

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Edgartown, Massachusetts



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
September 27, 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

TODAY'S OPENING HYMN is an expansive text by the nineteenth-century Anglican priest and hymn writer John Ellerton that traces the whole sweep of salvation history, from creation through Christ's incarnation and redeeming work to the Church's final hope in God. Its broad theological vision is matched by FINNIAN, a strong, flowing tune by Christopher Dearnley, longtime organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. The tune's spacious phrases give the text both dignity and forward momentum.

Hymn 641 is a prayerful translation by Allen William Chatfield of a Greek text traditionally attributed to Synesius of Cyrene (c. 375–c. 414). Each stanza begins with the simple petition, “Lord Jesus, think on me,” asking Christ for forgiveness, guidance, strength in temptation, and, finally, eternal life. The restrained English tune SOUTHWELL, associated with William Daman's *Psalmes of David* (1579), beautifully complements the text's penitential and contemplative character.

Written by James Montgomery, Hymn 343 draws upon biblical images of Christ as shepherd, manna from heaven, the rock from which living water flows, and the bread and wine of the heavenly banquet. Its language connects Israel's journey through the wilderness with Christ's sustaining presence in the Holy Eucharist. ST. AGNES, by nineteenth-century English composer John Bacchus Dykes, gives Montgomery's intimate prayer a warm and devotional setting.

Robert Robinson wrote Hymn 686 in 1758, filling it with biblical imagery and an awareness of both God's abundant grace and the human tendency to wander from it. The vigorous American tune NETTLETON, first published in the early nineteenth century, has become inseparably associated with Robinson's text and gives the hymn its characteristic warmth and energy.

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

Prelude

Salix

Percy Whitlock
(1903–1946)

Hymn 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Please stand

Acclamation

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

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

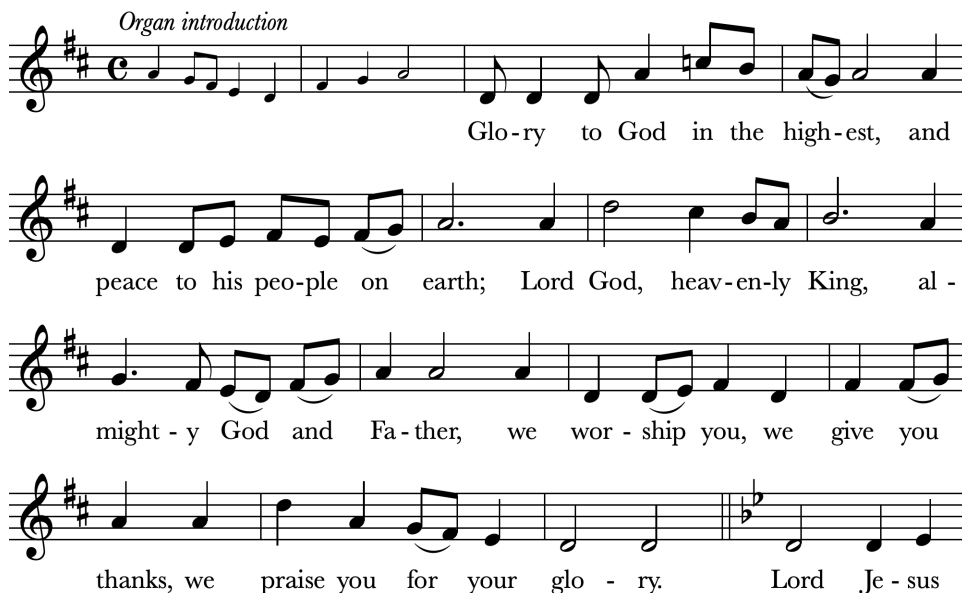
The Collect for Purity

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.

Gloria in excelsis

Organ introduction



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth; Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are
 seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our —
 prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone —
 are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most — High, Je - sus
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A - - - men.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Silence

Celebrant 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.

People Amen.

Please be seated

— The Word of God —

The Lesson

Ezekiel 18:1–4,25–32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge”? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, “The way of the Lord is unfair.” O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1–8

Read responsively

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

The Epistle

Philippians 2:1–13

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23–32

Gospeler 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.”

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.

Silence

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*



Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
Bread e - ter - nal, thine is the power, be thine the praise.

Words: Greek, c. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.

Music: RENDEZ À DIEU, melody and harm. att. 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.

