

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Edgartown, Massachusetts



The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
August 16, 2026

Welcome! Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we welcome you to St. Andrew's and are grateful for your presence with us this morning. If you would like more information from us, please leave us with your contact information by filling out a card available in your pew. We hope to see you again soon!

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It is our tradition to maintain a holy silence upon entering the church.

Prelude

Chorale Prelude: O God, thou faithful God

Johannes Brahms
(1833–1897)

Hymn 539 O Zion, haste *Please stand*

Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The 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.

Hymn of Praise



1. Glo - ry to our God, Cre - a - tor, Glo - ry to the bless-ed Son;
2. Glo - ry, wis-dom, power, do-min-ion, Through all earth and heav-en rings!

Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spi - rit, Ev - er Three and ev - er One!
Hon - or, rich - es, praise, and bless-ing, All God's good cre - a - tion brings.

To the Trin - i - ty be glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run.
'Glo - ry to the tri - une God-head,' Thus the choir of an - gels sings.

Words: Rachel Cooke, after Horatius Bonar (1808–1889)

Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

Celebrant Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated

— The Word of God —

The Lesson

Isaiah 56:1,6–8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 67

Read responsively

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *There's a wideness in God's mercy* *Please stand*



1. There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness of the
2. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in
3. For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the



sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er -
heaven; there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment
mind; and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly



ty. There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the
given. There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been
kind. If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his



good; there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
shed; there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
word; and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.

Music: *Benefit Street*, Robert Lehman (2021) © 2023, Selah Publishing

The Gospel

Matthew 15: 10–20, 21–28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silence follows the Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Book of Common Prayer, p. 358

Intercessions and Thanksgiving

Please kneel

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Intercessor We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Intercessor Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Intercessor We pray for those on our parish prayer list . . .

Prayers are offered for those on the parish prayer list

Then the Celebrant adds this concluding Collect

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Confession *Please remain kneeling*

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

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

People Amen.

The Peace *Please stand*

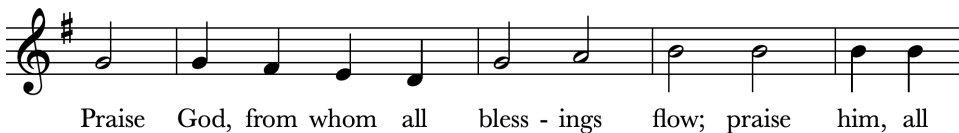
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Risen Christ

— The Holy Communion —

Hymn at the Presentation *Please stand*



crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly
host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, melody from Pseaumes octante trois de David, 1551, alt.;
harm. after Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510–c. 1561)

The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

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

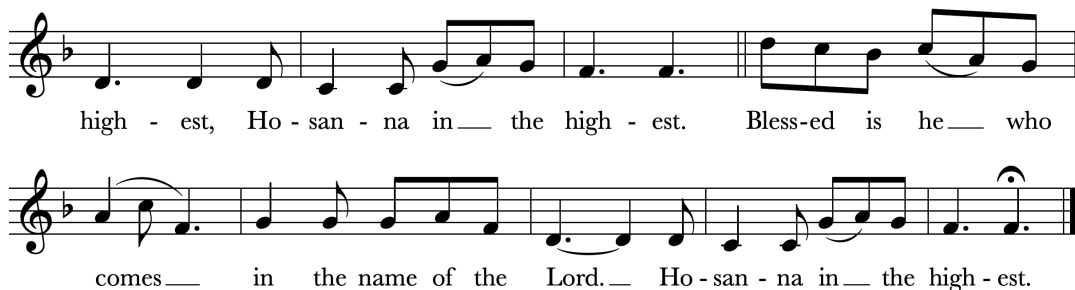
For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 and Benedictus qui venit

