

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



May 22, 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. Please turn to page 9 for further instructions.

Prelude

“Capriccio”

Mozart

If today is your first visit with us, welcome. We hope you will find peace and joy here.

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. If you are a child, we offer in-person class once a month on Thursday afternoons, and take-home class at the beginning of every month. Email bkomarinski@gmail.com or speak to Brenda, who is often our acolyte and crucifer. If you are an adult or young person, speak to anyone or to Mother Jennifer. All are welcome 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

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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;

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.

* 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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 Revelation (21:10, 22-22:5).

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day~ and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 67 (BCP p. 675)

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John (14:23-29).

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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 “All things bright and beautiful” Hymnal 405 (v. 1,2,3)

Refrain:
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one. (Refrain)

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

People The Lord be with you.
Celebrant **And also with you.**
People Lift up your hearts.
Celebrant **We lift them to the Lord.**
People Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Celebrant **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, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sue Kennedy, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney, Yvonne Hopkins.

All who are ill with Covid-19. All who are affected by the war in Ukraine.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Joanne Bevis, 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 solo by Maria Martin

"Alleluia" (v.1,2,3)

Jerry Sinclair

Communion hymn

“Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove”

Hymnal 510 (v.1,2)

1. Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all thy quickening powers;
kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.

2. See how we trifle here below,
fond of these earthly toys:
our souls, how heavily they go,
to reach eternal joys.

*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

“Dialogue”

Jean-Francois Dandrieu

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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. Ron Desmarais
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Mr. Michael Hopkins, Co-Warden
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Mr. Mark Komarinski
Ushers	Mr. George Cousens
	Ms. Linda Kusnierz
Film Crew (Video)	Ms. Sandra Giroux
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)	11 am	Social Justice Committee Meeting
Tuesday	10 am	Bible Study at St. Anne's
	12 pm	Clergy and Musician Meeting
	7 pm	Bible Study on Zoom
Wednesday	1 pm	Deanery Clergy (Clericus) Meeting
	7 pm	Vestry Meeting
		Deadline for June newsletter submissions
Thursday	4 pm	Clergy and Wardens Meeting
	7 pm	Interfaith Social Justice Committees
		Zoom Meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast at Deli King
	9 am	Ladies' Breakfast at Stelio's

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 11 – 5
Thursday 2 – 5

Parish office hours

Thursday 2 – 5

Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Merrimack Valley Deanery

Grace Church, Lawrence; Esperanza Academy, Lawrence;

St. Anne's Church, Lowell; St. John's Church, Lowell;

Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors;
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, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco,
Sue Kennedy, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney, Yvonne Hopkins

All who are ill with Covid-19

All who are affected by the war in Ukraine

Announcements for May 22, 2022

Masks are now optional in the church building, but are still a good idea when singing.

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.

Request from our Buildings and Grounds Committee: Is anyone willing and able to help set up the tent behind the Thrift Shop after church today, May 22?

If so, please see Todd Baldwin.

The deadline to submit articles for the June newsletter is Wednesday, May 25. Please send all articles to stannesbillerica@gmail.com. The newsletter will be distributed on June 1.

Are you interested in leading a service of Morning Prayer on a Sunday when we have no clergy leadership? Are you interested in practicing reading a lesson? 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 11:15 am in the Rector's Office. The second session will be on June 7th, also at 11:15 am. Further offerings will be on the first Sundays in June, July, and August. Come if you would like to practice reading from our lectern.

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.

The Social Group will hold its annual cookout on June 4th at Judy Peck's at 3:00 PM. The following donations will be appreciated: Appetizers, Hot dogs and Rolls, water and sodas, desserts. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the kitchen area.

The Social Conscience Book Group will be meeting on June 5th and June 19th, after the morning service (10:30 am). We will continue to discuss *Disability Visibility* (edited by Alice Wong) on these dates. We plan to finish the book during the month of June. All are welcome to join the discussion, even if you have not read the book.

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.

Bishop Gates and Bishop Harris have issued a statement following the May 14 shootings in Buffalo, NY. "The weekend massacre in Buffalo displays yet again that toxic intersection of simmering racism, online indoctrination into white supremacist philosophies, and appallingly simple access to lethal weapons.... All around us old dividing walls are being shored up and new dividing walls constructed with bigotry, vitriol, and a righteous furor. May God grant us courage and strength to resist, refuse, and combat these sinful separations." The full statement is available here: <https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/statement-bishop-gates-and-bishop-harris-following-shootings-buffalo>.

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