

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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N. Billerica, MA 01862

The First Sunday after the Epiphany The Baptism of our Lord Service of Holy Eucharist



January 9, 2022

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

“X. Noel”

Louis Claude D'Aquin

*If today is your first visit with us, welcome. We hope you will find peace and joy here.
Please stand for the procession; then you may be seated.*

Welcome & Announcements

January Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

Social Justice Story by Michele O'Shea

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

Jacques Berthier

Gloria, gloria,
in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria,
alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People Amen.

The Lessons

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

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah (43:1-7).

Thus says the LORD,
 he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
 I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the LORD your God,
 the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
 Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight,
 and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
 nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you;
 I will bring your offspring from the east,
 and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
 and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
 and my daughters from the end of the earth-
everyone who is called by my name,
 whom I created for my glory,
 whom I formed and made."

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

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

The Psalm

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Gospel

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke (3:15-17, 21-22).*

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

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I

baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 VI, BCP p. 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and for Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in this Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. (BCP p. 815)

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

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 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

Ascribe to God the honor due that Name; bring
offering and come into these courts with praise. *Psalm 96:8*

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.

All who seek God are welcome at this table. May God find you here.

Offertory hymn

“Songs of thankfulness and praise”

Hymnal 13

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
 Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p. 369

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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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 wish to receive only a blessing, 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. All who seek spiritual nurture are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Please be seated.

Communion hymn one “Christ, when for us you were baptized” Hymnal 121

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God’s Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove and yet
as urgent as a flame.

2. God called you his beloved Son,
called you his servant true,
sent you his kingdom to proclaim,
his holy will to do.

3. Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed his call
freely as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.

4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
your cross on us be signed,
that, likewise in God’s service we
may perfect freedom find.

(text by Francis Bland Tucker, 1979)

Communion hymn two “Earth has many a noble city” Hymnal 127

1. Earth has many a noble city;
Bethlehem, thou dost all excel:
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

2. Fairer than the sun at morning
was the star that told his birth,
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.

3. Eastern sages at his cradle
make oblations rich and rare;
see them give, in deep devotion,
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

4. Sacred gifts of mystic meaning:
incense doth their God disclose,
gold the King of kings proclaimeth,
myrrh his sepulcher foreshows.

5. Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped
at thy glad epiphany,
unto thee, with God the Father
and the Spirit, glory be.

*(text by Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 4th century, translated from
Latin by Edward Caswall)*

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 Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

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

Let us bless the Lord.

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

Postlude

“Cornet de récit”

Louis Claude D'Aquin

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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. Mark Komarinski
Prayers of the People	Ms. Michele O'Shea
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
Film Crew (Assistant)	Mr. Eli Baldwin

Meetings in our parish this week

Sunday (Today)	10:30 am	Social Conscience Book Group Meeting
	11 am	Social Justice Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	11:30 am	Re-Gathering Committee Meeting
	7 pm	Bible Study on Zoom

Thursday	3:30 pm	Church School
	5:15 pm	Clergy and Wardens Meeting (?)
Sunday (1/16)	10:30 am	Social Conscience Book Group Meeting
<u>Priest's office hours</u>		<u>Parish Office hours</u>
Tuesday 11-4 Thursday 2-5		Thursday 2-5

Prayers for the First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 9, 2022

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery
 Emmanuel Church, Boston; St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston;
 Deans; Deanery Coconveners; Greater Boston Interfaith Organization;
 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, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine McLaughlin, Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, José Soreso, José 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, Sally DiRocco, Sarah Komarinski, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney

All who are ill with Covid-19

We remember those who have died

Phil Walsh

Announcements for January 9, 2022

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!

Please let Mother Jennifer know if you would like a pastoral visit: rector@stannes-billerica.org.

The Social Conscience Book Group will now be meeting on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM, after coffee hour. We are continuing to read *After Lincoln: How the North Won the Civil War and Lost the Peace* by A.J. Langguth (currently discussing chapters 14 and 15).

All are welcome to join, even if you have not read the book.

The date for our Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 6, 2022, after the morning service.

For those who are writing reports for the Annual Meeting, please send them to Jayleigh (stannesbillerica@gmail.com) by January 11.

The Thrift Shop will re-open on January 12 at 10 AM. Going forward, the shop will be open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Did you notice that we have changed some prayers? Yes, as we begin a new church season, so we change some of our readings, prayers and songs. The Gloria is another short one, this time from the community at Taizé. The first reading is now from the Old Testament. The Prayers of the People are Form VI. And the Eucharistic Prayer is now Prayer C, the one with all the congregational responses. This prayer: is like eastern orthodox prayers; emphasizes creation, the fall, and redemption; includes all people as it reminds us of our whole salvation story. The concluding blessing is 3-fold and refers to the stories of the Epiphany & Sunday after. Start thinking about what you would like to choose for our next seasonal change in Lent!

Building the Beloved Community: Multiculturalism in Billerica on Monday, January 17, at 10 AM (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day). Billerica Interfaith Association is sponsoring this virtual event on Zoom. A diverse panel of your friends and neighbors share their dreams of Billerica's future as a community that celebrates the contributions of all the people that call this town their home.

"Our goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

To register for the event go to <https://tinyurl.com/y5ukaurn>.

If you have questions, email <mailto:socialjusticefccb@gmail.com>.

Continuing into the new year, the members of the Social Justice Committee (Brenda Komarinski, Marguerite Massey, Russell Bent, and Michele O'Shea) will be sharing personal stories of our experiences with racism at the beginning of the service. All are welcomed to share their stories. If you have a story that you would like to share, please let one of us know.

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.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

John Kusnierz 1/7
Sandra Giroux 1/11
Dick & Jane Kotelly 1/22
Carol MacKenzie 1/25
Mike Hopkins 1/27

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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Honoring the Pawtucket and Shawsheen peoples

Social Justice - a way to allow everyone to feel welcome and respected when they come to worship