

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
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The Second Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Eucharist



December 5, 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

“O Jesus, Grant Me Hope and Comfort”

J.W. Franck

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

Welcome & Announcements

Birthday & 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.*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

“The Light of Christ”

Composer unknown

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 Book of Baruch (5:1-9).

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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

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

The Psalm

Canticle 16, BCP p. 92

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (3:1-6).

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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 IV, BCP p. 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; 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.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, remaining in your pew as you signal a gesture of peace to one another.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

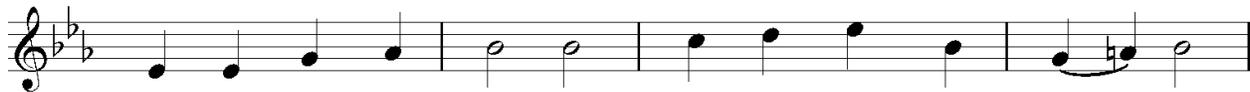
I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

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.

Offertory hymn

“Once he came in blessing”

Hymnal 53



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP p. 367

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have

delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 “Comfort, comfort, ye my people” Hymnal 67

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

2. Hark, the voice of one that crieth
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain:
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that the word is never broken.

(text by Johann Olearius, 1671, translated from German by Catherine Winkworth)

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away
like flowers that wither and decay.

4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent doth thy people free;
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Spirit evermore.
(text by Charles Coffin, 1755, translated from Latin by John Chandler, 1837)

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.

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Celebrant dismisses them with these words

Let us bless the Lord.

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

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	Ms. Jane Kotelly
Prayers of the People	Mr. John Geen
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
Ushers	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
	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

Meetings in our parish this week

Sunday (Today)	10:30 am	Pre-recording of 12/26 Lessons and Carols Service
Monday	5:30 pm	Social Conscience Book Club Meeting at St. Anne's
Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	7-7:20 pm	Advent Wreath Lighting on Facebook Live
Wednesday	7-7:20 pm	Advent Wreath Lighting on Facebook Live
Thursday	7-7:20 pm	Advent Wreath Lighting on Facebook Live
	5:15 pm	Clergy and Wardens Meeting

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12-4 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Tuesday 2-5

Prayers for the Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Alewife Deanery

St. Paul's Church, Bedford; All Saints' Church, Belmont; St. Mark's Church, Burlington;

The Officers of the Diocese; Racial Justice Commission;

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, Leonard Youens, Linda E., Marie Figenbaum, Marie Horgan, Mark Figenbaum, Mary Hyatt, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & family, Paul Hamner, Ricky & Mrs. Greene, Sally DiRocco, Sarah Komarinski, Susan Fader, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney

Announcements for December 5, 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 – please let us know if you would like to come by the church to pick up your own single serving package of communion wafer and wine. Also, let us know if you would like to receive information about making pledges or donations.

All are invited to sit in on today's pre-recording of the December 26 Lessons and Carols service. We will meet in the sanctuary at 10:30 am.

Advent wreath lighting (with poetry, singing, and prose) will happen on Facebook Live beginning on Tuesday, November 30, from 7 to 7:20 pm, and continuing each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening through December 23.

Schedule for Christmas Services (all are invited!):

Friday, December 24: 1 pm Service of Holy Eucharist, followed by a Silver Tea (in-person)

Friday, December 24: 9 pm Service of Holy Eucharist (in-person and online)

Sunday, December 26: 9 am Pre-recorded Service of Lessons and Carols (online)

Sunday, January 2: 9 am Service of Lessons and Carols (in-person and online)

Christmas has arrived at the thrift shop.
Shop hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 AM until 2 PM.

The 236th Diocesan Convention happened on November 13. Michele O'Shea, Lisa Lavoie, and Todd Baldwin attended on behalf of St. Anne's. We will be sharing part of the experience of the Convention in both the bulletin and the newsletter. One of the first things we wanted to share was the welcoming of Christ the King Church to the Diocese.

Please follow this link for the video: [Christ the King Anglican Community Church in Lynn](#) (or search this phrase on YouTube).

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Newburyport will soon be providing temporary housing for Afghan evacuees coming to our area, for a few months at a time while permanent homes are found. There are several ways that anyone in our community can contribute:

- 1) Donate household items: especially bedding, but also any other things to make this a home for them.
- 2) Donate funds. Funds are needed to prepare the space and make necessary accommodations to the building. You can give at <http://stpaulsnewburyport.org/give>, providing a note that it is for Afghan evacuee housing, or by check to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High Street, Newburyport, 01950 (with a note in the memo line).
- 3) Donate winter clothing and other personal items. Arrivals will be unprepared for the New England winter! You can help them adjust and give them great comfort by providing winter clothing for all ages.

This is an opportunity for the larger Newburyport community to come together for the good of our new neighbors, and respond in generosity during this major humanitarian crisis.

The Social Conscience Book Club will be meeting on Monday, December 6 at 5:30 PM. Do you know what is in the Fourteenth Amendment? We will be discussing what was and wasn't in it at our next meeting. Hope you can join us.

"The 12 Days of Christmas Fair": Starting Sunday, December 12th, and continuing through Thursday, December 23rd, we will have a raffle drawing each day for a variety of prizes. You can help by donating prizes: theme baskets, gift cards, or anything that you would want to win. (You can also offer a monetary donation that will go toward a prize.) These are needed by December 9th. You can buy raffle chances at 1 for \$5, or a book of 5 for \$20. These will be available for purchase from November 28th through December 12th during coffee hour, at the Thrift Shop, or through Realm (please note whether you are donating toward a prize or buying chances). Winners will be announced daily on Facebook and will be contacted through phone or email.

Please feel free to contact me, Lisa "Kinser" Carpine, at 978-808-2068 or lisa.carpine@outlook.com.

The Small but Mighty church of St. Anne's has again chosen to support the House of Hope as the recipient of our 2021 Angel Tree efforts. Our admins of Realm have set up an Angel Tree giving option within Realm to make giving easy. If you prefer the cash method, please feel free to see Sandra Giroux after church, or leave an envelope in the donation basket (please mark it as Angel Tree).

If you would like to donate towards poinsettias and greenery that will be in our sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons, please fill out the form that was sent with this bulletin (paper copies are available at the church). You can also contact the church office with your name (given by) and the names of those your donation is in thanksgiving or memory of. Donations may be made by cash, check, or through Realm (flower donation option). Please submit all names by December 12 so they can be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

The date for our Annual Meeting has been set for Sunday, January 30, 2022, after the morning service. We hope that it can be in person this winter!

In January 2022 a small spiritual community focused on studying our faith and exploring what the "priesthood (or ministry) of all believers" means to us as individual laypersons is hoping to meet. EfM (Education for Ministry) is an ecumenical, Episcopal Church-affiliated program. The group will be meeting via Zoom, hopefully with some opportunities for in-person participation. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Marguerite Massey.

**If you see any problems with the facilities that need to be addressed, please let us know!
Something broken, something not cleaned or something out of place:
Contact Mike Hopkins, Ed Giroux, Jayleigh, or Mother Jennifer and report what you see.**

December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Steve Hopkins 12/2
Belinda Fletcher 12/5
Marguerite Massey 12/7
Pat Cregg 12/10
Andrea Jeffrey 12/18
Lisa Carpine 12/25
Nicole Knowles 12/26

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.

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