



# St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Hanover, MA 02339

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*Centered in God. Focused on Others.*

## **LESSONS AND CAROLS**

### **Second Sunday after Christmas**

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

Many years ago, Archbishop Edward Benson, when at Truro Cathedral in England, instituted this beautiful service based on the medieval vigil service. It was modified at a later date by the Very Reverend E. M. Milner-White, at that time Dean of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England. Since then, it has been sung annually in King's College Chapel on Christmas Eve.

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PROCESSIONAL HYMN #83

O Come, All Ye Faithful (v. 1-3)

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

## THE ACCLAMATION OF THE NATIVITY

Celebrant: The people who walked in darkness  
People: **have seen a great light.**  
Celebrant: For to us a child is born,  
People: **to us a son is given.**  
Celebrant: His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
People: **the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**  
Celebrant: Glory to God in the highest,  
People: **and peace to God's people on earth.**

## THE BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise. But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love. Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in name of Him who was born for us.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

**God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS AND CAROLS**

### **Lesson I**

*Genesis 3:1-13 – Adam and Eve rebel against God.*

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. They heard the sound of the Lord GOD walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord GOD among the trees of the garden. But the Lord GOD called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord GOD said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

*The Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn #89 – *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* (v. 1 & 4)

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth  
to touch their harps of gold:  
'Peace on the earth, good will to men,  
from heaven's all-gracious King.'  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth  
its ancient splendors fling,  
and all the world give back the song  
which now the angels sing.**

**Lesson II**

*Isaiah 40:1-11 – God comforts his people and call on them to prepare for redemption.*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up

your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*The Collect for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Hymn #109 – The First Nowell (v. 1 & 3)*

**The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields  
as they lay;  
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

**And by the light of that same star  
three wise men came from country far;  
to seek for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.**

Lesson III

*Micah 5:2-5a—The one who is to rule Israel will be born in the village of Bethlehem.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

*The Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Hymn #115 – What Child Is This (v. 1 & 3)*

<b>What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?</b>	<b>So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him: The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.</b>
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**This, this is Christ the King,  
whom shepherds guard and angels  
sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud,  
the babe, the son of Mary.**

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**Lesson IV**

*Matthew 1:18-23– The birth of Jesus.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

*The Collect for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn #96 – *Angels We Have Heard on High* (v. 1 & 2)

**Angels we have heard on high,  
singing sweetly through the night,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their brave delight.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why these songs of happy cheer?  
What great brightness did you see?  
What glad tidings did you hear?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Lesson V**

*Luke 2:1-20 – Jesus is born in Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken

place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*The Collect for Christmas*

**O God, who hast caused this holy night to shine with the illumination of the true Light: Grant us, we beseech thee, that as we have known the mystery of that Light upon earth, so may we also perfectly enjoy him in heaven; where with thee and the Holy Spirit he liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

*Hymn #79 – O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 1 & 3)*

**O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless  
sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the  
everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the  
years are met in thee tonight.**

**How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but  
in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive  
him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**Lesson VI**

*John 1:1-14 – The Incarnation of the Word of God.*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world

came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth

*The Collect for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas*

**Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Hymn #111 – Silent Night*

**Silent night, holy night,  
all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in  
heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born;  
Christ, the Savior is born!**

**Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at  
thy birth.**

**THE PEACE**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a loving sign of God's peace and gratitude to be joined together in community.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE:

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself a gift and sacrifice to God.

## THE OFFERTORY

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 the St. Andrew's ministry of making Kindness Loud, and sharing God's love in many forms. You are invited to make a gift, which the priest will bless and offer to God. You can make a gift as the plate is passed, by scanning the QR code, or donating online at [StAndrewshanover.org](http://StAndrewshanover.org).

## ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

*That Boy-Child of Mary (LEVAS 25)*

That boy-child of Ma - ry was born in a sta - ble, a man-ger his  
cra - dle in Beth - le - hem. \_\_\_\_\_

