

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



August 22, 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 “Canzona: Allegretto”

Domenico Zipoli

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

The people standing, the Officiant says

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.

People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. 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 Officiant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

The Officiant says the Collect.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 First Book of Kings (8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43).

[Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

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

The Psalm

Psalm 84

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
**by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

A Reading from the Gospel of John (6:56-69).

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?"

It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

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People Thanks be to God.

Moment of Quiet

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

Where does God dwell with you?

Where do you “rejoice in the living God”?

When in your life have you taken shelter with God?

What does it mean to you to “abide” with Jesus?

Where in your life do you find it difficult to believe in Jesus’ life-giving presence?

Can you find a way to “pray toward that place,” as Simon Peter did?

Meditation hymn “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Hymnal 304 (v.1, 2)

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall,
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

(text by Brian A. Wren, 1970)

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 Officiant 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,

Officiant and People

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 General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom said by the Officiant

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

The people stand. The Officiant concludes by saying

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

2 Corinthians 13:14

People Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn "Sing praise to God who reigns above"

Hymnal 408 (v.1, 2)

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

2. What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might, lo!
all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

(text by Johann Jakob Schütz, 1675, translated from German by Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1841)

Postlude "Allegro Moderato"

John Stanley

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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

Officiants

Lector-in-chief

Lector

Prayers of the People

Director of Music and Organist

Acolytes

Ushers

Film Crew (Video)

Film Crew (Audio)

Co-Wardens

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Mr. Peter Morelli

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

Ms. Brenda Komarinski

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Ms. Rosemary Kinser

Ms. Sandra Giroux

Mr. Ron Desmarais

Mr. Mark Komarinski

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

Meetings in our parish this week August 22-29

Sunday (Today) 11:00 am Social Justice Vestry Sub-Committee Meeting

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 11-5 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

For your own spiritual nurture, you can find sermons online that are preached by our senior diocesan staff. As they did last year, they wish to give the gifts of their sermons to parishes who are not meeting in person but are offering online worship. Next week's diocesan sermon will be given by the Rev'd Canon Dr. Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, and it was filmed here in our own St. Anne's! Jean Baptiste is deeply grateful to St. Anne's for hosting the filming of his diocesan sermon. We have gifts to give our Diocese!

The link can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06oXpFG5v-Q>

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)

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Prayers for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Neponset River Deanery
Christ Church, Medway; St. Michael's Church, Milton;

Grace Church, Norwood; St. John's Church, Sharon; Jubilee Ministries;
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 22, 2021

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

Masks are recommended to be worn, and are necessary while singing!

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

The September Newsletter deadline is almost here: the 25th of the month.

Please send your articles to sandraforstannes@yahoo.com

**We are 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.

Scholarship 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.

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Sign In

- Email Address **Step 2.** Enter your Email Address
- Password
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[Forgot your password?](#) **Step 3.** To create a password for the first time you must Click [Forgot your password?](#) , an email will be sent to you to create your Password**

*What browsers are compatible with Realm?

- Chrome
- Firefox
- Microsoft Edge
- Safari

What operating system do you need to run Realm?

- Windows 10 or higher
- Mac/Apple 10.15

**Password Requirements:

- Between 8 and 15 characters.
- Includes no part of your email address.
- Includes no repeating characters such as aaa.
- Includes none of the following: < > & ^ \ ; % ' /
- Includes no numeric or alphabetical sequences such as 12345 or abcde.
- Also, no keyboard sequences such as asdfgh.

Step 4. Sign In with your email and password, review your profile information to ensure it is correct, set your privacy preferences and [Save](#) . This will add you to the St. Annes online directory.

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