

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



September 5, 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      “St. Anne” (No. 1 from *Forty Hymn-Tune Preludes*)”

C.S. Lang

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

Welcome & Announcements      September Birthdays and Anniversaries

## 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.*

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 (2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17).

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

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

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 125

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
**which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.**
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
**so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
**so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.**

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Mark.

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*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 & Confession of Sin

*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 be seated.**

## The Holy Communion

Offertory hymn                    “Thou, whose almighty word”                    Hymnal 371 (v.1, 2)

1. Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and, where the Gospel day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light!

*(text by John Marriott, 1813)*

2. Thou who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the in-ly blind,  
now to all humankind,  
let there be light!

## 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.*

[Refrain:]

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

3. These are the ones we should serve,  
these are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

2. Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are nearby and far away. (Refrain)

4. Loving puts us on our knees,  
serving as though we are slaves;  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

*(text by Tom Colvin, 1963; tune adapted from a Ghanaian folk song)*

*After Communion, 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 Celebrant dismisses them with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Postlude “Duo sur la Trompète”

Jean-Francois Dandrieu

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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, 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. Norm Zarella
Prayers of the People	Mr. John Geen
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolytes	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
Ushers	Mr. George Cousens
	Ms. Linda Kusnierz
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

Tuesday 11:30 ReGathering Committee

Friday Nomination and Resolutions Deadline for Diocesan Convention

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 11-5 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

**September Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Maureen Thibeault 9/7  
Jose Torres & Doris Hamner 9/8  
Brenda Komarinski 9/10  
Michele O'Shea 9/11  
Cindy Fawcett 9/24  
Jonathan MacKenzie 9/27  
Pete Jeffrey 9/27  
Nancy Packard 9/30

If you would like your birthday or anniversary to be listed here, so we can pray for you during worship on the first Sunday of that month, please send it in if you think we might not have it! Send to [stannesbillerica@gmail.com](mailto:stannesbillerica@gmail.com).

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

**September 5, 2021**

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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the North Shore Deanery

St. Peter's Church, Beverly; St. John's Church, Beverly Farms;

All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; St. John's Church, Gloucester;

Essex County Community Organization (ECCO);

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 September 5, 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!

**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.**

How are you finding this service format for Eucharist?  
We are experimenting together, so please tell us what you think.

**Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am. The group will be examining the Lord's Prayer, using a study guide (\$8 each). All are welcome to attend.**

**Please see John or Sue Geen for more information.**

The St. Anne's Social Group will be meeting on Saturday, September 11, at 7:00 PM in Bixby Hall. Light refreshments will be served. Masks required. Please see Dotty Callihan for more information.

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

We are still looking for volunteers for the St. Anne's booth at Yankee Doodle Day on Saturday, September 18th. Families with young children are especially invited, as there will be games! Please consider signing up for a half hour slot. See Ed Giroux for details or to sign up.

**The Reverend Peggy Howell, who died April 6, 2020, and was our rector from 1996 until 2014, will be remembered at a memorial service at St. Anne's Church on Saturday, September 25, 2021, at 10:00 am. Her son and daughter, Michael and Alison, cordially invite us all to attend.**

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

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