God's Team for the Long Game

September 6, 2026 • 9:30 AM

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 18 A

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee (Hymn to Joy) (H 376)*

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

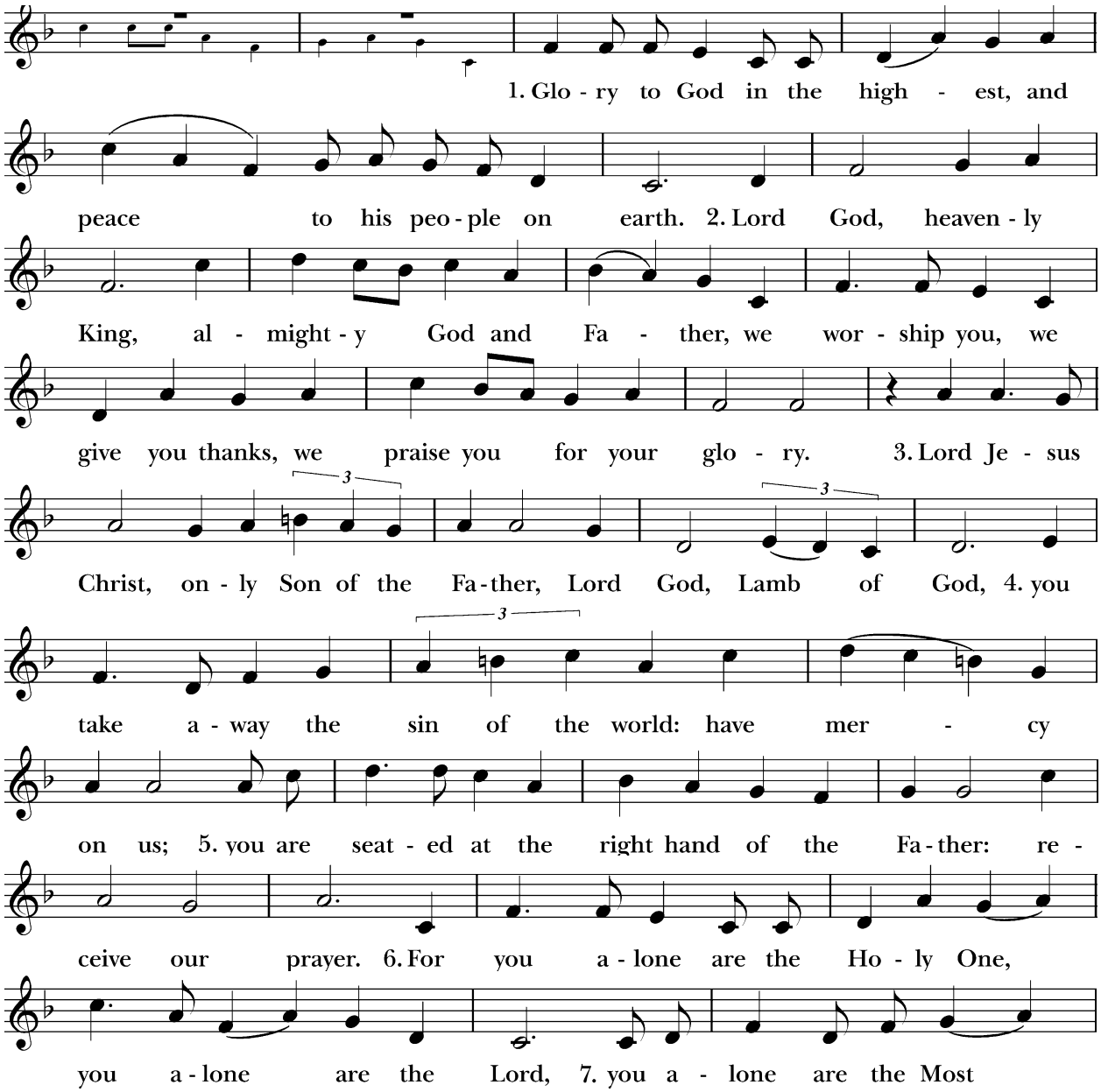
Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

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, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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 12:1-14

A Reading from the book of the book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning;

anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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 149

Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance;
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed;
this is glory for all his faithful people.
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.

