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September 20, 2026 • 9:30 AM

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 20 A

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE

Earth and All Stars by David Johnson

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All who hunger gather gladly (MHSO 52)

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

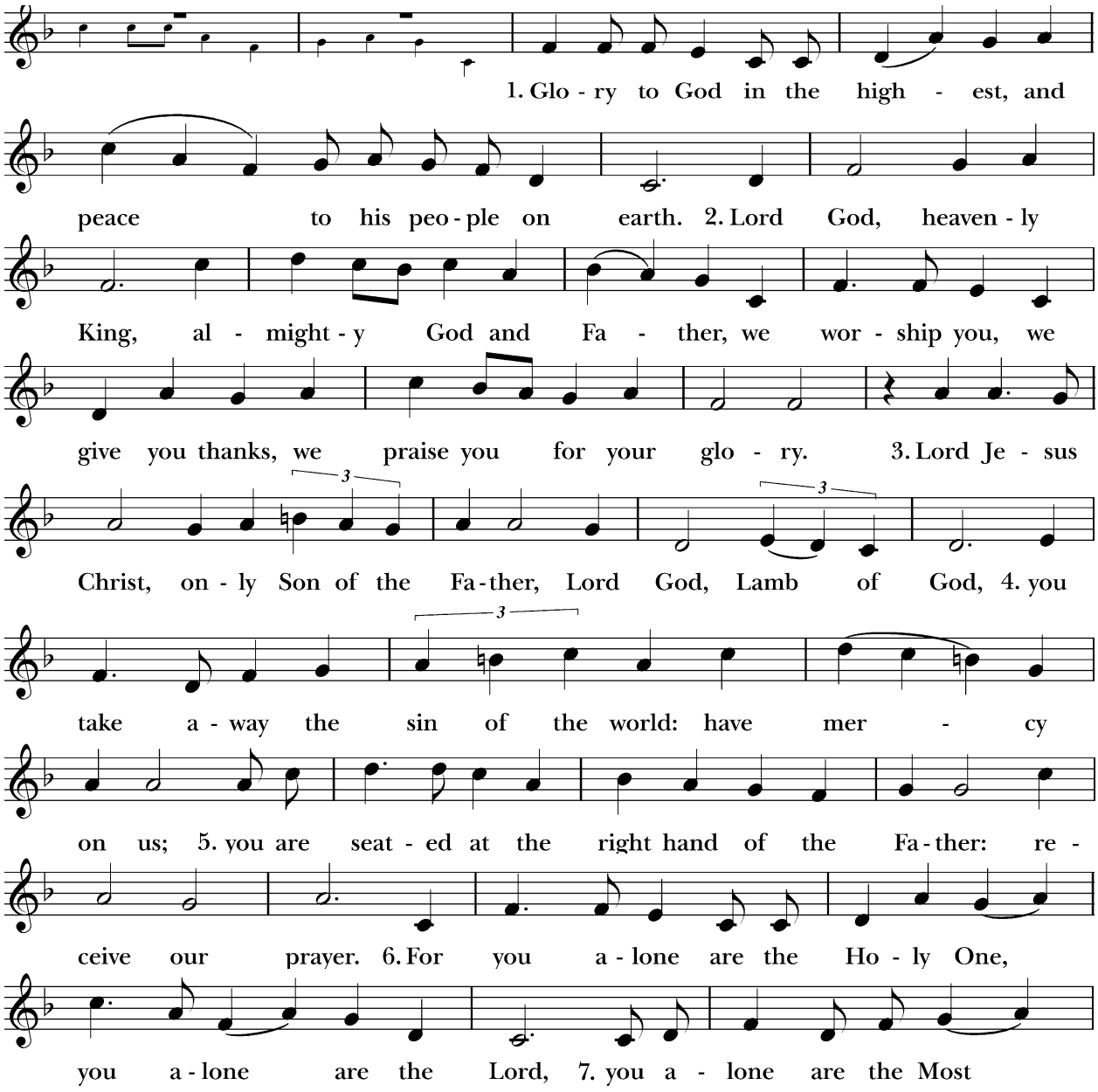
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

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: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from the book of the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the

Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

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 105:1-6, 37-45

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He led out his people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.

Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in the night season.

They asked, and quails appeared,
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

He opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.

For God remembered his holy word
and Abraham his servant.

So he led forth his people with gladness,
his chosen with shouts of joy.

He gave his people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

That they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

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.

