

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Service of Word and Prayer



July 25, 2021

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St. Anne's Mission Statement

*We seek to be led by the spirit to understand God's purpose for the world
with our mission being to respond through Christ
in worship, education, fellowship and service.*

Prelude "Voluntary VII"

John Stanley

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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. *Amen.*

Gloria

WLP 821

Glory to God; Praise to the Son;
Love to the Spirit; Three and yet One.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Lessons

The people sit. The lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel (11:1-15).

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 14

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *

**All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.**

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *

**to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

- 3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
**who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?**
- 5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
**when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.**

A Reading from the Gospel of John (6:1-21).

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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The Word of the Lord.*

***People* Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

Moment of Quiet

Meditation hymn "Break thou the bread of life"

LEVAS 146 (v.1, 2)

1. Break thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for thee,
O living word!

2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord,
To me, to me,
As thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall,
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.

(text by Mary A. Lathbury, 1877)

The Prayers of the People

The people may kneel.

Form II, BCP p. 385

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their
own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop(s) _____; for this gathering, both in-person and online;
and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.
Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the
oppressed, and those in prison.
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially _____].
Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present

I ask your prayers for _____.

I ask your thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored [especially _____ whom we remember today].
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

On your way in or out, you will find an offering plate. We are grateful for your gifts that keep our ministries going.

We will continue to exit the pews from the rear of the church first.

Please wait for the usher to indicate your turn.

Thank you for observing physical distancing and for wearing a mask when singing.

Ministers today

Priest-in-charge

Lector

Prayers of the People

Director of Music and Organist

Singer

Ushers

Film Crew

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

Mr. John Geen

Ms. Kathy Brewster

Mr. Peter Morelli

Ms. Maria Martin

Mr. Ken Kinser

Ms. Rosemary Kinser

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

Mr. Ron Desmarais

No meetings in our parish this week

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 2-5 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

As we take time away, take this prayer with you:

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP, p. 825)

Prayers for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Mystic Valley Deanery
Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading; St. John's Church, Saugus;
Emmanuel Church, Wakefield; The Third Order, Society of St. Francis;
Our Presiding Bishop, Michael; Our Bishops, Alan and Gayle; Our Priest, Jennifer

St. Anne's Prayer List

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

Barbara Rogers, Cyndi, Dianne Brown, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine Howland,
Elaine McLaughlin, Fred Brown, Irene Mouradian, Janet Lyna, John Phillips, Jose Torres, Sr.,
Joseph Pleva, Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Linda E., Marie Figenbaum, Marie Horgan,
Mary Hyatt, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & family,
Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sarah Komarinski, Susan Fader, Vicki Mahoney

Announcements for July 25, 2021

Join us for Coffee Hour today, outside under our trees or inside in Bixby Hall

Masks are welcome to be worn – especially when singing!

**Linda and Rosemary are available after church to help you with your Realm login questions.
Come to church for their help!**

If you wish to put an announcement in the bulletin,
please send it to our office before Wednesday evening.

St. Anne's Thrift Shop will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10 until 2

If you have not received a Realm invite in your email, that means one of two things:
we do not have an email address on file for you, or you are listed as sharing an email address
with another person. However, we still want to help you get connected to Realm!

Please call the office at 978-663-4073 and we will update your information.

If you call outside of regular office hours, leave a message with the best times to reach you,
and Jayleigh will return your call when she is able. Thank you!

Interested in becoming a hospice volunteer? You can bring joy to a patient's life, or help out in the office. Your presence is a gift! Beacon Hospice is looking for volunteers to visit patients in homes, nursing and assisted living facilities, and hospitals in the North Shore and Merrimack Valley area. They are also looking for support with admission work in their Lawrence office. For more information, contact Karen Powell, Volunteer Coordinator for Beacon Hospice, at 978-837-3333. Free training is included!

Did you know that the Billerica Public Library has a Homebound Delivery Service? Items from the collection can be requested and delivered to your home, with no overdue fees. Assistance with registering for other services for those who are ill or disabled is also available. Please contact the Library's Circulation Manager, Sharon Lomison, at 978-671-0949 ext 4114 for more information or to enroll in this service.

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