Romans 13:8-14

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

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

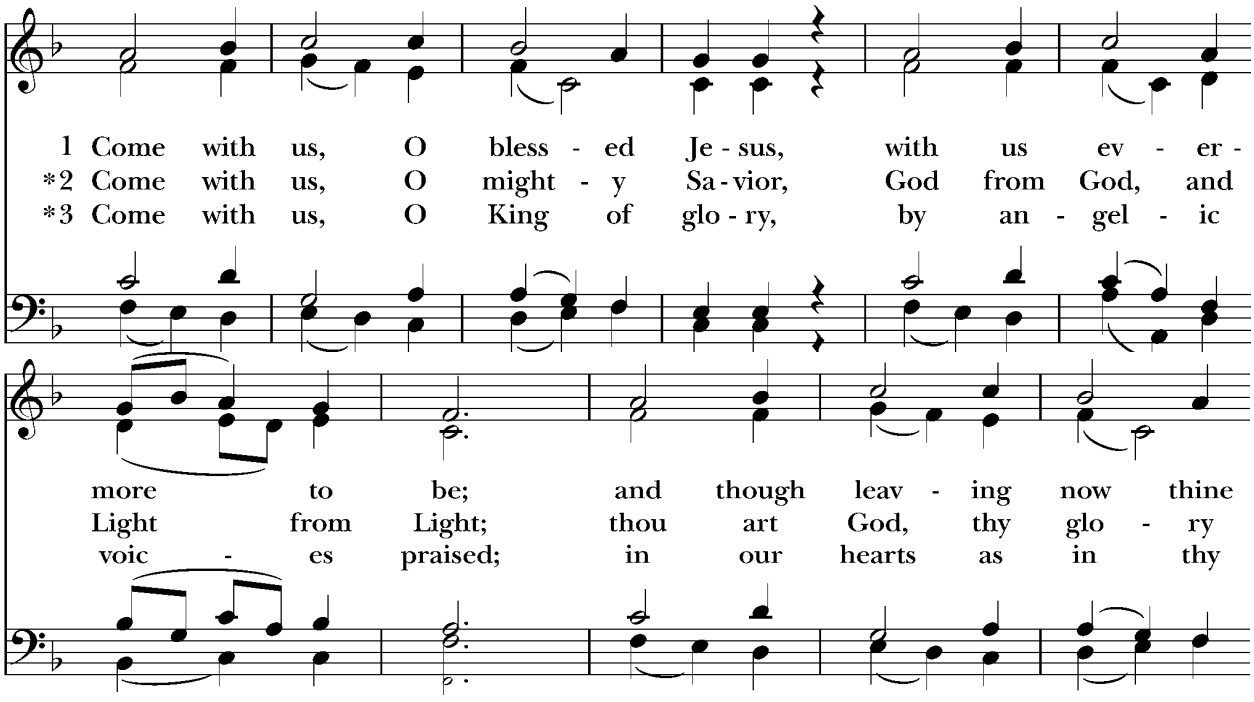
Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