Philippians 1:21-3

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

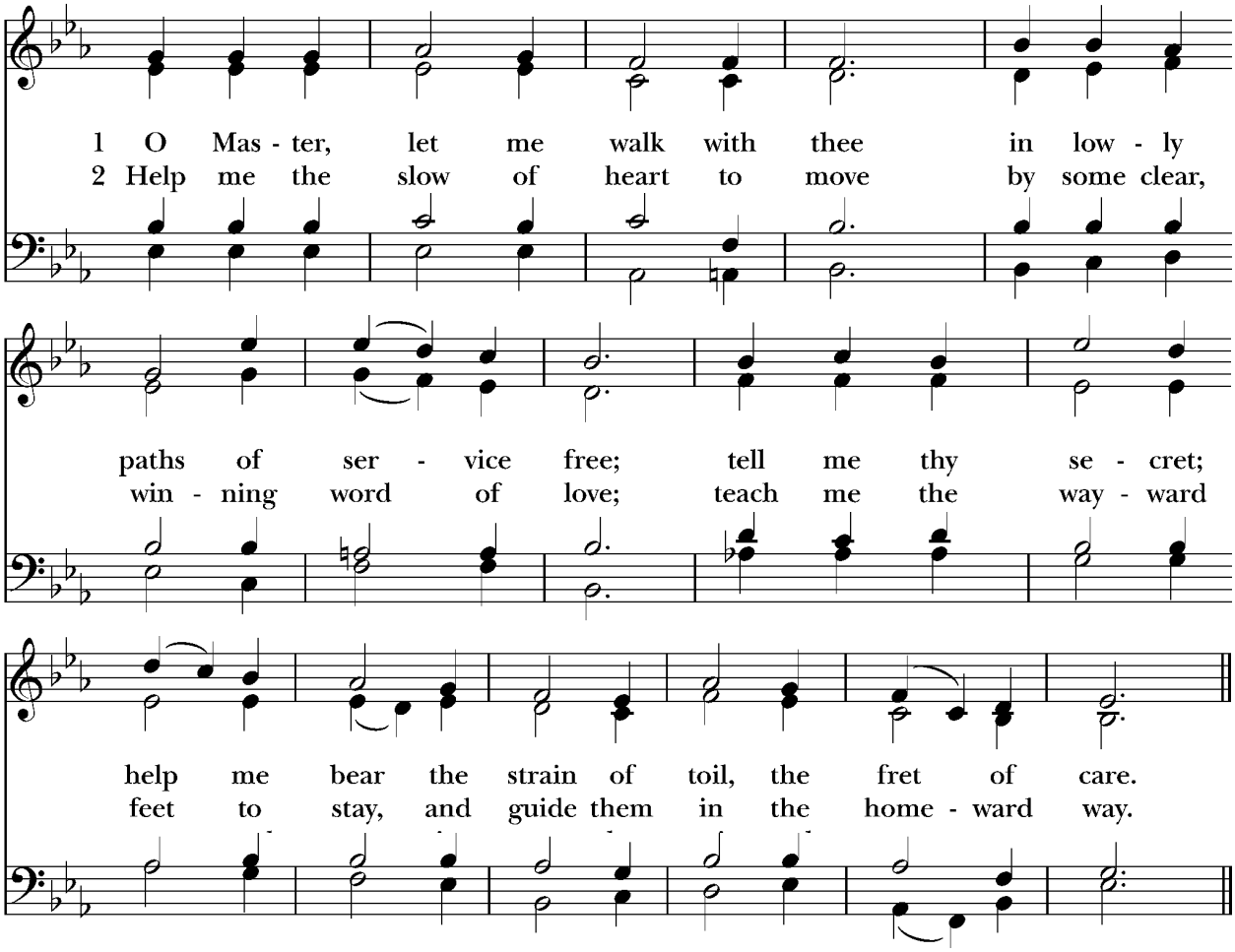
To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well--since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 *O Master, let me walk with thee* (H 660) (V1-2)



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 20:1-16

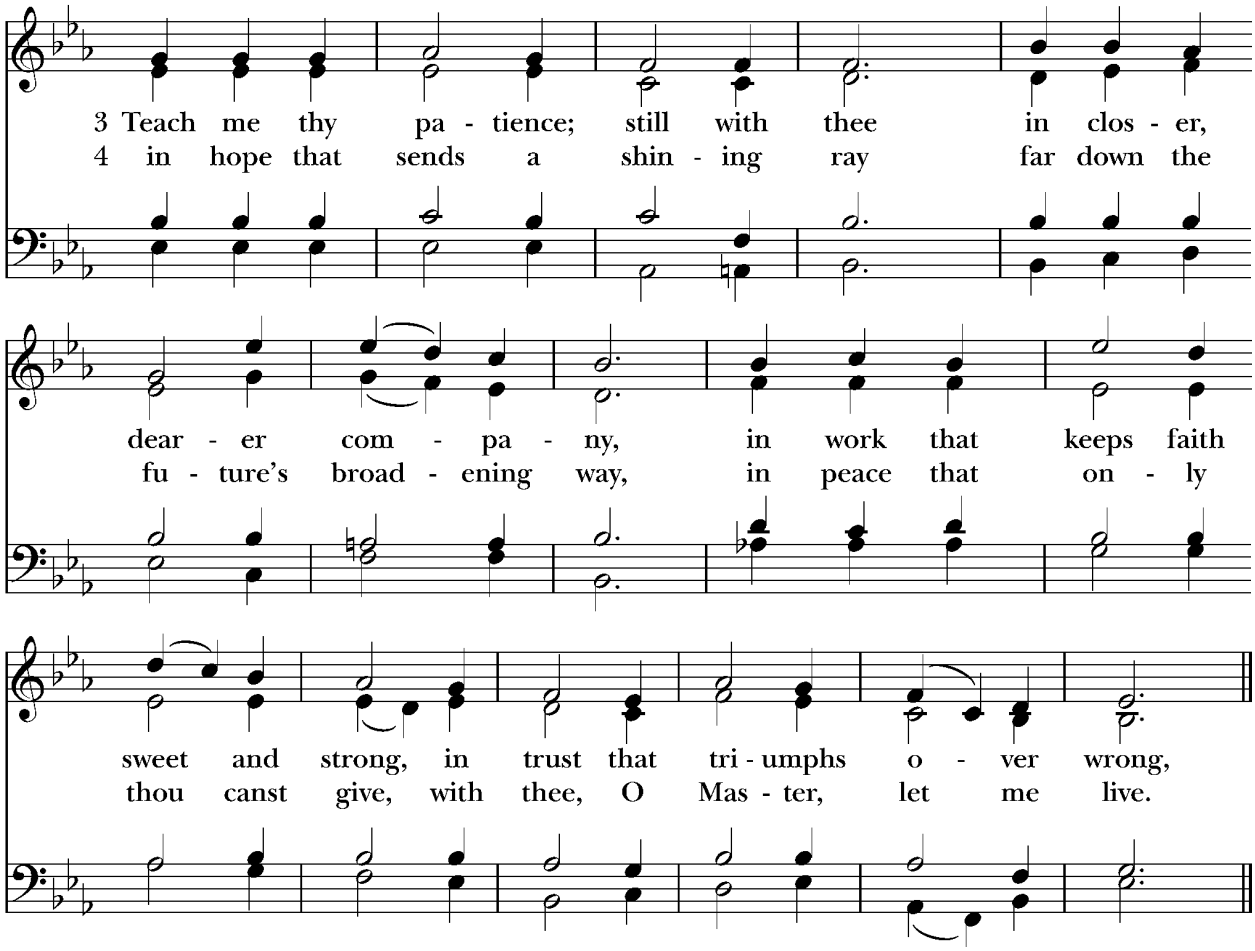
Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has

hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."
Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN *O Master, let me walk with thee* (H 660) (V1-2)



THE SERMON

The Rev. Dane Ripellino

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: Friends in Christ, God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters and brothers as dear to us as our own needs. Loving our neighbors as ourselves, we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions on behalf of the church and the world.

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 North Shore Deanery: St. Peter's Church, Beverly; St. John's Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; St. John's Church, Gloucester; Essex County Community Organization (ECCO), 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, teaching us your ways of

justice and leading us to practice your generosity, so that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name.

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

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 *O Praise the Lord Who Made All Beauty by Hal Hopson*

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

DOXOLOGY

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.

