

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Service of Holy Eucharist



January 16, 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

Our service is taken from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer, the Hymnal 1982, and the Book of Occasional Services. We begin Rite II at p. 355, move to Eucharistic Prayer C at p. 369, and then return to the Lord's Prayer at p. 364.

Prelude "Variations VII & VIII" Mozart

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

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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he

may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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 Isaiah (62:1-5).

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

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

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10 (BCP p. 632)

5 Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, *
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

- 6 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep; *
you save both man and beast, O LORD.
- 7 How priceless is your love, O God! *
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 8 They feast upon the abundance of your house; *
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- 9 For with you is the well of life, *
and in your light we see light.
- 10 Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (2:1-11).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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, our neighbors, and ourselves.

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.

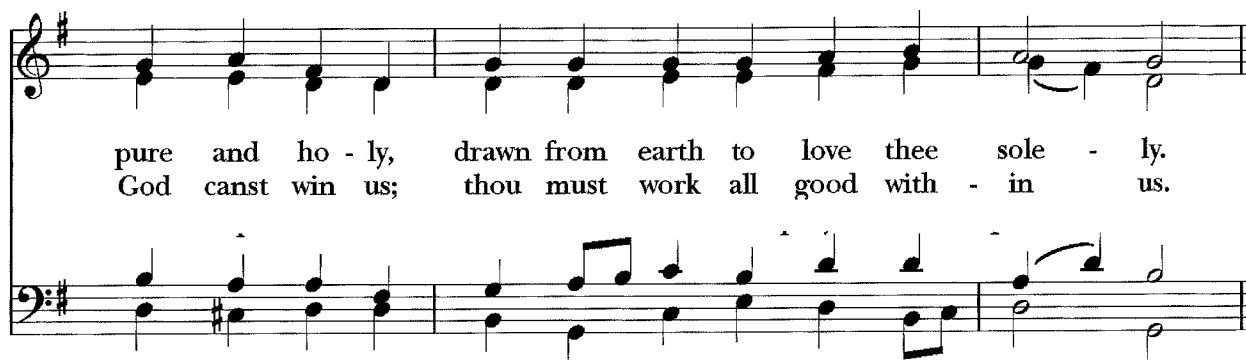
Offertory hymn "Blessèd Jesus, at thy word" Hymnal 440 (v. 1,2)

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.



Words: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Liebster Jesu*, melody Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673); alt. *Das grosse Cantional: oder Kirchen-Gesangbuch*, 1687; harm. George Herbert Palmer (1846-1926)

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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 and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; 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. Because we are still caring for each other during Covid, you will not walk up to our communion rail. Instead, 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 “Spirit of the Living God”

LEVAS 115

Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall fresh on me.
(text by Daniel Iverson, 1926)

Communion hymn two

“The people who in darkness walked”

Hymnal 126 (v. 1,2)

1. The people who in darkness walked
have seen a glorious light;
on them broke forth the heavenly dawn
who dwelt in death and night.

2. To hail thy rising, Sun of life,
the gathering nations come,
joyous as when reapers bear
their harvest treasures home.

(text by John Morison, 1781)

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 Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Suite de l’Offertoire”

Jean-Francois Dandrieu

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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	Ms. Jane Kotelly
Prayers of the People	Mr. Edward Giroux, Co-Warden
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
Ushers	Mr. Russell Bent
	Ms. Marguerite Massey
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
Monday	10:00 am	Building the Beloved Community: Multiculturalism in Billerica on Zoom
Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	12 pm	Billerica Interfaith Meeting on Zoom
Wednesday	6:30 pm	Merrimack Valley Deanery Assembly on Zoom
Thursday	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast at Deli King, Tewksbury
Sunday (1/23)	10:30 am	Social Conscience Book Group Meeting

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 11-4 Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Thursday 2-5

Building the Beloved Community

Multiculturalism in Billerica

Monday, January 17, 2022 – 10:00am

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.

To register for the event go to
<https://tinyurl.com/y5ukaurn> or use the QR code below
If you have questions, email socialjusticefccb@gmail.com

"I was in New York when I heard the news of his assassination. I was devastated. I could not eat; I could not sleep. I made a deep vow to continue building what he called "the Beloved Community," not only for myself, but for him also."

Thich Nhat Hanh - a Vietnamese Buddhist monk, and peace activist, historically recognized as the main inspiration for engaged Buddhism.



Prayers for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Boston Harbor Deanery

St. Stephen's Church, Boston; Trinity Church, Boston;

B-SAFE; B-PEACE for Jorge; Hospitality Homes;

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

Announcements for January 16, 2022

Join us for Coffee Hour today in Bixby Hall, with masks on.

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!

The clergy parking spot next to the church is now available on Sunday mornings for handicapped accessible parking. Please make use of it as needed!

The Thrift Shop is now open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM until 2 PM.

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

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 15 and 16). Last week we agreed that "Grant had no unifying principle, that got them and us in trouble."

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

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. Start thinking about what you would like to choose for our next seasonal change in Lent!

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.

In Celebration of Black History Month, the Interfaith Book Club at the Wayland Islamic Center invites you to a Community Discussion: “How Our Faiths Can Inspire Us to Create Inclusive, Just and Equitable Communities,” on Sunday, February 6th, from 2:00-3:30pm. Panelists Rabbi Danny Burkeman, Dr. Mohamed Lazzouni, Fr. David O’Leary, and Dr. Paula Martin (Anti-Racism Educator) will share how our faiths can lead us to action.

Recommended reading: Ruth King’s “Mindful of Race: Transforming Racism from the Inside Out” and/or Robert Livingston’s “The Conversation: How Seeking and Speaking the Truth About Racism Can Radically Transform Individuals and Organizations.”

Zoom connection details:

www.zoom.com ‘Join a Meeting’ ID: 836 8040 8189

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83680408189?pwd=OFFYTjFzN1FjRW45NW5ZMFY3dzYwdz09>

Questions? bookclub@icbwayland.org

Reading the books is not a requirement to participate.

**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.**

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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