

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
P.O. Box 134, 14 Treble Cove Rd.
N. Billerica, MA 01862

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Service of Word and Prayer



August 29, 2021

St. Anne's, N. Billerica Online Services can be found at:
Website: <http://stannes-billerica.org>
YouTube: St Anne's Episcopal Church No Billerica MA
Face Book: St Anne's Episcopal Church No Billerica MA
Billerica Access Television (BATV) - See programing guide

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 “Cornet Voluntary”

John Travers

Please stand for the procession; then you may be seated.

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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Song of Solomon (2:8-13).

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.
Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.
My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.
The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.
The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

*After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.*

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

The Psalm

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.

- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.

8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark (7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

Moment of Quiet

As you reflect on today's Scripture readings, here are some questions to ponder:

Have you ever felt you were honoring God by loving and appreciating another person?

Where do you find beauty in the physicality of creation?

Meditation hymn "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Hymnal 423 (v.1, 2)

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

(text by Walter C. Smith, 1867)

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

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.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The people stand. The Priest gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates"

Hymnal 436 (v.1, 2)

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.

2. O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!

(text by Georg Weissel, 1642, translated from German by Catherine Winkworth, 1855)

Postlude "Voluntary"

John Worgan

Reprinted and podcast / streamed with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-#736619. All rights reserved

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, including seating by household in every other pew, and for wearing a mask while inside the building.

Ministers today

Priest-in-charge

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

Lector-in-chief

Mr. Ed Giroux, Co-Warden

Lector

Mr. Kevin Kotelly

Prayers of the People

Ms. Michele O'Shea

Director of Music and Organist

Mr. Peter Morelli

Singer

Ms. Maria Martin

Acolytes

Ms. Brenda Komarinski

Ushers

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

Mr. Russell Bent

Film Crew (Video)

Ms. Dot Callihan

Ms. Sandra Giroux

Film Crew (Audio)

Mr. Ron Desmarais

Mr. Mark Komarinski

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

Meetings in our parish this week

Tuesday 5:30 Clergy & Wardens

Pledging, Stewardship, & Realm committees continue to meet

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 11-5 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

Prayers for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Neponset River Deanery

Trinity Church, Stoughton; Epiphany Church, Walpole;

Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury (Boston); St. John's Church, Westwood;

Trustees of Donations;

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., Doug Williams, 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, Mark Figenbaum, Mary Hyatt, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Nicolette Lazar, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & family, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sarah Komarinski, Susan Fader, Vicki Mahoney

Announcements for August 29, 2021

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

Masks must be worn inside the building and physical distancing between households must be observed—thank you for helping to keep us all safe and healthy!

Next Sunday, Labor Day weekend, September 5th, we will have our first communion service. We will use single serving, lidded, pre-packaged wafers and wine that will be brought to you at your seat. It is the best we can do since we are still under Covid mandates.

We are trying it. Let's see how it goes.

At home participants in our worship - If you wish to come by church to pick up your own single serving package of communion wafer and wine, please come on Thursday afternoon 2-5pm.

If that's not convenient, please call the church and leave a message.

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

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

We are still looking for volunteers for the St. Anne's table at this year's
Yankee Doodle Homecoming Day in Billerica on September 18.
If interested please see Ed Giroux.

**Last call for scholarship applications: Applications are available in the back of the church or
by contacting the church office. Members of St. Anne's who are full or part time students
may apply for financial assistance with school expenses.**

**Completed applications may be turned in to the office for approval by the Endowment
Committee and the Vestry. Applications will be accepted through August 31, 2021.**

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
14 Treble Cove Road PO Box 134 N. Billerica, MA 01862
stannesbillerica@gmail.com 978-663-4073 rector@stannes-billerica.org