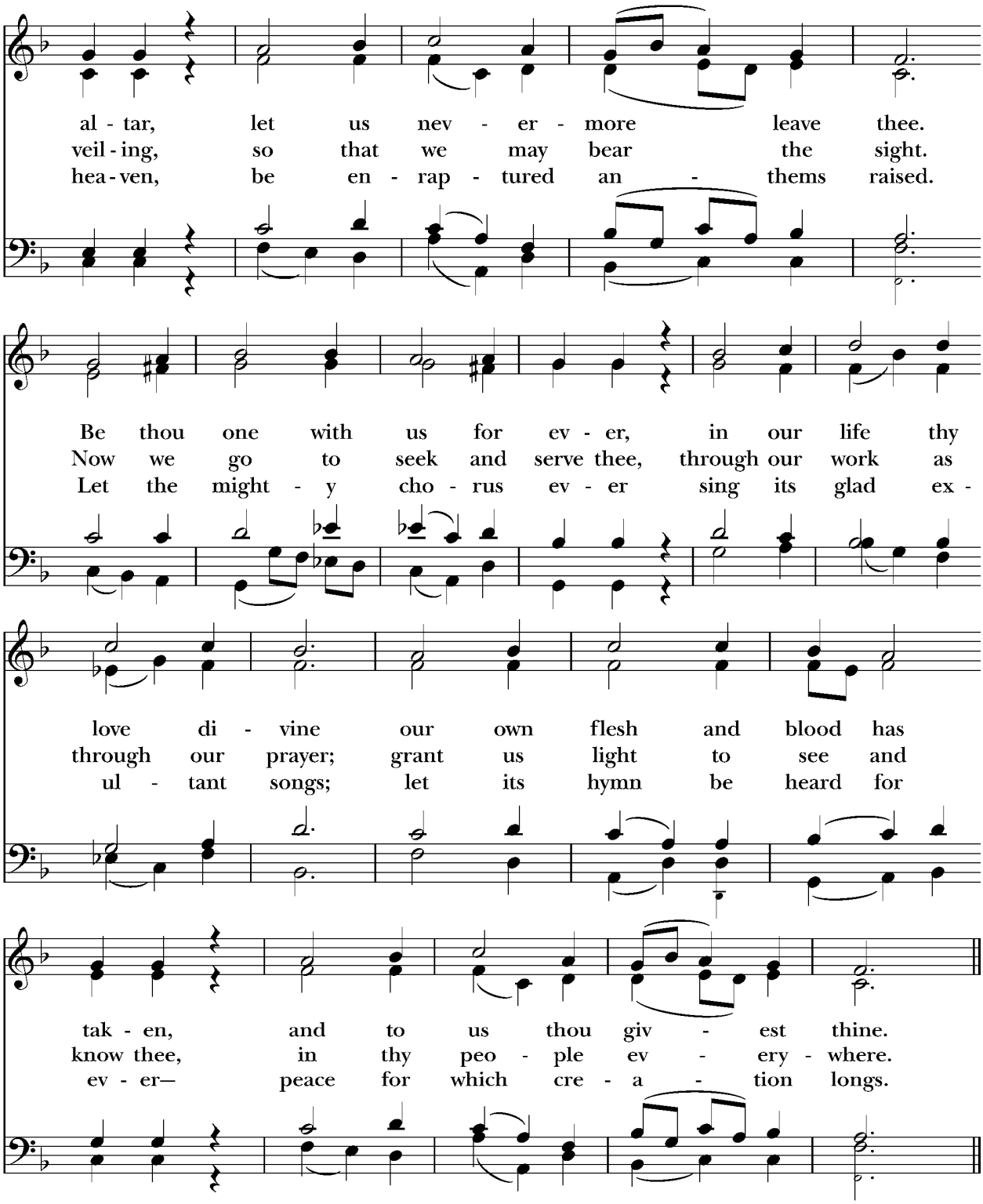
Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s people.

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 with us, O bless'd Jesus (H 336)*





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 16:21-28

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

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 mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

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, Hyde Park (Boston); Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park (Boston); Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan (Boston); Church of the Advent, Medfield; and Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of St. Andrew, we pray:

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

Celebrant: Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation 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

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

Jesu, Jesu (LEVAS 74)

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.

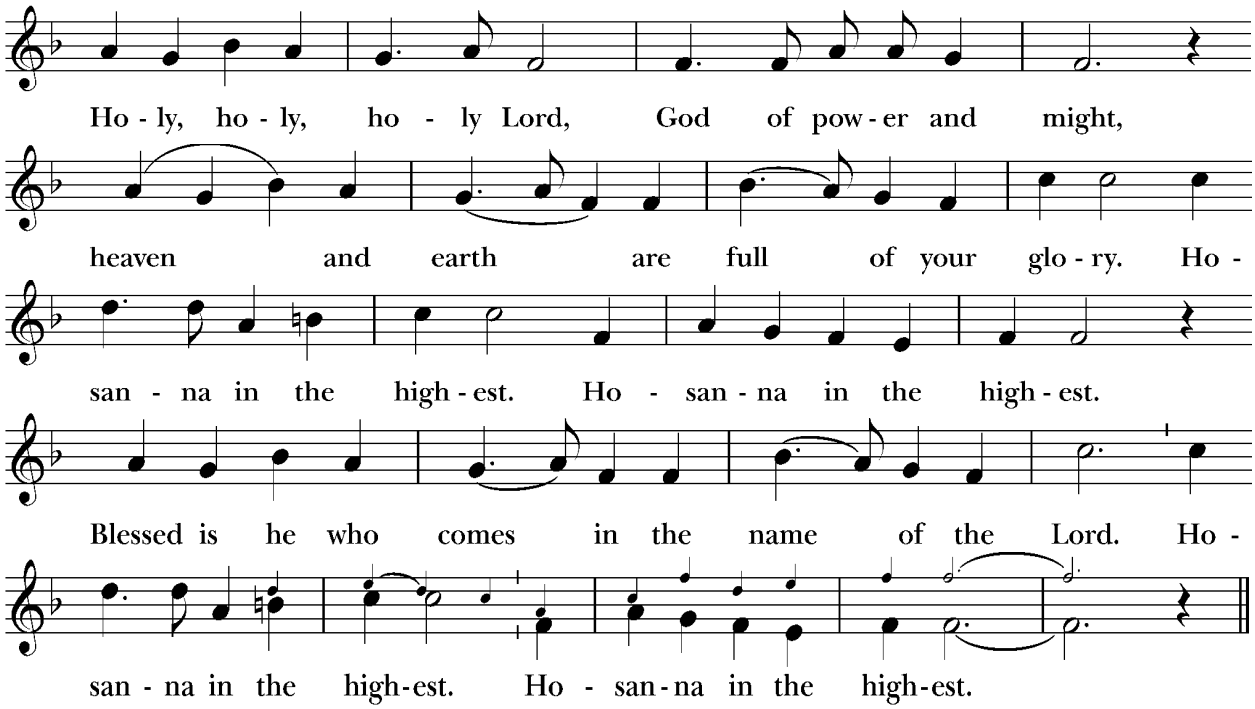
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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.

HYMN OF MEDITATION *O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered*

O God, our hearts were shattered On that horrendous day;
We heard the news and gathered To grieve and then to pray.
We cried to you and wondered, "Where did the violence start?"
The world as we had known it Had just been torn apart.

We heard of those who perished — Of heroes' sacrifice.
We paused again to cherish The gifts of love and life.
We worried for the future; We hugged our loved ones then.
We cried, "Can peace be found here?" "We can't let terror win!"

Some sought to answer terror The only way they knew —
With anger toward the stranger And calls for vengeance, too.
Yet this is not your answer, Nor what you would create.
May we live toward a future Where love will conquer hate.

God, give us faith and wisdom To be your healing hands;
Give open minds that listen To truth from all your lands.
Give strength to work for justice; Grant love that casts out fear.
Then peace and not destruction Will be the victor here.

Tune: Traditional Welsh melody, from Daniel Evans' Hymnau a Thonau (Hymns and Tunes), 1865 ("Lead On, O King Eternal"; "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers")
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Gracious God, you have gathered us at your table and fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. May we use this gift to remember your faithfulness, to owe nothing but love to one another, and to seek reconciliation with honesty, courage, and care. Give us wisdom to know when to draw closer and when to step away, trusting that your love never asks us to surrender the dignity you have given us. Keep us in healthy relationsihp with you and each other, and may we be faithful in the long game of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

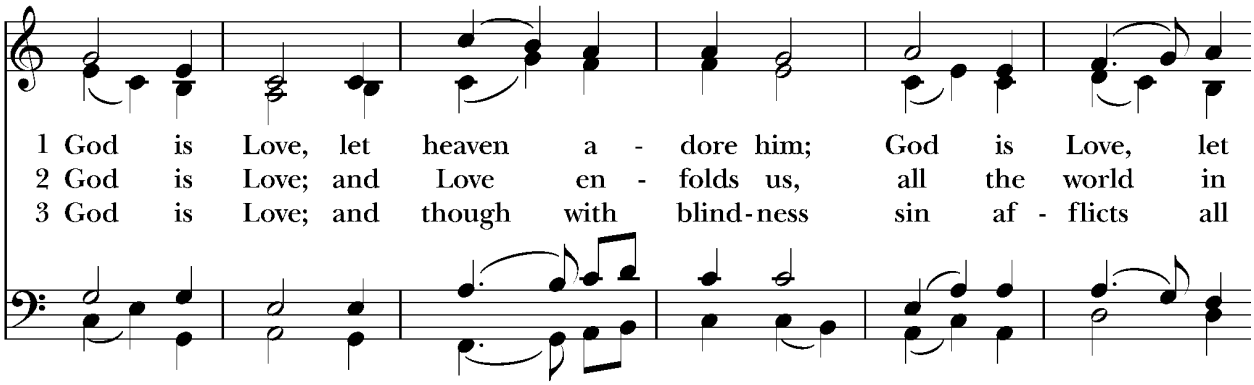
BLESSING

Celebrant: May the God who calls you into new beginnings provide you with the courage to speak the truth, the humility to listen, and the wisdom to seek reconciliation where it is possible and the grace to honor faithful boundaries where it is not. And may the blessing and presence of God almighty, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you and all you love this day and always. Amen.

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 *God is Love, let heaven adore him* (H 379)



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

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 Dilorilo - 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. Baptism prep gathering will take place Sunday, September 20th after service. 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 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.

PARISH COMMUNITY

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE
Plan to join our gathering to thank and honor Sean Glennon for his 15+ years of amazing service to our parish. ALL invited join this celebration on **Saturday, September 26, 5-7 p.m.**

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
- Baptism Prep after service
- Christmas Fair planning committee meeting at 11 a.m.

Saturday, September 26
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.

Becoming Episcopalian
six Wednesdays • 7:00–8:30 p.m.
September 23 – October 28; Attend in person at St. Andrew's or online via Zoom

Art of Being a Couple
six Thursdays • 7:00-8:15 p.m.
September 24 -- October 29; Attend in person at St. Andrew's

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

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The Rev. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.
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Sean Glennon, Music Director

Joanne Bibeau, Administrative Assistant
Jesse Avellino, Sexton

TODAY:

Acolytes: Cheri Dauphinee
Jen Mitchell
Keith MacLeod

Lay Readers: Dane Ripellino and Linda Gelinas

Chalice Bearers: Dane Ripellino and Linda Gelinas

Audio/Visual: Stephen Ryerson

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 today have been provided in loving memory of Pamela O'Reilly Fahey, wife of Thomas Fahey, mother of Kristen and Michael Lamie, daughter of Gordon and Priscilla O'Reilly, sister of Steven O'Reilly Sr. and his wife, Andrea, and Scott O'Reilly and his wife, Rachel, and aunt of Jessica, Julia, Nicole, Brooke and Steven O'Reilly.

We are pleased to have Casey Hannan as our guest organist and leader of the summer pickup choir at this Sunday's service. Casey Hannan received a masters degree in piano performance from the Longy School of Music of Bard College where he studied with renowned pianist Sally Pinkas. He also studied organ with distinguished keyboard artist Peter Sykes. From 2010 until 2025, he worked as a music director and organist in the Episcopal Diocese of Boston. Currently, he is the organist at Belmont's First Church Universalist Unitarian.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS:

Suzanne Bunszel, Warden; Michelle Joyce, Treasurer; Elise McKee; Gordon O'Reilly; Jen Mitchell and Sherry Long

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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

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