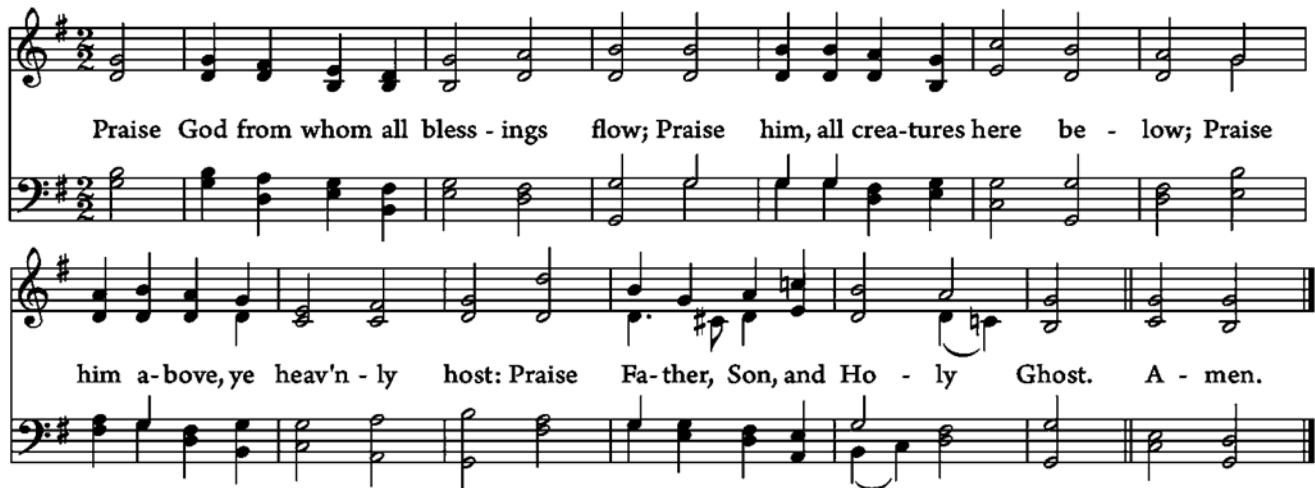
1. What shall we call Him,
2. His name is Je - sus,
3. How can He save us,
4. Gift of the Fa - ther,
5. One with the Fa - ther,
6. Glad - ly we praise Him,

1. Child of the man - ger? What name is giv - en in Beth - le - hem? \_\_\_\_\_
2. God ev - er with us, God giv - en for us in Beth - le - hem? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How can He help us, Born here a - mong us in Beth - le - hem? \_\_\_\_\_
4. To hu - man moth - er, Makes Him our broth - er in Beth - le - hem? \_\_\_\_\_
5. He is our Sav - ior, Heav - en - sent help - er in Beth - le - hem? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Love and a - dore Him, Give our - selves to Him in Beth - le - hem? \_\_\_\_\_

Children present the donations for the Hanover Food Pantry.

The ushers will bring the gifts forward.

## DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God 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.**

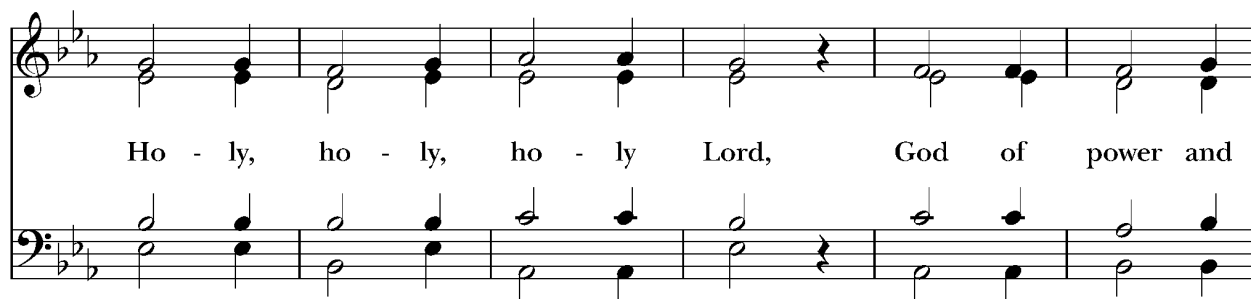
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy (Schubert/Proulx) (S130)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Leah, and Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The priest breaks the bread in silence.

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

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

## **FRACTION**

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on God in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## COMMUNION

*The homemade Communion bread is gluten free.*

## SILENT REFLECTION

*After Communion we observe a few moments of silence to reflect and give God thanks.*

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together,

**Eternal God, heavenly 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

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one, things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be amongst you this day and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come (H 100)*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and  
 heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

**THE DISMISSAL**

Celebrant: Our worship has ended. Let our service begin as we go into the world rejoicing in the blessed birth of baby Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

## OUR PRAYER AND SACRAMENTAL LIFE

### PRAYER LIST

Audrey MacDonald and the MacDonald family - Carol Ann - Janet C -Link Family -- Stern Family -- Ben - Prescott and Mansfield families - Peter Mansfield - Alec - Ann Ferzoco - Ellen Elliott -- Meredith C -- Greg Eaton - Nicol Family - John - Arlene Watkins - Tracy Sprows - Dennis - Lee G - Don S - Pam E - Jan B - Leah - Katrina & Darren - Paul Nicol -Mark D - Art J - Matthew -Thomas & Gloria - Susannah L -- David - Paula - Bill - David H - Sharon M - Greyson - Rosie & Silva Family - Haley - Sarah - Valerie - Dennis

*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

The next Baptisms to take place at St. Andrew's will be on Sunday, January 11, 2026 at the Sunday 9:30 service. Pray for Dillon, Lucy, Olivia and Benjamin who will be baptized that day.

## OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

### HANOVER FOOD PANTRY

St. Andrew's collects items for the Hanover Food Pantry. Thank you for your support with your donations. Please drop them off in the narthex. For the month of January, the requested item is strawberry jam.

St. Andrew's is supporting the work of the Hanover Family and community Engagement (FACE) program with gift cards, food and support for local families in need.

## OUR YOUTH

### CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children's Chapel meets every Sunday in the Parish Hall. Children of all ages are welcome, and parents are warmly invited to have some of their own sacred time in the sanctuary with other grown ups. Children will re-join you and the service during announcements.



### SHORE TO SHORE - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Shore to Shore is our High School Youth Group connecting teenagers from across Massachusetts with the Volmoed Youth Leadership Program in South Africa.

If you would like more information or want to support scholarships for our teens, please reach out to Rev'd Amy or see the information page on our website [standrewshanover.org](http://standrewshanover.org). The next meeting will take place Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. here at St. Andrew's.

## STEWARDSHIP

A Stewardship Letter to Our Church Family

Dear All,

As we reflect on the many blessings that God has bestowed upon our church, St. Andrews, and its members, we are reminded of our calling to be faithful stewards of the gifts entrusted to us. Stewardship is more than a financial commitment—it is a spiritual practice that invites us to use our time, talents, and resources in service to God and our community. Through stewardship, we express our gratitude and acknowledge that all we have is a gift from our Lord.

This year holds special meaning for our church family, as we joyfully celebrate three centuries of Episcopal charity and service to Hanover. For 300 years, our congregation has opened its doors and extended its hands to those in need, embodying Christ's compassion through outreach, advocacy, and acts of loving kindness. Our legacy of generosity and care has left a lasting imprint on generations, weaving a tapestry of hope that continues to bless our neighbors today. What a privilege it is to be part of a fellowship built upon such enduring faith and devotion!

Contributing to the church is an act of worship and a tangible way to participate in the ongoing work of God in our midst. Your generosity supports vital ministries, outreach programs, and the maintenance of a welcoming space for worship and fellowship. Each gift, no matter the size, plays a crucial role in fulfilling our shared mission and extending Christ's love to those in need.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider how you might continue or renew your commitment to stewardship this season. By contributing faithfully, you help ensure that our church remains a source of hope, compassion, and spiritual growth for all. Together, let us honor our faith by sharing our blessings and building a stronger, more vibrant church community.

On a personal note, Dawn and I would like to thank you all for welcoming us into the St. Andrew's family with open arms, kindness and friendship. We are both excited to be a part of this church and to support its financial needs.

With gratitude and hope,  
Harold "Hal" Adams Crawford

Thank you to each of our pledging members for your on-going support of the ministry at St. Andrew's. If you did not receive a pledge package in the mail, please call Joanne in the office. They are also available in the narthex. Our Ingathering Sunday will be January 11th, 2026 when we will gather and bless all of the pledges for 2026.

# **St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**

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## **This Morning:**

Lay Readers: Kristi Oliveira, Elise McKee,  
Janet Keane, Suzanne Bunszel,  
Sarah Kelbaugh  
Chalice Bearers: Cheri Dauphinee and  
Jen Mitchell

We are grateful to Rev'd Edwin D. Johnson who is our celebrant at today's service while Rev'd Amy is on a few days' prayerful and restful vacation. She is looking forward to being back in Hanover for the baptisms and pledge ingathering on January 11.

Rev'd Edwin D. Johnson refers to himself as a child of this Diocese, raised by Walter of Montserrat and Vilma Johnson of Costa Rica at St. John's St. James's Episcopal Church in Roxbury. He felt the call to ordained ministry as he witnessed a baptism in his youth and participated in the Union of Black Episcopalians, Diocesan Youth Council, and General Convention. During his 15+ years of ordained ministry he has served two congregations and now, with great expertise and commitment, holds the position of Director Of Organizing for Episcopal City Mission which works with parishes throughout Massachusetts supporting justice ministries. He has led and served on many committees throughout the Diocese and the Church delighting in the work and in the fellowship.

**Vestry Officers & Members:** Linda Gelinas, Senior Warden; Michelle Joyce, Treasurer; Chuck Rogers, Secretary; Susan Scopelleti; Janet Keane; Elise McKee; Gordon O'Reilly; Suzanne Bunszel

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## **RECURRING EVENTS:**

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m., Sunday School/Children's Chapel

**Office Hours:** Tues. & Wed.: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Thurs.: 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mondays: Rector's Sabbath

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