

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
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Fifth Sunday of Easter
Service of Holy Eucharist



May 15, 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

We have relaxed 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 10 for further instructions.

Prelude

“Make Us One (Part I)”

Twila Paris

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Song of Praise

“Heleluyan”

WLP 783

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;

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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

* May be sung as a round.

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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, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 Acts of the Apostles (11:1-18).

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 148 (BCP p. 805)

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
**for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.**
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!**

The Epistle

A Reading from the Book of Revelation (21:1-6).

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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 (13:31-35).

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "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

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 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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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 "O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height" Hymnal 432 (v. 1,2,3)

1. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

2. O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.

3. O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,
and sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP p. 372

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

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 acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or 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.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael, Alan, Gayle, Carol, Jennifer, and all who minister in your Church.
Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember our parishioners Barbara Rogers, Bob MacKenzie, Chick Meech, Cyndi, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine McLaughlin, George Squires, Sr., Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, José Soreso, José Torres, Sr., Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Marie Horgan, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat Cregg, Pat McCleave & family, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sue Kennedy, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney, Yvonne Hopkins. All who are ill with Covid-19, especially Rosemary. All who are affected by the war in Ukraine.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Anne and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 to receive Holy Communion when an usher indicates. You may cross your arms to receive a blessing if you wish. A gluten-free wafer is available. Holy Communion will be distributed in both kinds: distribution of the wafer by the priest from the paten to be followed by receiving wine from the Lay Eucharistic Minister's common Communion chalice. Intinction (by dipping one's own wafer and hand into the cup) will not be offered. **HOWEVER**, distribution of the single serve kits (container with wafer and wine) will continue. The communicant can choose to only drink wine from the single-serve kit while leaving the host in the container. Our altar guild will reverently and properly dispose of the uneaten wafer. The communicant will consume the wafer and wine at the altar rail, and when returning to their pew an usher will be at the bottom of the stairs to collect the empty container and napkin.*

Communion hymn one "When Christ was lifted from the earth" Hymnal 603 (v.1,2)

1. When Christ was lifted from the earth,
his arms stretched out above
through every culture, every birth,
to draw an answering love.

2. Still east and west his love extends
and always, near or far,
he calls and claims us as his friends
and loves us as we are.

Communion hymn two "Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life" Hymnal 487 (v.1,2)

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

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 has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. Amen.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen.

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

“Make Us One (Part II)”

Twila Paris

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After the procession retires, you may sit quietly until the end of the postlude.

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.

Physical distancing between households, and mask wearing in the church building, are now optional. We continue to encourage mask wearing while singing. Those who would like to continue to observe physical distancing of six feet between households may choose to sit in the Alcove area.

Our service is taken from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer; the Hymnal 1982; Lift Every Voice and Sing II (LEVAS); Wonder, Love, and Praise (WLP); and the Book of Occasional Services. We begin Holy Baptism at p. 299 in the Book of Common Prayer and continue with Holy Eucharist at p. 372.

Ministers today

Priest-in-charge	The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal
Lector-in-chief	Mr. Edward Giroux
Lector	Mr. Russell Bent
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Ms. Dotty Callihan
Ushers	Mr. Ken Kinser
	Ms. Rosemary Kinser, Co-Warden
Film Crew (Video)	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
	10:30 am	Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting
Monday	10 am	Diocesan Online Listening Session on Reparations
Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	12 pm	Billerica Interfaith Meeting on Zoom
Wednesday	6 pm	Diocesan Online Listening Session on Reparations
Thursday	3:30 pm	Church School
Saturday	10 am	Diocesan Online Listening Session on Reparations
Sunday (5/22)	11 am	Social Justice Committee Meeting

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 11 – 5

Thursday 2 – 5

Parish office hours

Thursday 2 – 5

Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery

St. James' Church, Amesbury; Christ Church, Andover; All Saints' Church, Chelmsford;

St. James' Church, Groveland; Trinity Church, Haverhill;

Our Presiding Bishop, Michael; Our Bishops, Alan, Gayle, and Carol; Our Priest, Jennifer

St. Anne's Prayer List

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

Barbara Rogers, Bob MacKenzie, Chick Meech, Cyndi, Donald Fudge,
Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine McLaughlin, George Squires, Sr., Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight,
José Soreso, José Torres, Sr., Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Marie Horgan,
Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat Cregg, Pat McCleave & family,
Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sue Kennedy, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney, Yvonne Hopkins

All who are ill with Covid-19, especially Rosemary

All who are affected by the war in Ukraine

Announcements for May 15, 2022

Masks are now optional in the church building.

Please join us for Coffee Hour after this morning's service.

Spring and summer fashions have arrived at the Thrift Shop. Come in and update your wardrobe for an inexpensive price.

Open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM until 2 PM.

The Social Conscience group is reading *Disability Visibility* edited by Alice Wong. We will be discussing Part 2 at our meeting today, May 15, at 10:30 AM. Please join us. Even if you haven't read the book, you can still join us. Everyone is welcome.

The 2021 Diocesan Convention resolution "Charting the Long Road Towards Reparations" calls on the diocese to commit 2022 as a year of study, gathering and sharing stories and discernment. To further this process, the Reparations Subcommittee of the Racial Justice Commission is organizing a series of regional "Reparations Listening Gatherings" now scheduled during May via Zoom. These gatherings will be designed to create space for listening to all throughout the diocese as they share their thoughts and feelings regarding reparations. Find the schedule and more information here: <https://www.diomass.org/reparations-listening-sessions>.

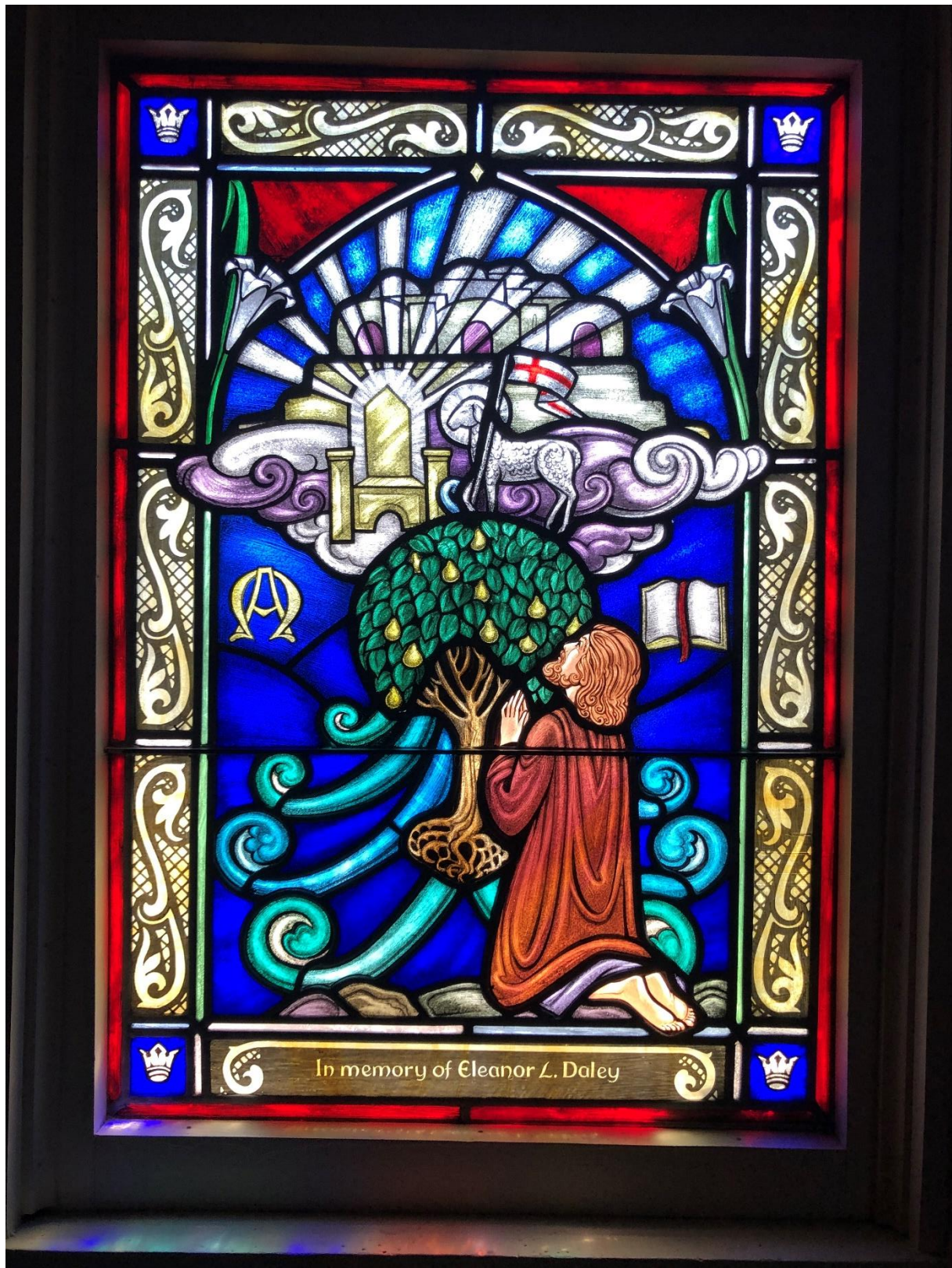
Are you interested in leading a service of Morning Prayer on a Sunday when we have no clergy leadership? If you would like to learn more, please come to a conversation and teaching session. The first one will be on Tuesday, May 31st at 11:15am in the Rector's Office. The second session will be on June 7th, also at 11:15 am.

Our next movie night will be on Friday, June 3, at 7 pm. We will be watching "Black Indians: An American Story." This is a 52-minute film. A discussion will follow.

There will be a Diocesan Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris on Sunday, June 12, at 5 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, with a reception following. Because seating is limited, in-person attendance is designated for members of the diocesan community. All in the wider church community are warmly invited to join via the livestream on the Cathedral's website (www.stpaulboston.org). Further details and a registration link are available here: www.diomass.org/event/barbara-c-harris-memorial.

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/>.

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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



This window in memory of Eleanor Daley pictures verses from Revelation 20:12, 21:2, and 22:1-5.