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Changing Our Mind

September 27, 2026 • 9:30 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 21 A

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

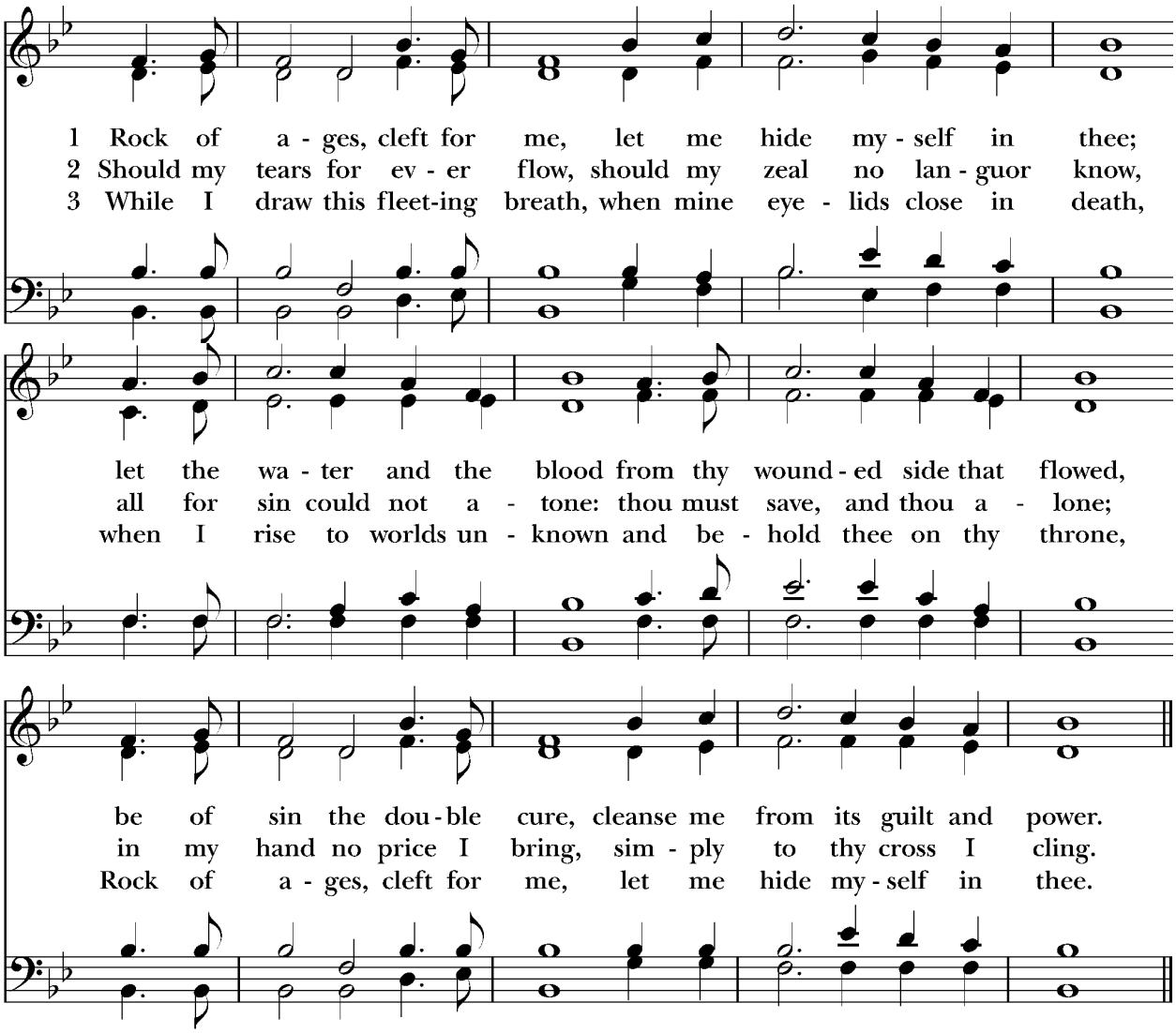
PRELUDE

Simple Gifts by Susan Rucker

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Rock of ages, cleft for me (Toplady) (H 685)



OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: Glory to God for ever and ever

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may

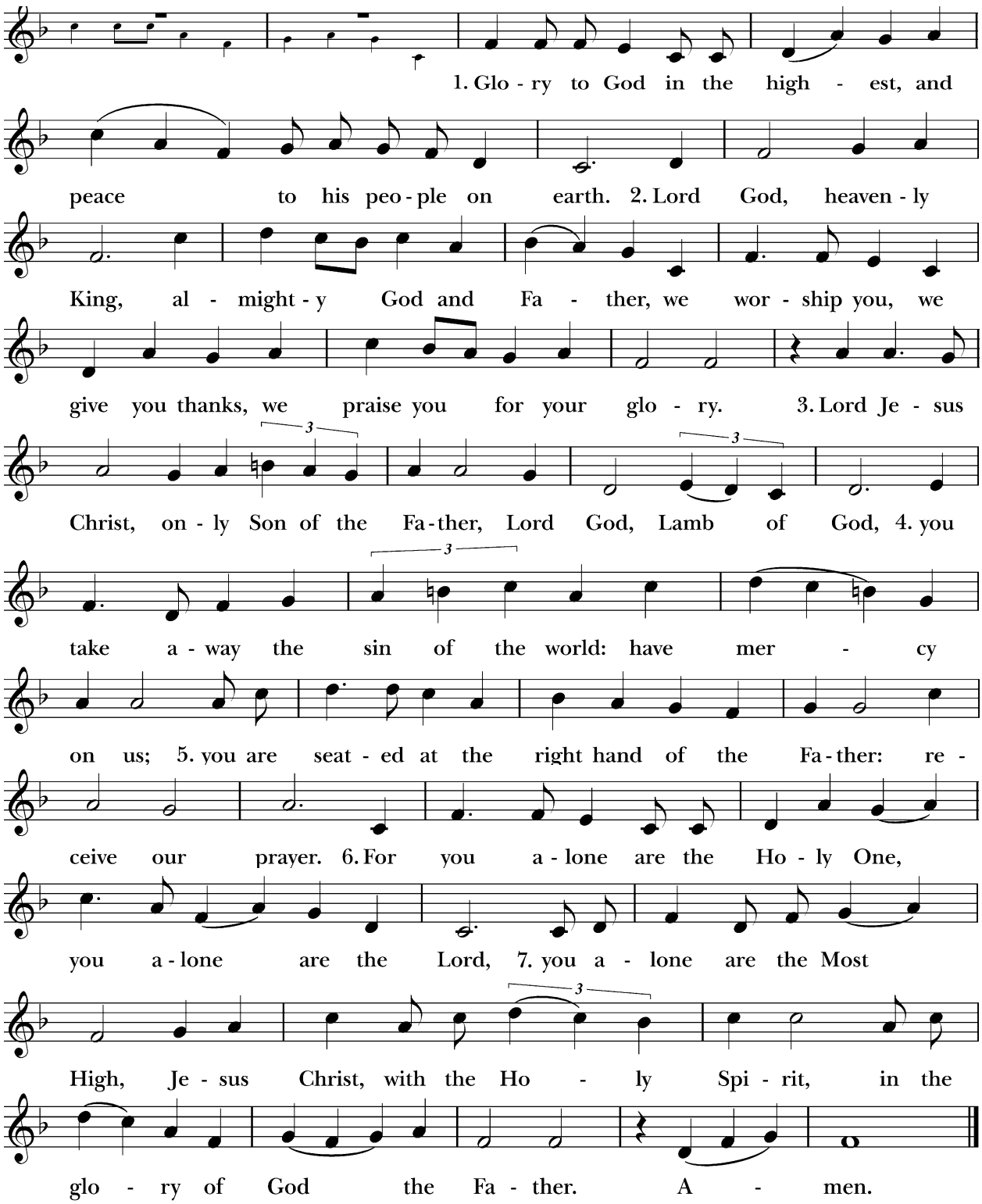
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

GLORIA

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



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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray, saying together

All: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

A Reading from the book of the book of Exodus.