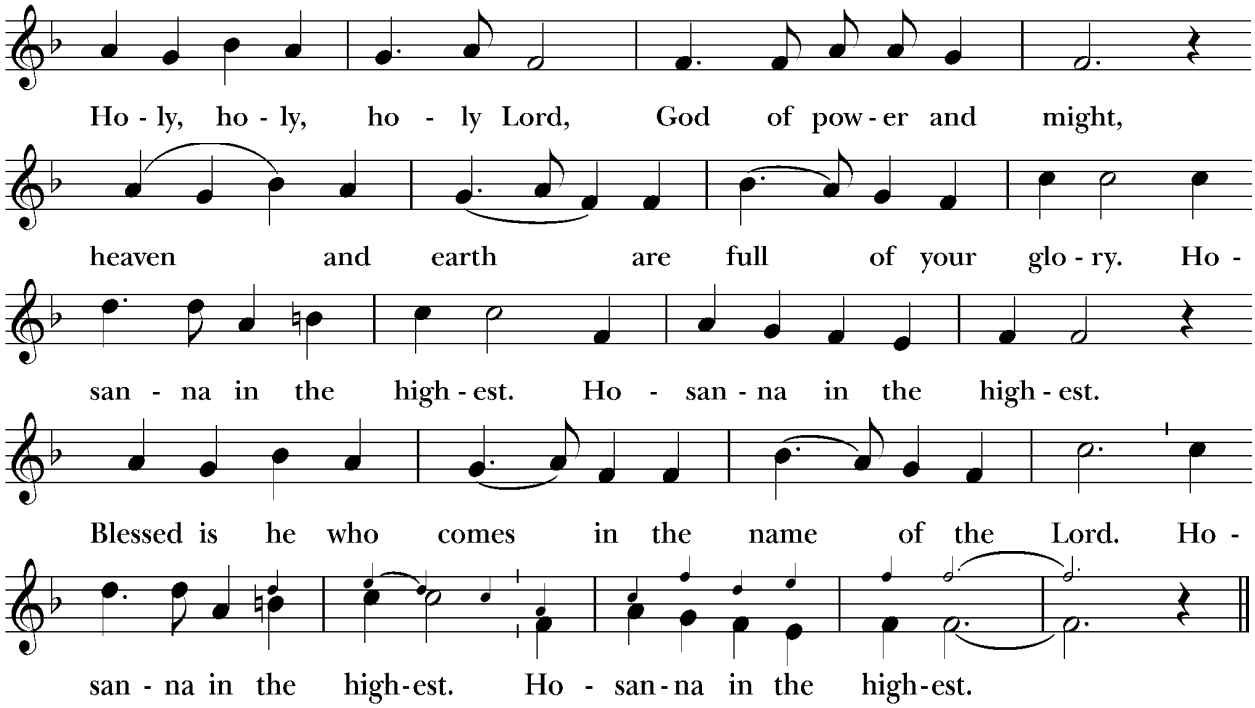
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Eternal God, heavenly Creator, 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.

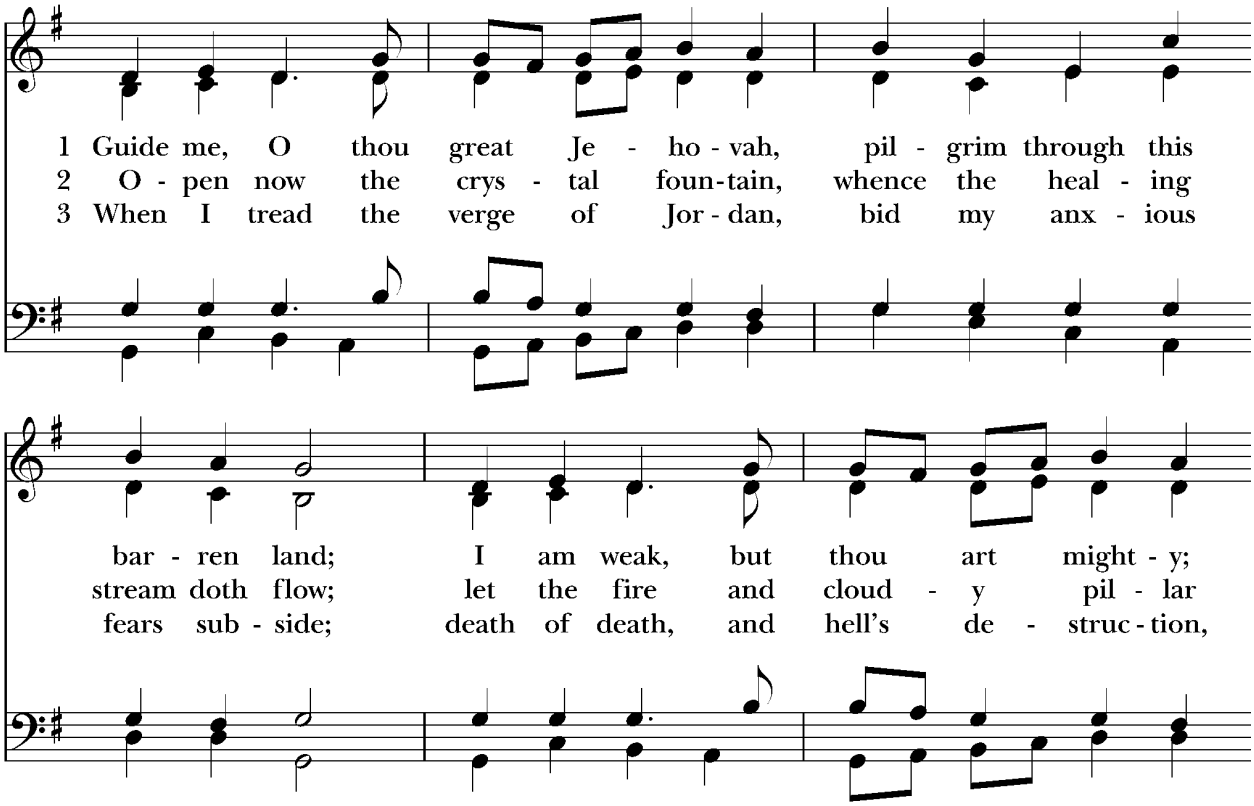
BLESSING

Celebrant: May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world, and may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and Jesus the Christ. 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 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah* (H 690)



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!

POSTLUDE

Processional of Joy by Hal Hopson

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 celebrate the Baptism of Theodore Hubbard White next 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

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.

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. 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

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.

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.

DIGNITY MATTERS
Our church is excited to begin supporting Dignity Matters, a Massachusetts nonprofit that provides free menstrual care products to women and girls experiencing homelessness or hardship. These essential items are rarely donated and often cannot be purchased with public benefits (like SNAP), yet they are critical to health, confidence, and basic dignity. Dignity Matters works with community partners throughout Massachusetts to get these necessities to those who need them most.

We now have a Dignity Matters collection bin at the church by the parish hall doors, and there are lots of ways to get involved! You can donate needed products, help hang flyers and spread the word in our community, or volunteer to transport our collected donations to the Dignity Matters warehouse in Westborough.

The warehouse is about an hour away and accepts drop-offs Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We anticipate needing a volunteer driver about once every other month, adjusting as we see how many donations we receive.

Dignity Matters also welcomes volunteers at its warehouse and other locations. We're even hoping to organize a church "field trip" to the warehouse to see their work firsthand, so stay tuned!

Interested in helping or have questions? Please reach out to Elizabeth Lehnertz (774-999-9376). Learn more at Dignity Matters.

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 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

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
- Memorial service for pets who have passed at 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 11
Vestry Meeting, 11:15 am

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

Becoming Episcopalian
Six Wednesdays • 7:00–8:30 p.m.
September 30 – November 4; Attend in person at St. Andrew's or online via Zoom

Art of Being a Couple
Six Thursdays • 7:00-8:15 p.m.
October 1 – November 5; Attend in person at St. Andrew's or online via Zoom

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

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TODAY:

Acolytes: Cheri Dauphinee
Jen Mitchell
Keith MacLeod

Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson

Lay Readers: Cheri Dauphinee and Joanie Rogers

Chalice Bearers: Jen Mitchell and Joanie Rogers

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

The flowers over the altar have been provided in loving memory of **Vernon "Vern" Gibson** (October 26,1949 – September 9, 2024) by his wife Peggy and their family.

Our celebrant is **Dane Ripellino**. Dane was ordained September 15, 1979 . He worked with the Deaf and hearing impaired in his first ministry for several years. He served in parishes, and in pastoral counseling in different locations around the Boston area. This led to wanting additional education, and he received his doctorate in Clinical psychology, where he still works part-time. He found his way to St.A's, via the power of God's Spirit, 9 years ago. The journey continues to unfold. Dane shares that "it is a great gift and honor to be part of this loving community, and to support Amy in the sacramental ministry when needed."

Claire DeCusati is our guest organist and leader of the choir. Claire holds a certificate in Sacred Music from Westminster Choir College in New Jersey. A lifelong musician, she recently retired from full time music ministry from Pilgrim Church in Duxbury. Now she continues her music ministry by substituting for full time musicians who need time off. Claire has been a long-time member of the Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, where she held many positions over the years. She is passionate about involving young people in music. Claire's other interests include needlepoint and gardening. She is a Principal Master Gardener with the Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association.

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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or our youtube channel https://www.youtube.com/@saintandrewshanoverma/

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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.-3:30 p.m.; Thursday: noon-6:00 p.m.
Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

LINK TO ONLINE GIVING: