

St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
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**Maundy Thursday**  
**Service of Holy Eucharist**



**April 14, 2022**  
**7:00 pm**

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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

*We have begun to relax mask wearing, have removed physical distance requirements, and are now walking up to the altar rail for Communion. If you would like to receive a single-serve Communion kit in your seat, Mother Jennifer will gladly bring it to you. Please turn to page 11 for further instructions.*

*Beginning ten minutes before the service starts, we will light the altar candles as the visual symbol of welcoming God into our hearts and minds. During the quiet, the bulletin, prayer books, hymnals, and reflection questions are available for reading, prayer, and meditation.*

Prelude

“Wind”

Brian Crain

*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*

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*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.

**Kyrie**

**Hymnal S91**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*(music by Healey Willan, 1880-1968)*

**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 Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now 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 Book of Exodus (12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14).

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. [Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.] This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God.*

### The Psalm

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 (BCP p. 759)

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
**for all the good things he has done for me?**
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
**in the presence of all his people.**
- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
**is the death of his servants.**
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
 you have freed me from my bonds.**
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
**and call upon the Name of the LORD.**
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
**in the presence of all his people,**
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
**in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

### **The Epistle**

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians (11:23-26).

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

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

### **The Gospel**

*Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*  
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 according to John (13:1-17, 31b-35).

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

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and

to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord-and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

*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

### **Remembrance of Footwashing**

Leader (Ron Desmarais): The Lord Jesus, after he had supped with his disciples and had washed their feet, said to them, "Do you know what I, your Lord and Master, have done to you? I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

**Congregation: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Leader: I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.

**Congregation: Peace is my last gift to you, my own peace I now leave with you; peace which the world cannot give, I give to you.**

Leader: By this shall the world know that you are my disciples: That you have love for one another.

Meditation hymn

“Jesu, Jesu”

LEVAS 74 (v. 1,2)

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve the neighbors  
we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. [Refrain]

2. Neighbors are rich and poor,  
neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The people may kneel.*

*Form I, BCP p. 383*

*Deacon or other leader*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Anne and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Silence.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

O heavenly Father, *who hast* filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold *thy* gracious hand in all *thy* works; that, rejoicing in *thy* whole creation, we may learn to serve *thee* with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, *thy* Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(For Joy in God's Creation, BCP p. 814)*

### **Confession of Sin (BCP p. 360)**

*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*

*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

“Ubi Caritas”

WLP 831

Ubi caritas et amor  
Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

*Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there. (8<sup>th</sup> century Latin text)*

## **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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*Please come forward to the altar rail when an usher indicates. You may cross your arms to receive a blessing, or receive just the wafer, or receive the wafer and wine (available from the common cup or from a single-serve Communion kit). If you leave the wafer in the kit, our altar guild will properly and reverently dispose of it. Please put the used kit in the bowl held by the usher at the bottom of the stairs.*

Communion solo                      “Gethsemane”    Melanie Hoffman

Communion hymn                      “Stay with Me”    WLP 826

Stay with me,  
remain here with me,  
watch and pray  
watch and pray.

*After Communion, please stand as the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The service is concluded. From now until the first Easter service, there is no blessing or dismissal since our Lord's actions will not be completed for three days until that time.*

Removal of the Reserved Sacrament (to the Sacristy)

Here the sacrament, that reminder of Christ's body, leaves the aumbry (or tabernacle).  
By it we see that His presence leaves us for the next three days.

Stripping of the altar accompanied by the reading of Psalm 22

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.

Our service is taken from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer; the Hymnal 1982; Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS); and Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP). We begin Rite II at p. 355 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Ministers today

Priest-in-charge	The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal
Lector-in-chief	Mr. Edward Giroux
Lector	Ms. Sue Geen
Prayer Leader	Mr. Ron Desmarais
Reader of Psalm 22	Ms. Maria Martin
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Mr. Ron Desmarais
Ushers	Mr. Ken Kinser
	Mr. George Cousens
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
Altar Guild	Ms. Amy Desmarais
	Ms. Rosemary Kinser, Co-Warden
	Ms. Linda Kusnierz
	Ms. Lisa Lavoie

Holy Week: Schedule of Services, 2022

**Friday, April 15:** 12-12:15pm Praying the Solemn Collects  
12:45pm Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament  
7pm The Way of the Cross: Tenebrae with candles  
**Saturday, April 16:** 1-3 pm Children's & Youth Service and Egg Hunt  
**Sunday, April 17:** 9am Easter Celebration of the Resurrection, with Holy Baptism

Meetings in our parish next week

Tuesday (4/19)	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	12 pm	Billerica Interfaith Meeting on Zoom
Wednesday	7 pm	Vestry Meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast at Deli King
	9 am	Ladies' Breakfast at Stelio's

Priest's office hours

Friday (4/22) 11:30 - 3

## **Announcements for April 14, 2022**

The Social Conscience Book Group is now meeting on the first and third Sundays of each month, right after church and coffee hour. We are not meeting this week due to Easter.

We are now reading *Disability Visibility*, edited by Alice Wong. We are reading stories by disabled individuals. This book is available as a book, e-book, and audible book.

**Donations to Episcopal Relief and Development to assist with providing aid to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine are gratefully accepted. Learn more here: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-resources/press-releases/2022-press-releases/supporting-humanitarian-response-to-the-crisis-in-ukraine/>. You can donate online, by check, or by phone. Instructions for the various options are available here: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-you-can-do/give/donate-now/individual-donation/>.**

Don't forget: the Billerica Community Pantry *is asking St. Anne's for Kleenex Tissues*. We are not brand specific but have found if we don't specify, we get Tissue Paper (yes, it has happened). We are hoping for 250 boxes within 3 months of collecting. Thanks to all of you who have donated already. Please keep them coming.

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In the Diocese of Massachusetts, prayers for the cessation of war in Ukraine have been earnestly lifted at prayer vigils and other events in congregations across our diocese. **We urge continued prayers by every Episcopalian and at every worship service in our churches.** Such prayer is our bounden duty, and is itself no small thing.

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop Diocesan  
The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, Bishop Suffragan



Office of Public Affairs

### **A statement from the House of Bishops on the Conflict in Ukraine**

To the faithful in Christ Jesus throughout The Episcopal Church,

We are gathered at a moment of profound jeopardy to the principles of international law and peace. As we meet and pray together as a House of Bishops, Ukraine—an independent, sovereign nation that has posed no threat to others beyond its borders—has been invaded by military forces of Russia, without provocation and without justification.

On December 1, 1991, the people of Ukraine voted in a nationwide referendum on the question of their future. Nearly eighty-five percent of the electorate took part in that referendum. The question set before them was simply this: “Do you support the Act of Declaration of Independence of Ukraine?” More than ninety percent of those casting a vote voted yes. The independence of Ukraine was, and remains, an act of clear, principled self-determination. In the thirty years since then the people of Ukraine have, through challenges and difficulties, forged a strong sense of national purpose and identity.

There is a direct link between our baptismal covenant to respect the dignity of all people in Christ and the demand to respect the will of nations to determine their own destiny— the rule of *jus cogens*, in international law—when expressed freely through the ballot box. We acknowledge and lament the failure of many of the nations where The Episcopal Church lives and gathers to respect and defend that fundamental principle in their own policies and actions in the years since the founding of the United Nations.

Yet that acknowledgment must not stay us from denouncing the utter depravity of the war now unfolding in Ukraine. It is evident that Russian military forces have directly and indiscriminately attacked civilian residences, medical facilities, even agreed corridors for the humanitarian withdrawal of civilians in areas of combat. These actions are a fundamental violation of the rights and dignity rightly accorded all people, and a flagrant breach of international norms. As the bishops of The Episcopal Church, we pray:

- That the nations of the world call upon the Russian government to cease immediately this unjustifiable violence, especially against the innocent;
- That our siblings in the churches of Russia and Ukraine remind their leaders of Christ’s commandment that we love our neighbors as we love ourselves—a commandment we believe provides no justification for violent conflict unless in the defense of women, children, the elderly and those otherwise vulnerable;
- That God protect and defend those who, with great courage, have stood and spoken against the choice for war in the counsels of their governments, their churches, and in the public square;
- That God support and encourage our churches in Europe, and our sister churches of the Anglican Communion present there as well, who even now are receiving refugees in the cities they serve, and helping them rebuild shattered lives;

- That all refugees, regardless of the reasons for their flight or the country of their origin, be received with equal dignity, equal hospitality, and equal treatment;
- That the work of diplomats and peacemakers and the voices of all those in authority labor without ceasing to bring a swift and just end to this conflict, and the preservation of Ukraine’s independence and autonomy under conditions of security and tranquility;

And that the Prince of Peace, whom we know also to be the Judge of Nations, will work through us and all followers of Christ to build a more peaceful and just world—where all people can live in safety, where the will of all for their nations can be freely expressed and fully lived out, and where God’s dream of a Beloved Community of all people and nations is realized through the works of mercy and compassion.

We urge all faithful members of the Church to support the relief of the Ukrainian people as it is being carried out by Episcopal Relief and Development and by the Convocation of the Episcopal Churches in Europe.

Camp Allen, Texas  
March 19, 2022

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For 100 years during Holy Week, our church has prayed for the work of The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Let us continue to offer our support in prayer and giving, as we are able.



The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

This year we are **celebrating a century of gifts and rejoicing in 2,000 years of Good News**. For 100 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond. Check out our [history of the Good Friday Offering](#) (at the link below) to learn more about this life-changing ministry week by week.

For videos, more information, and options for donating, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>.

A wealth of information about the Diocese of Jerusalem: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East can be found here: <https://j-diocese.org/wordpress/>.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem is home to about 7000 Anglicans worshiping within twenty-eight different congregations. It is also responsible for more than thirty institutions, including hospitals, schools, clinics, rehabilitation centers, guesthouses, and retirement homes.

Archbishop Hosam oversees all of these parishes and institutions, which are scattered across five separate countries or territories: Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, and Israel. This geographic spread adds innumerable complications to the work of the Diocese due to the many borders, checkpoints, and national governments involved. In particular, the divergent laws and politics of each region make the administration of these ministries exceedingly challenging.

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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