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

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The psalms/canticles are prayers that Jesus used and express the full range of emotion and humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Read responsively

78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

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 2:1-13

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

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

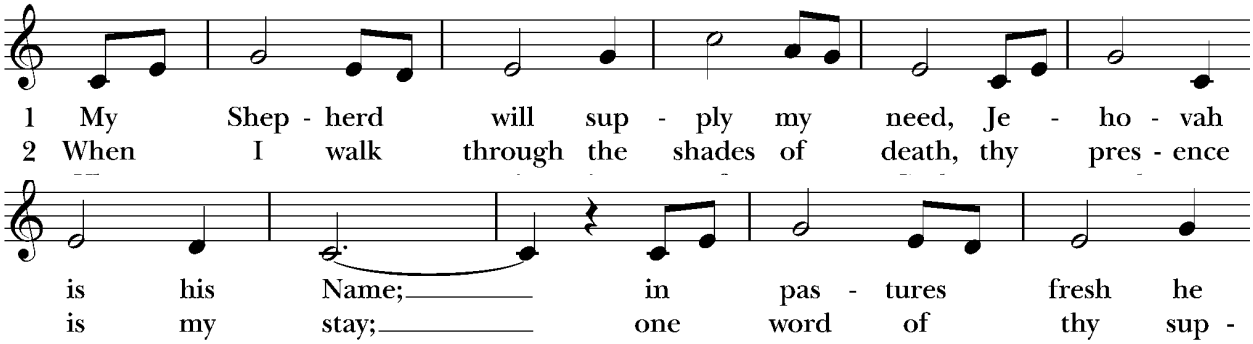
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

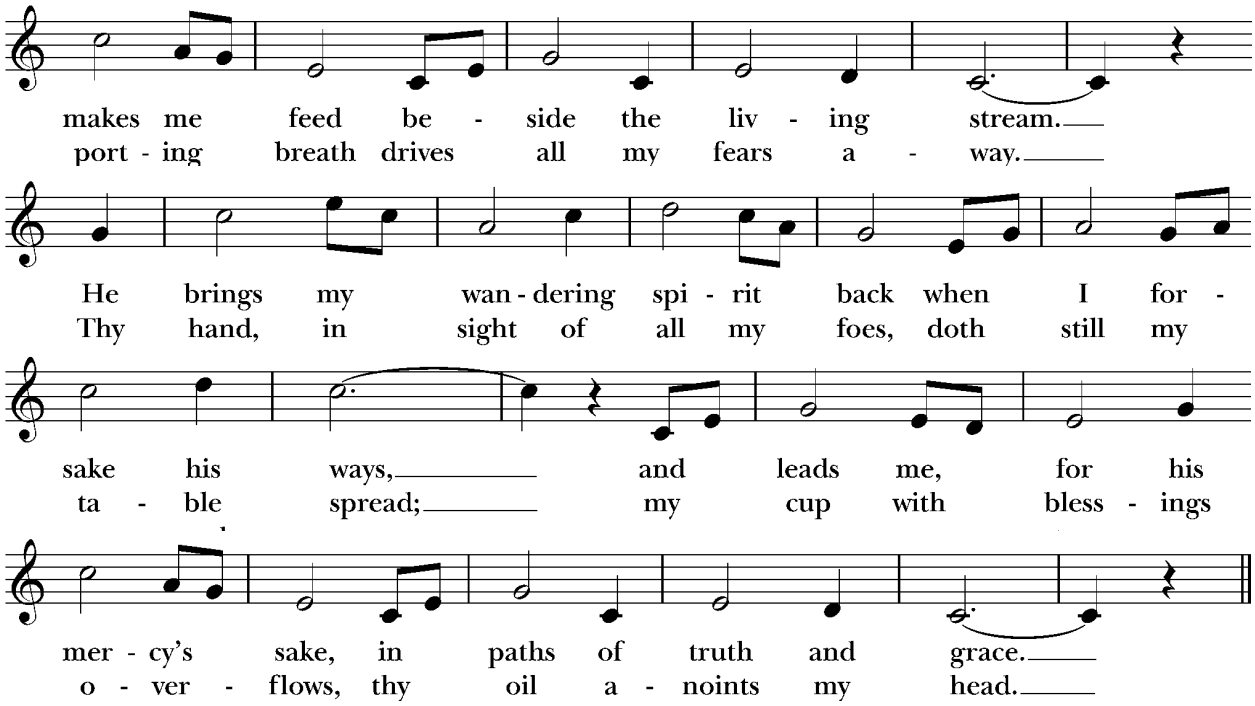
Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 *My Shepherd will supply my need* (H 664) (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 21:23-32

