

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Edgartown, Massachusetts



The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
September 6, 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!

This Morning's Hymnody

THE TEXT OF THIS MORNING'S opening hymn was written by the Scottish minister Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908) and draws especially upon 1 Timothy 1:17: “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever.” The climactic thought is that of God being made invisible, hidden by the splendor of light. Images of light, creation, and God's unchanging nature run throughout the text, contrasting the transience of human life with the everlasting glory of God. The tune ST. DENIO is a traditional Welsh melody adapted by John Roberts (1822–1877). Its sweeping phrases and vigorous rhythm give this great hymn of praise a particularly majestic character.

“Forgive our sins as we forgive” (Hymn 674) was written in 1969 by English hymn writer Rosamond E. Herklots (1905–1987). Taking its starting point from the Lord's Prayer, the hymn explores the difficult relationship between receiving God's forgiveness and extending that same forgiveness to others. It reminds us that reconciliation is not merely an ideal but an essential part of Christian discipleship. The tune DETROIT comes from the Supplement to Kentucky Harmony of 1820 and reflects the early American shape-note tradition. Its spare, modal character lends gravity and directness to this searching text.

“Awake, O sleeper, rise from death” (Hymn 547) is by the distinguished Episcopal priest and hymn writer F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984). Drawing inspiration from lines of Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus (Ephesians 5:14), Tucker has used chapters 3–5 of the Epistle to construct this hymn text which provides an overarching insight to the Gospel message: Christ came into this world to save sinners and reunite Creation with God through the gift of eternal life given by the sacrifice of Christ. The lovely tune MARSH CHAPEL was composed by American organist and church musician Max Miller (b. 1927) and is named for the chapel on the campus of Boston University. Its confident, forward-moving melody reinforces the hymn's summons to an active and awakened Christian life.

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee” (Hymn 376) was written in 1907 by American Episcopal priest Henry Van Dyke (1852–1933). The text is an exuberant hymn of praise in which the joy of God is reflected throughout creation – in stars and angels, fields and forests, mountains and seas – and ultimately in the Christian life of love and fellowship. Van Dyke deliberately wrote the words for the famous melody from the final movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*. Known in the hymnal as HYMN TO JOY, the melody was adapted for hymn singing by Edward Hodges (1796–1867). The combination of Van Dyke's radiant poetry and Beethoven's soaring music has made it one of the most widely loved hymns of praise.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated

— The Word of God —

The Lesson

Ezekiel 33:7–11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 119:33–40

Read responsively

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 674 *Forgive our sins as we forgive* *Please stand*

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15–20

Gospel 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.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Rita Teschner Powell

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

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
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
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.

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 547

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death

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 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

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

Hornpipe (*Water Music*)

George Frideric Handel
(1685–1759)

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

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</i>	Jo-Ann Taylor
<i>Prayers</i>	Christine White
<i>Usher</i>	Christine White
<i>Video Op</i>	Heather Anne Slayton
<i>Counters</i>	Mardi Moran and Cheryl DeWitt



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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

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.
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