

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



November 7, 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

“In Christ Alone”

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

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

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

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, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 to the Hebrews (9:24-28).

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
**vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.**
- 4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
**he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.**

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark (12:38-44).

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

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

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.*

Please stand for the hymn.

The Holy Communion

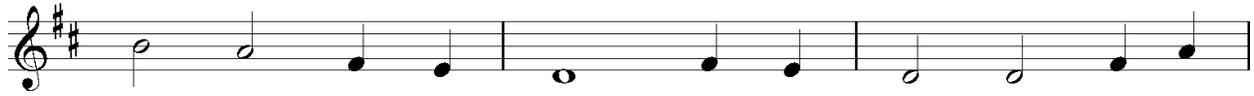
Offertory hymn

“Come, thou fount of every blessing”

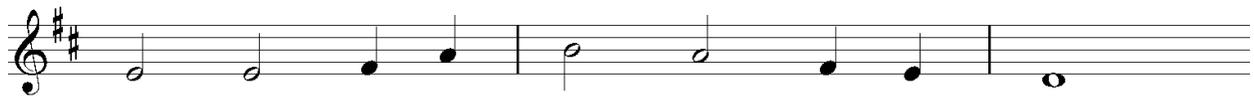
Hymnal 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



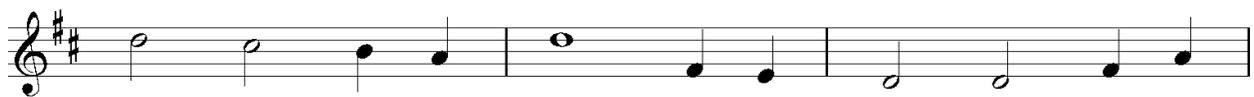
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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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 “I am the bread of life” Hymnal 335

1. I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

Refrain:
And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.

2. The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever.
[Refrain]

3. Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you.
[Refrain]

4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.
[Refrain]

5. Yes, Lord we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world.
[Refrain]

(text by Suzanne Toolan, 1966)

Communion hymn two “Blest are the pure in heart” Hymnal 656

1. Blest are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King;

3. He to the lowly soul
will still himself impart
and for his dwelling and his throne
will choose the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple fit for thee.

(stanzas 1&3: John Keble, 1819; stanzas 2&4: William John Hall, 1836)

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

“His Strength Is Perfect”

Steven Curtis Chapman & Jerry Salley

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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. Russell Bent
Prayers of the People	Mr. Norm Zarella
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
Ushers	Ms. Dotty Callihan
	Ms. Pat Cregg
Film Crew (Video)	Ms. Sandra Giroux
	Mr. Ron Desmarais
Film Crew (Audio)	Mr. Mark Komarinski
	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

David Carpine 11/2
Norm & MJ Zarella 11/5
Eli Baldwin 11/14
Jennifer Stockton 11/19
Amy O'Sullivan 11/20
Jose Torres 11/24
Julie Komarinski 11/28

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.

Meetings in our parish this week

Monday	5:30 pm	Social Justice Book Club Meeting
Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	7 pm	Bible Study on Zoom
	7 pm	Nominating Committee Meeting
Thursday	5:15 pm	Clergy and Wardens Meeting
Friday	1 – 8 pm	Diocesan Convention
Saturday	9 am – 4 pm	Diocesan Convention

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12-4 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

Prayers for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Taunton River Deanery

All Saints' Church, Attleboro; Trinity Church, Bridgewater; Commission on Ministry;

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

Ana Blesso, Barbara Rogers, Cyndi, Debbie Blesso, Dianne Brown, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine Howland, Elaine McLaughlin, Fred Brown, Helen, 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, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney

Announcements for November 7, 2021

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.

REALM: We Need Your Help! We would like to ensure that all of our parishioners are in the Church Directory. During Coffee Hour today, Ron and Linda will be available to help you set up your account in Realm, which will ensure that your name is in the Directory.

Thank you for your help!

Today is Stewardship Sunday. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible! You may drop it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church.

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.

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.

At the annual meeting of the Episcopal City Mission, the keynote speaker gave a call to every parish to acknowledge the people whose lands we are on, as well as the local history of our own involvement in the enslavement of fellow humans. To quote from Byron Rushing's speech, "It is a simple, profound, gracious telling and reminder of the truth." I have started looking into the local indigenous history of Billerica so that we can form our own statement of acknowledgement. This research can be difficult as records were rarely taken and the indigenous people were moved or killed off.

**If you are interested in participating in this research, please let me know.
Brenda Komarinski bkomarinski@gmail.com (978)663-0874**

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 Billerica Council on Aging is holding an in-person Memory Café on Wednesday, November 10, from 1 to 2 pm. The Memory Café is a free, open event for individuals with memory loss and their care partners. This month we will be making gratitude trees. We will talk about the things we are thankful for and then celebrate those things with a fun hands-on craft. Light refreshments will also be served. Please RSVP to this event by emailing csavio@town.billerica.ma.us or by phone at 978-671-0916, ext. 2010.

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" (Romans 12:5). 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>.

All are invited to the November 14 Interfaith Book Club meeting, hosted by the Islamic Center of Boston (126 Boston Post Road, Wayland). The book that will be discussed is *Revolutionary Spirits, The Enlightened Faith of America's Founding Fathers* by Gary Kowalski, as well as several articles. It is not necessary to have read the book to join in the discussion. The meeting is from 2 to 3:30 pm; please RSVP to bookclub@icbwayland.org. Masks required.

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