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

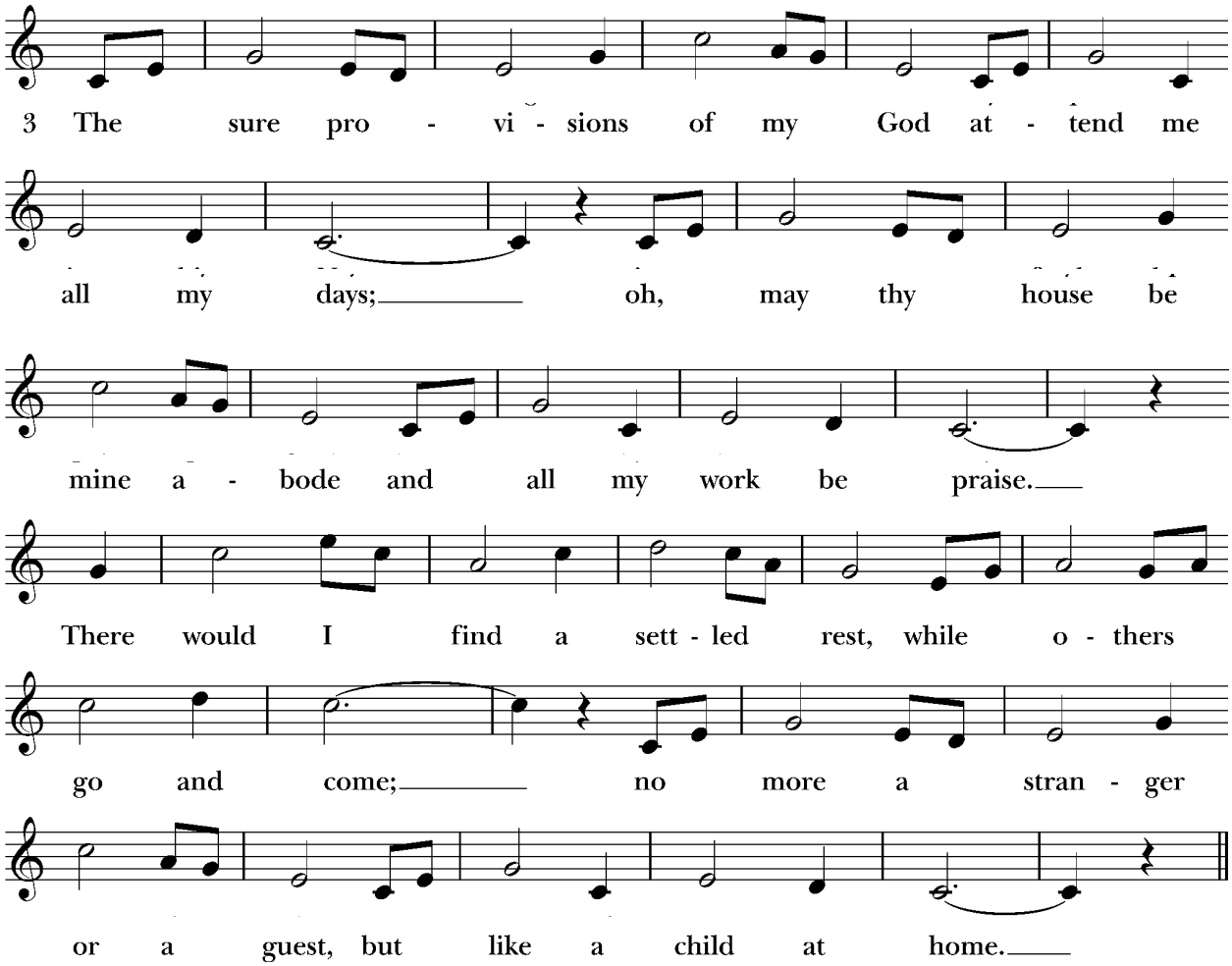
"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom

of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN *My Shepherd will supply my need* (H 664) (V3)



THE SERMON The Reverend Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Esq.

SILENT REFLECTION

THE NICENE CREED

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

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs 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: Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich; St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn; Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea; Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead; Ministries with Homeless Persons and Refugees, we pray:

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

Celebrant: Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven.

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.

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO PROMISED TO MAKE KINDNESS LOUD

Celebrant: As we honor the suggested ways visitors to our Hanson Day booth proposed to be kind, we join together to ask God's blessing upon all who shared their ways to be kind. We offer them to God and each other

People: Gracious God, be with your children and each of us as we . . .

“Do grocieryes [groceries] for someone”
“Give someone a compliment”
“introduce yourself to the people next door and make friends”
“Set personal boundaries”
“Make sure someone’s included in a friend group.”
“be a good friend” ♥
“Spread kindness through people and chocolat them to” [and give chocolate to them too]
“Hold the door”
“You can give complets” [compliments]
“Share with my sister” ♥
“Helping people”
“Say good morning!”
“Clean my room!”
“Give Hugs!” ♥
“to treat eathr kind” [to treat each other kind]
“Say thank you”
“Being nice to strangers!!”
“Tell people you LOVE them!”
“Hold the door for a stranger”
“Giving people HUGS” 😍
“if someone’s stugling [struggling] you can help them
“Bake something for new neighbors.”
“Be respectful”
“Share” ♥
“Draw pictures for people”
“Share my toys”
“Say thank you”
“Put toys away”

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

Simple Gifts (H 554)

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.

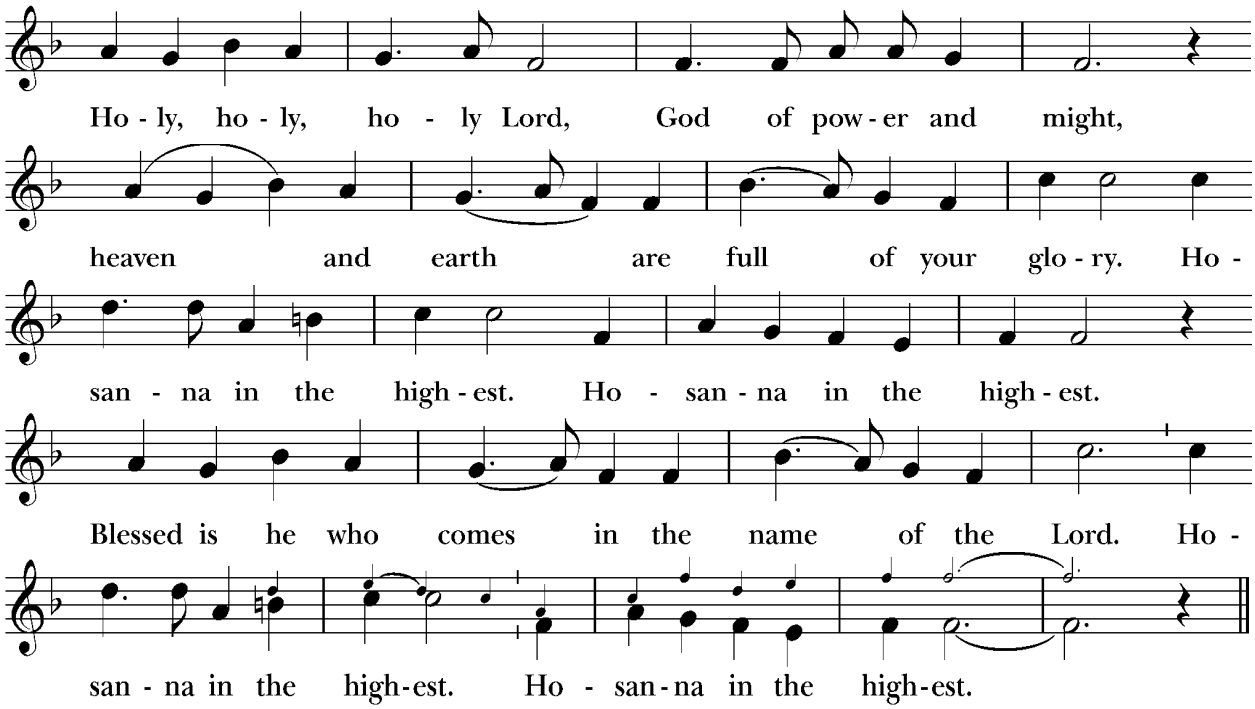
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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.

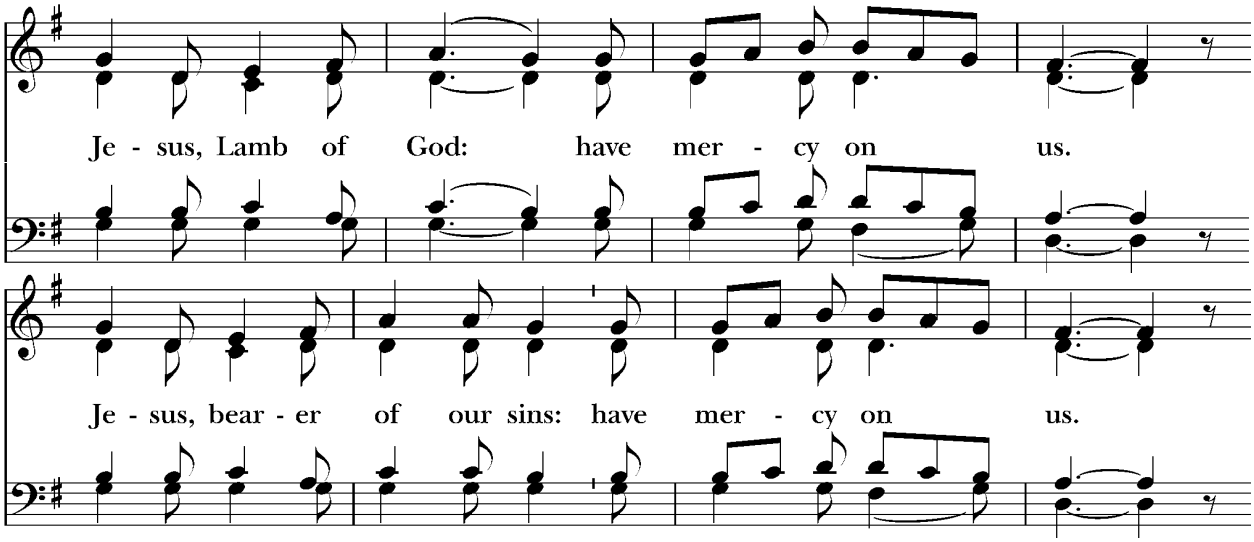
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

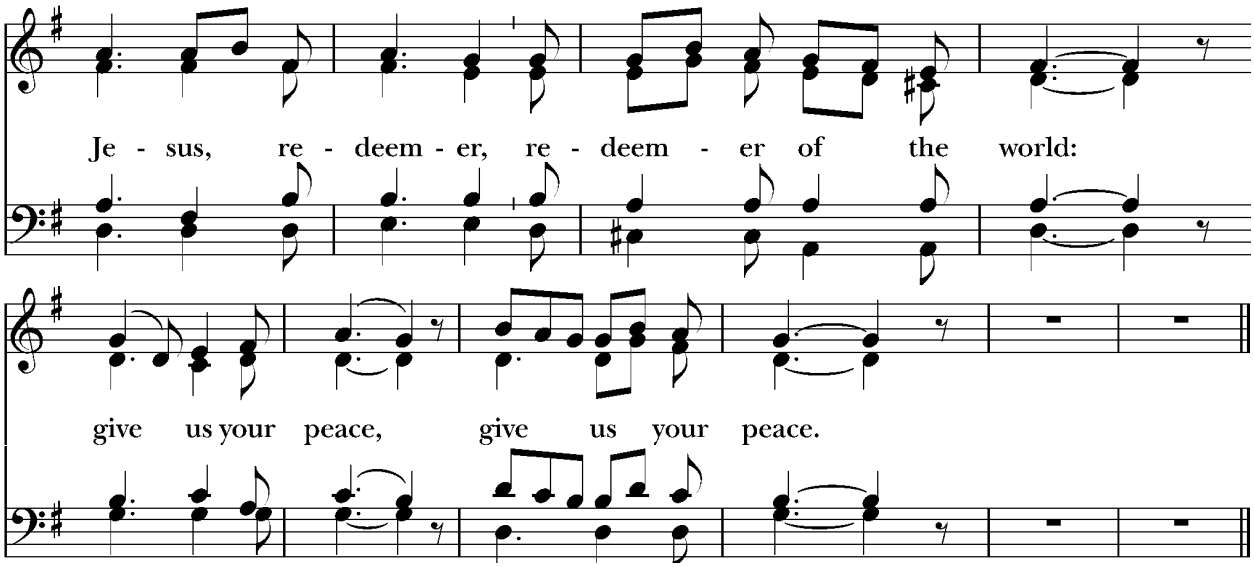
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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: Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life and gathered us as one people in the love of Christ. Help us to use this gift; guide us to be humble enough to listen, courageous enough to see what is true, and faithful enough to be changed by it. Free us from the need to be right, from the certainty that closes our hearts, and from whatever keeps us from one another. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant: May you strive to have the mind of one accord, to be freed from the burden of needing to be right, carrying the wisdom to recognize what is true and the courage to change when God calls you to somewhere new. And the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be with you and remain with you and all you love now and 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 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)* (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

Hornpipe by G.F. Handel

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

Those in need: Darren and Katrina - Nicole - Linda - John G - Christine, Derek & Kelly - Chuck F - Kevin S - 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 – 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.

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.

Parish Community

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.

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 left so we can provide you with one.

CHRISTMAS FAIR (WATCH FOR REQUESTS, SIGN UP FORMS, NOTICES)

THANK YOU to the twelve people who attended our first organizational meeting -- great ideas and input, even greater enthusiasm! So grateful for the response to our open invitation. Next organizational meeting will take place after church on Sunday, October 4, 2026.

Publicity Chair/Team Needed. Are you good with social media, posters, talking to people, publicizing events? We could use your help. We are looking for one or more persons to lead our publicity efforts to get the word out to the community of the best Christmas Fair eva! Let Dianne Nicol or Sarah Kelbaugh know if you are interested.

Donations Needed for "Rooms". Donations are needed for the Toy Room, Grandma's Attic, the Holiday Room, the Boutique and the Basket Table (watch for list of suggestions coming soon). All donations should be left on the stage in the parish hall. This week we are highlighting the Boutique: We are in need of jewelry, scarves, shawls, accessories and handbags to stock the shelves of the Boutique.

Craft/Artisan Tables. Once again, our vendors' tables are going to be held exclusively for parishioners and their family/friends. For a $50.00 rental fee, and a willingness to be at the table for both days of the fair, everything the vendors make from their sales is theirs to keep! To reserve your table, (or share one with another church friend) see Sarah Kelbaugh.

A Six-Week Inquirers' Series: Wednesdays
7:00–8:30 p.m.; September 30 – November 4
Growing in faith. Asking good questions. Finding your place in God's story.

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 30 – November 4

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, October 1-November 5; 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.
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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Becoming Episcopalian
Six Wednesdays, 7:00–8:30 p.m.
September 30 – November 4; in person or Zoom

Art of Being a Couple
Six Thursdays • 7:00-8:15 p.m.
October 1 – November 5; in person or Zoom

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 at 11 a.m.
- Christmas Fair planning meeting after church
- 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – FIRST WEEKEND IN NOVEMBER
Friday 6th & Saturday 7th

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Jesse Avellino, Sexton

TODAY:

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

Lay Readers: Kristi Peak-Oliveira and Sarah Kelbaugh
Chalice Bearers: Steve Boutin and Sarah Kelbaugh

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.

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 at 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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RECURRING EVENTS:

Sundays: 9:30am service, Choir practice 8:45 a.m.,
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: