

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
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The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Service of Holy Eucharist



October 31, 2021
9:00 am

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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

“Prelude in D Major”

J.S. Bach

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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; 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 to the Hebrews (9:11-14).

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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

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

The Psalm

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous;
the Lord cares for the stranger; *
**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
**your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (12:28-34).

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

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

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

The Homily

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, especially_____.

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.*



Let us remember those from our community who have died in 2020 and 2021.
Recalling the love of God that is stronger than death, together we will say their names.

June Burke
Michael Conroy
Dinah Holman
Peggy Howell
Natalie Hunt
Richard Hyatt
Katherine Jeffrey
Martin Kennedy
Nicolette Lazar
Al Longuemare
Delores (Dolly) Longuemare
Kenneth Mouradian
Donald Needham, Sr.
John Trickett
Julia Trickett
Laura Trickett
Al Westerlund
Margaret Westerlund
Doug Williams
Cathy Zechner



Please stand for the hymn.

The Holy Communion

Offertory hymn

“Lift high the cross”

Hymnal 473

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world _____ a - dore _____ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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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...

...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. A minister will come to you with a single serving package of Communion wafer and wine, and a napkin. If you do not wish to receive, you may cross your arms over your chest. After you have received, please place your empty package and napkin in the basket that an usher will bring to you.

Please be seated.

Communion hymn one “How lovely is thy dwelling place” Hymnal 517

1. How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for thee.

2. Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with thee
and praise thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrim’s quest.

3. They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion’s temple rings
with praise to thee, in glory throned,
Lord God, great King of kings.

4. One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for thou shalt surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.

*(stanzas 1&2: The Psalms of David in Meeter, 1650,
stanzas 3&4: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982)*

Communion hymn two “God Is So Good” LEVAS 214

1. God is so good,
God is so good,
God is so good,
He’s so good to me.

2. He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He cares for me,
He’s so good to me.

3. He’s all I need,
He’s all I need,
He’s all I need,
He’s so good to me.

(text: traditional African spiritual, transcribed by Paul Makai of the

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

“Bourrée”

J.S. Bach

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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. Edward Giroux, Co-Warden
Lector	Mr. John Geen
Prayers of the People	Ms. Marguerite Massey
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
Ushers	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
	Mr. George Cousens
Film Crew (Video)	Ms. Linda Kusnierz
	Ms. Sandra Giroux
Film Crew (Audio)	Mr. Ron Desmarais
	Mr. Mark Komarinski
	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

Meetings in our parish this week

Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	11:30 am	Re-Gathering Committee Meeting
Thursday	7 pm	Worship Team Meeting
Friday	7 pm	Parish Film Night Hosted by the Social Justice Subcommittee of the Vestry
Saturday	5 pm	Multicultural Celebration of All the Saints Hosted by Diocesan Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries on Zoom
	7 pm	St. Anne's Social Group Meeting

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12-4 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

Prayers for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the South Shore Deanery

Trinity Church, Rockland; St. Luke's Church, Scituate;

Church of the Holy Nativity, South Weymouth; All Saints' Church, Whitman;

The Diocesan Convention;

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, 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, Norm & MJ Zarella,

Pat McCleave & family, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sarah Komarinski, Susan Fader, Vicki Mahoney

Those who have died

Al Longuemare

Doug Williams

Announcements for October 31, 2021

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 am on November 7.

Remember to turn your clocks back next weekend!

Join us for Coffee Hour today 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.

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

Come in for items to help set your table for Thanksgiving.

**Volunteers are welcome, so please speak to Kathy Brewster or Marguerite Massey
to see how you can help the thrift shop teams.**

Next Sunday, November 7, Michael Hopkins, one of our Co-Wardens, will be our preacher for Stewardship Sunday. He would like to remind everyone that you should have received a Stewardship letter along with a pledge form to be filled out and returned to the pledge treasurer. Please fill out your forms and return them by next Sunday. You may drop them in the offering plates or mail them to the church.

Our church has been asked to donate canned cranberry sauce for the Billerica Community Pantry holiday distributions. We are looking to collect 500 cans total, for distributions in November and December. We want to reach this goal by November 20, although we will happily receive cans after that date too. Please bring your cans to church and place them in the labeled donation bins.

Beginning on Friday, November 5th, 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.

The diocesan Office of Immigration and Multicultural Ministries welcomes all for a Multicultural Celebration of All the Saints who Struggled for Justice and Freedom, to be held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. via Zoom. Please e-mail by Nov. 5 the name and short description of a saint you wish to celebrate to jbntagengwa@diomass.org. Registration is required for this event; the link is available on this page: <https://www.diomass.org/event/multicultural-celebration-all-saints-who-struggled-justice-freedom>.

The Social Justice Book Club is reading *After Lincoln—How the North Won the War and Lost the Peace* by A.J. Langguth. Our next meeting is Monday, November 8, at 5:30pm. We will be discussing chapters 2,3, and 4. This book is opening our eyes to the strong opinions on both sides. Please think about joining us. All are welcome even if you have not read the book.

The 236th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts is scheduled for November 12 and 13. The theme this year is “Members One of Another.” Since the convention will be virtual, anyone may participate in Friday afternoon’s learning sessions and worship. For more information and to register: <https://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2021>.

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