justice, and moving money faithfully to those most impacted by injustice. ECM builds relationships and collective power for racial and economic justice as the expression of God's transforming love. You can learn more about ECM at www.episcopalcitymission.org, and if you are interested in the position please be in touch with Rev. Amy at RevAmy@standrewshanover.org and ECM's Interim Director of Organizing, Hannah Hafter, at hannah@ecmteam.us.

DO YOU NEED A NAMETAG?
Our parish is growing; this is a good time for everyone to wear a nametag. If you don't have one or if yours needs replacing, please scan the QR code to the left so we can provide you with one.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 13
- Vestry Meeting, 11:15 am
- Shore to Shore 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 19
Hanson Day
Indian Head School, 10am-2pm

Sunday, September 20
Christmas Fair planning committee meeting at 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 26, 5 p.m.
Parish Life Gathering to honor and thank Sean Glennon for his 15+ years of amazing service to our parish. ALL invited to come join this celebration.

Sunday, September 27
- Baptisms at 9:30 a.m. service
- Ministry Fair during "Coffee Hour" "God's abundance is not measured by what we begin with. It is measured by what God does with what we are willing to offer." Come and learn about the many ministries of the church, and discern how you might be called to add your gifts.

Saturday, October 3
Duct Tape Committee meeting 9-11 a.m.

Sunday, October 4
- Blessing of the Animals at 9:30 a.m. service
- Parish Life Committee meeting

Sunday, October 11
Vestry Meeting, 11:15 am

Sunday, September 18
Shore to Shore 5 p.m.

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SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS FAIR – FIRST WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER, Friday 6th & Saturday 7th

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Jesse Avellino, Sexton

TODAY:

Acolytes: Cheri Dauphinee
Jen Mitchell
Keith MacLeod
Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson

Lay Readers: Kristi Peak-Oliveira and Steve Boutin
Chalice Bearers: Jen Mitchell and Steve Boutin

Choir Members: Kristi Peak-Oliveira, Janice Nickerson, Maryann Haen, Sarah Kelbaugh, Gordon O'Reilly, Priscilla O'Reilly, Suzanne Bunszel, Rebecca Maki, Dane Ripellino, Joanie Rogers and Chuck Rogers

The flowers over the altar this Sunday will be provided in honor of two parishioner couples who share a wedding anniversary (September 10), Gordon and Priscilla O'Reilly and Dan and Camille Connick.

We are pleased to have HuiMin Wang as our guest pianist at this Sunday's service. HuiMin has often contributed beautiful music enhancing our services. Since joining the piano faculty at South Shore Conservatory (SSC) in 1998, Ms. Wang has served as Piano Department Chair, Dean of Students, and Advisor to the President. Over these decades at SSC, she has contributed to many aspects of the Conservatory's educational and artistic life. She has received many honors including, in 2018 the establishment of the HuiMin Wang Youth Concerto Competition at SSC in her honor by the Herzfelder family. HuiMin Wang is an active collaborative pianist and chamber musician who has appeared in concerts and festivals in Europe, Taiwan, China, and the United States.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND 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

LINK TO ONLINE GIVING: