

St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
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## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Eucharist



September 26, 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.*

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Prelude

“Fantaisie #10”

Telemann

*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.*

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.**

The Lessons

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

A Reading from the Epistle of James (5:13-20).

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

Psalm 124

1 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**let Israel now say;**

2 If the Lord had not been on our side, \*  
**when enemies rose up against us;**

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
**in their fierce anger toward us;**

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
**and the torrent gone over us;**

5 Then would the raging waters \*  
**have gone right over us.**

6 Blessed be the Lord! \*  
**he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
**the snare is broken, and we have escaped.**

8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

### The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark (9:38-50).

**People** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

### The Nicene Creed

*All standing, say*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### The Prayers of the People

*The people may kneel.*

Form III, BCP p. 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain  
effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.

*The Priest stands and says*

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. Amen.

**Please stand for the hymn.**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory hymn      “Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”      Hymnal 574 (v.1-3)

1. Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:  
give us a conscience quick to feel,  
a ready mind to understand  
the meaning of thy chastening hand;  
whate'er the pain and shame may be,  
bring us, O Father, nearer thee.

2. Search out our hearts and make us true;  
help us to give to all their due.  
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,  
from sins which make the heart grow cold,  
wean us and train us with thy rod;  
teach us to know our faults, O God.

3. For sins of heedless word and deed,  
for pride ambitious to succeed,  
for crafty trade and subtle snare  
to catch the simple unaware,  
for lives bereft of purpose high,  
forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.  
*(text by William Boyd Carpenter, 1841-1918)*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

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 him thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**



*The Celebrant continues*

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. *AMEN.*

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 Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**Please be seated.**

1. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief  
My soul has often found relief.  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless;  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His word and trust His grace.  
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

3. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
May I thy consolation share,  
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height  
I view my home and take my flight:  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize.  
And shout, while passing through the air,  
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

*(text by William W. Walford, 1845)*

1. O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2. Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

3. Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

*(text by Washington Gladden, 1879)*

4. in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

*After Communion, please stand as the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*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 Priest may bless the people.*

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 Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

“Trumpet Piece”

William Boyce

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*After the procession retires, you may sit quietly until the usher indicates your exit.*

As a way of minimizing touching shared objects, we have placed offering plates in both the front and rear of the church. We are very grateful for your gifts and offerings. You may leave them in the plates as you enter or leave our service of worship.

Thank you for observing physical distancing between households to the best of your ability, 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	Ms. Sue Geen
Prayers of the People	Ms. Marguerite Massey
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
Ushers	Mr. Ken Kinser
	Ms. Rosemary Kinser
Film Crew (Video)	Ms. Sandra Giroux
	Mr. Ron Desmarais
Film Crew (Audio)	Mr. Mark Komarinski
	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

Meetings in our parish this week

Sunday (Today)	10:15 am	Special coffee hour in honor of Rev. Peggy Come to share your memories and stories of her time at St. Anne's
Monday	5 pm	Social Justice Book Club Meeting
Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	7 pm	Bible Study on Zoom
Saturday	7 pm	St. Anne's Social Group Meeting
Sunday (October 3)	1 pm	Blessing of the Animals at St. Anne's
	3 pm	Blessing of the Animals at Billerica Dog Park

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12-4 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

## **Prayers for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 26, 2021**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church, USA

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the North Shore Deanery  
Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem;  
Christ Church, South Hamilton; Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott;  
Trinity Church, Topsfield;

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, Jean Flight,  
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

Those fighting Covid-19

### **Announcements for September 26, 2021**

**Join us for Coffee Hour today in Bixby Hall.**

**This will be a special coffee hour in memory of Reverend Peggy.**

**Parishioners are invited to share memories of her time as rector.**

**There will be further opportunities to tell your stories at coffee hour in the next few weeks.**

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!

**Beginning next Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, our Sunday service will be moving to 9 am.**

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.**

The newly formed Book Club will be meeting Monday, September 27, at 5:30 pm.  
Bring your own snack, dinner, or drink to a discussion of the first three chapters of the book  
*To Be a Slave* by Julius Lester.

If you have any questions, please contact Marguerite Massey.

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

**We will be having a short Blessing of the Animals service at St. Anne's at 1 pm.**

**There will be another service at the Billerica Dog Park at 3 pm.**

Beginning on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding Parish Film Nights at 7 pm on the first Friday of each month, hosted by the Social Justice Subcommittee of the Vestry.

We will begin by introducing videos from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

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

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