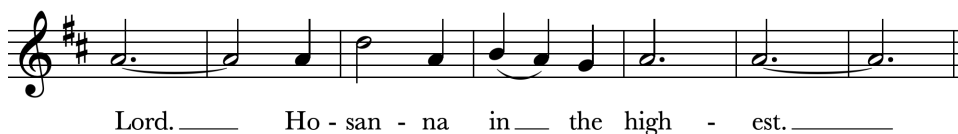
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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 introduction



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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

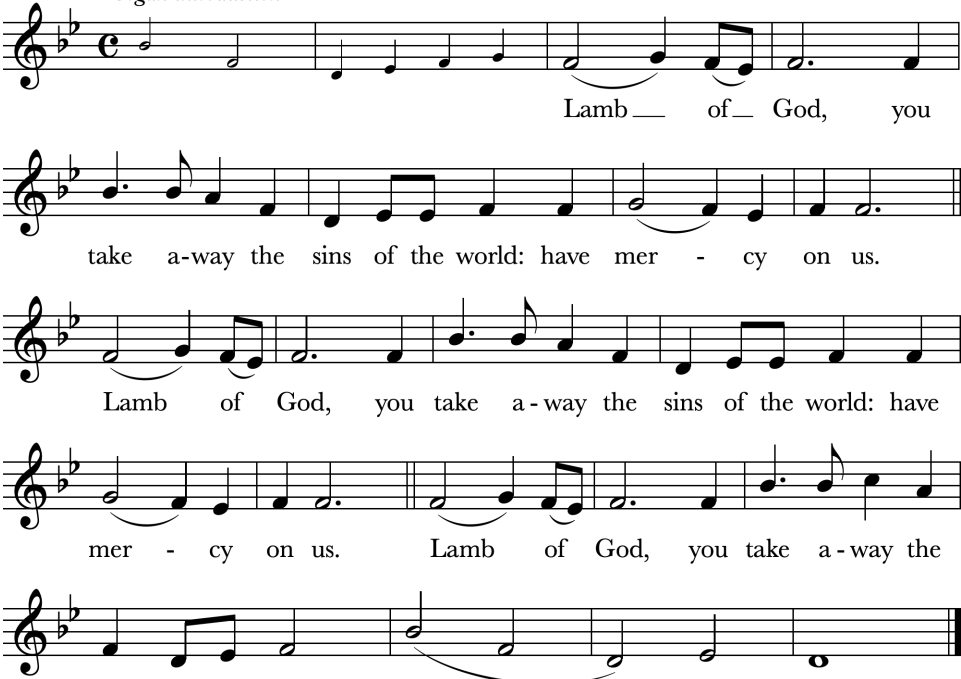
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Fraction Anthem

Organ introduction



Lamb — of — God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant — us peace.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. It begins with an organ introduction. The lyrics are: 'Lamb — of — God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant — us peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some notes beamed together and others held as half notes.

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Communion Hymn 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

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 686 *Come, thou fount of every blessing* *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 Fuge in E moll Abraham van den Kerckhoven
(c. 1618–1701)

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>	Janet Constantino
<i>Lector and Prayers</i>	Pam Craven
<i>Usher</i>	Bill Craven
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Bonnie Akins
<i>Flowers</i>	Donna Blackburn
<i>Video Op</i>	Heather Anne Slayton
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Carrie Caldwell
<i>Counters</i>	Palmer Marrin and John Washbrook

Today we remember

Jeanne Rhodes

in whose loving memory the altar flowers are given.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Mytoi Garden Walk

The Garden Walk has been postponed due to the weather.

Celebrating St. Francis Day

Do you have a cherished animal companion or house pet that might like to be visited and blessed by our new rector in the spirit of St. Francis de Assisi?

The Rector will be making house and barn calls on Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday, October 4th.

Email office@standrewsmv.org with your 1) physical address, 2) best phone number, and 3) when you will be home on those days.

This is a special way to honor the Saint that considered all living creatures his brothers and sisters!

Martha's Vineyard CROP Hunger Walk

The 2026 Martha's Vineyard CROP Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, October 18, at 1:30 p.m., beginning at St. Augustine's Church in Vineyard Haven.

Support the St. Andrew's Team! Join us as a walker, sponsor a member of our team, or simply come out and cheer us on. Every contribution, large or small, helps support efforts both locally and around the world to combat hunger and food insecurity.

To register or make a donation, visit: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/marthasvineyard>.

For more information, contact Sara Barrington at parishlife@standrewsmv.org.

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.

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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