Organ

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in — the



Music: DOVE OF PEACE, American Folk Melody, adapt/arr by Robert Lehman

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, p. 364

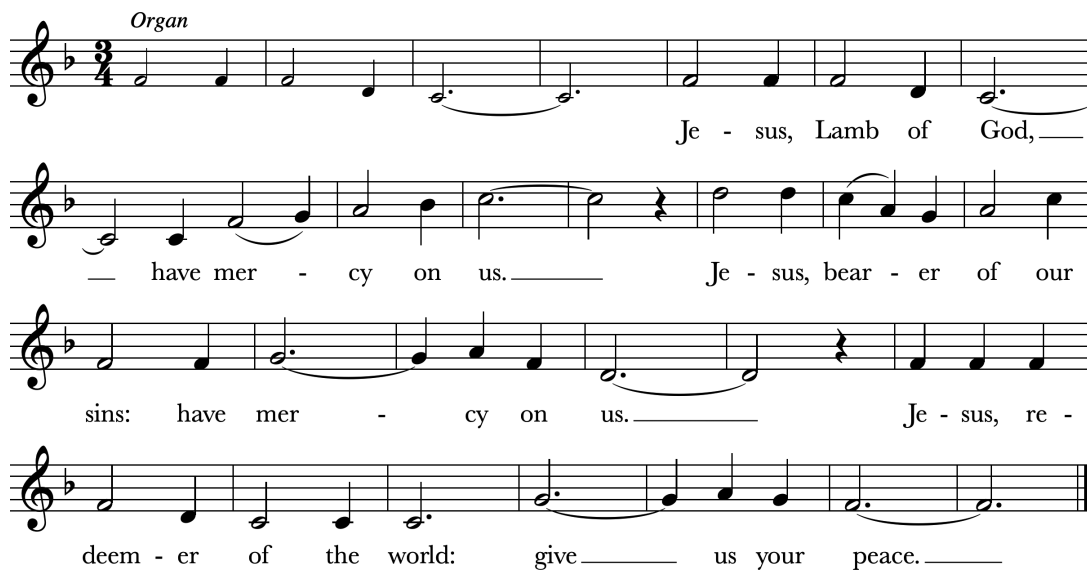
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Organ



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 of the world: give — us your peace. —

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, American Folk Melody, adapt/arr by Robert Lehman

Communion Hymn 538

God of mercy, God of grace

Sung seated

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
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.

The Blessing

Hymn 544 *Jesus shall reign where'er the sun* *Please stand*

Dismissal

The People are dismissed and they respond

People Thanks be to God.

*You are invited to be seated and remain for the closing Organ Voluntary.
Those departing are asked to do so quietly out of respect for those who remain.*

Organ Voluntary Choral Song Samuel Sebastian Wesley
(1810–1876)

COFFEE HOUR follows the liturgy in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.
The Parish Hall is best accessed through the door on Winter Street.

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Today's Ministers

<i>Presider and Preacher</i>	The Rev. Rita Teschner Powell
<i>Organist</i>	Robert Lehman
<i>Lay Leader</i>	Pam Craven
<i>Lector and Prayers</i>	June Ellien
<i>Usher</i>	Christine White
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Pam Monterosso
<i>Flowers</i>	Ann Barnett
<i>Video Op</i>	Heather Anne Slayton
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Potluck
<i>Counters</i>	Mardi Moran and Cheryl DeWitt

Today we remember

Anna Glen B. Vietor
Martha Knox Vietor
Barbara Foster Vietor
Alexander Orr Vietor
David Butler Vietor

in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given.



This Morning's Hymnody

MARY ANN THOMSON'S (1834–1923) vigorous missionary hymn (Hymn 539), written in the nineteenth century, reflects the great missionary movement of that era, but its central message remains timeless: the Church is called to bear witness to God's light, love, and saving grace among all peoples. The repeated refrain, "Publish glad tidings," echoes the biblical image of announcing good news to those who have not yet heard it. The tune TIDINGS, by English composer James Walch (1837–1901), is a strong and memorable Victorian-era melody with a broad, confident character; its rhythmic energy and triumphant refrain reinforce the hymn's sense of urgency and joy.

Frederick William Faber's (1814–1863) beloved hymn, "There's a wideness in God's mercy" celebrates the limitless compassion of God. Written in response to the tendency of some Christians to emphasize divine judgment over divine mercy, the text proclaims that God's love is broader, deeper, and more generous than human understanding can comprehend, inviting us to trust in a God whose grace reaches beyond our failures and whose forgiveness is always greater than our sin. The tune BENEFIT STREET was composed in 2013 for this text. The tune's name honors historic Benefit Street in Providence, Rhode Island – a fitting reference for a hymn rooted in the themes of divine mercy.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847), best known as the author of "Abide with me," wrote Hymn 538 as a prayer for God's light to shine upon the Church and the nations. Drawing on the language of the Psalms, especially expanding upon this morning's Psalm (Psalm 67) and the petition that God's "saving health" may extend throughout the earth, the hymn moves from personal devotion toward a vision of unity among all peoples. The tune LUCERNA LAUDONIAE was composed by David Evans (1874–1948), a Welsh church musician and scholar of hymnody. Its dignified, lyrical character supports the hymn's prayerful tone.

This morning's closing hymn (Hymn 544) is one of Isaac Watts's (1674–1748) great missionary hymns of the Christian tradition. Inspired by Psalm 72, it presents a vision of the reign of Christ extending throughout the earth: every nation, language, and people drawn into the praise of the King whose kingdom is founded on justice, mercy, and peace. The tune DUKE STREET, attributed to John Hatton (d. 1793), is one of the most recognizable melodies in English hymnody. Its bright, symmetrical phrases and strong rhythmic character give the hymn a sense of celebration and universal proclamation.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Coffee Hour at St. Andrew's

If you are looking for an easy and fun way to contribute to the Parish during the summer months, this is a perfect opportunity! There are plenty of “old timers” to guide you through the simple steps, and you will never have to work alone! Get in touch with the church office, and we will set you up. Any help at all is greatly appreciated.
office@standrewsmv.org.

Food Pantry

With the high costs of rent on our island, we have neighbors in need of food assistance throughout the year. While the IGI Food Pantry can obtain basic shelf-stable foods for its clients, we would appreciate your help in providing food for seniors on special diets. Please consider donating gluten-free, low-salt, and/or low-sugar items when you come to church. Deb Edmunds will mark them as a donation from St. Andrew's Church and take them to the Pantry.

Dear St. Andrew's Parishioners,

We have recently encountered two important expenses that were not included in our 2026 budget, and we are asking you to prayerfully consider helping us meet these needs.

Sound System Upgrade

Our current sound system is no longer providing the clarity and reliability our parish needs for worship. Unfortunately, replacing or upgrading the system is not within our current budget. If you are able to help support this \$12,000 project financially, we would be deeply grateful.

Rectory Freshen-Up

As you know, we are preparing to welcome our new Rector. To make the Rectory ready, several necessary repairs, updates, and general clean-up projects have been completed. These unexpected expenses were also not included in our 2026 budget. If you would consider contributing toward the \$10,000 Rectory freshen-up, we would sincerely appreciate your support.

If you would like to make a donation by check, you may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. Please note either **“Sound System”** or **“Rectory Work”** in the memo line so we can direct your gift appropriately.

Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your continued support of the ministry of St. Andrew's.

Palmer Marrin and Barbara Rush, *Wardens*

Giving to St. Andrew's

You may now make a secure contribution to the ministry and mission of our parish by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone camera. The code will take you directly to our online giving page, where you can make one-time or recurring gifts safely and conveniently. (https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=3ZNAWBG5ZM3NC) If you have questions, they may be directed to: office@standrewsmv.org. Your generosity supports the worship, outreach, pastoral care, and many ministries of this congregation. We are grateful for every gift and for all who share in the work of Christ through this parish.



Support our mission

Each must give as they decide in their heart,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

— 2 Corinthians 9:7

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