

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Morning Prayer: Rite Two



October 15, 2023

9:00 am

Community. Faith. Love. Respect.

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. We encourage community, faith, love and respect found at our core.

*If today is your first visit with us, welcome. We hope you will find peace and joy here.
Please visit our website for our live streamed and recorded services: stannes-billerica.org*

Morning Prayer: Rite Two

(From The Book of Common Prayer, according to the use of The Episcopal Church, 1979)

During this season of refreshment, thank you for sharing your financial gifts with us. There are contactless offering plates on the top of the piano and by the front door.

Prelude "Andante" (KV 545) Mozart
Welcome & Announcements
Time for Tradition

Opening Hymn *blue* The Hymnal 1982 #8 (v.1,2,3)

1. Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

2. Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation
of the new day!

Opening Sentence p. 78

Confession of Sin p. 79

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

*All kneeling.
Officiant and People together*

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 Officiant stands and continues

Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory & Psalter

**All stand*

Versicle and Response

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Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The Invitatory (Venite)

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Venite Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The people sit.

The Psalm (106:1-6, 19-23)

1 Hallelujah!
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?
3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
4 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians (4:1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if you wish.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1: 68-79)

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Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew (22:1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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

Please stand, if you wish.

Canticle 21 You are God

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**You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

Sermon

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

*The Apostles' Creed

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Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The People stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says three Collects

Offertory Sentence & Invitation to Prepare for Prayers for Peace

Offertory Hymn

Hymnal #7 (v.1,2,3)

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph over shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear!

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return
till thy mercy's beams I see,
as they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Prayers for the peace of Jerusalem

The Prayers of the People are Form VI, as found on page 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.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:
The Anglican Church of Kenya

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:

Parishes of the South Shore Deanery:
Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham;
St. John's Church, Holbrook;
Trinity Church, Marshfield;
Church of Our Saviour, Milton;
Order of St. Luke

We pray for our Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin;
Our Presiding Bishop, Michael;
Our Bishops, Alan and Carol; Our Priest, Jennifer

We pray for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in this Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Barbara Rogers, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Christine Sousa, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge, George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Josy Hering, Kathy Chang, Laura, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Yvonne Hopkins, Our local friends from Haiti and their children

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

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.

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.

The People may add their own petitions. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The General Thanksgiving

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Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one
accord to make our common supplication to you; and you
have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two
or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions
as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of
your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. ***Amen.***

The Officiant may then conclude with one of the following

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Romans 15:13

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

Then may be said

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Allegro”

John Stanley

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We have placed offering plates in both the front and rear of the church. Thank you for your gift, no matter how large or small! All donations matter.

Ministers today

Priest
Music Director
Prayers of the People
Lector
Ushers

Acolyte
Film Crew (Video)
Film Crew (Audio)

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal
Mr. Peter Morelli
Ms. Sue Geen
Mr. John Geen
Ms. Rosemary Kinser
Mr. Ken Kinser
Mr. Mike Hopkins
Ms. Sandra Giroux
Mr. Ed Giroux

Meetings in our parish this week (10/15-10/22)

Sunday (today)	9:00 am	Morning Prayer: Rite II
Sunday (today)	10:30 am	Social Justice Committee
Sunday (today)	12:00 pm	Liturgy planning for Nov 10 @ Panera
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft Group
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Billerica Interfaith @ Congregational Church
Thursday	3:30 pm	Church School
Sunday (Oct. 22 nd)	9:00 am	The Holy Eucharist
Sunday (Oct. 22 nd)	10:30 am	Social Conscience Book Group
Sunday (Oct. 22 nd)	6:00 pm	Candlelight Vigil for those overdosed from Substance Abuse @ Billerica Common

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12-5
Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

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Prayers for Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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St. Anne's Prayer List

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

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The flowers on the altar are given in memory of Robert Peck.

Please pray for the Presiding Bishop Search and for our DioMass Bishop Search

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop and those who will choose a bishop for our diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for our Diocesan Convention on October 27-28th. The theme, “In Christ we are called to Collaborate”, Ephesians 4:15-16 below, is already being worked out among us. Our parish collaborates with our Interfaith Association and with our Commonwealth. Our Deanery collaborated around diaper ministry for use of our Grant money. What more can you imagine?

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Announcements for October 15, 2023

- November Newsletter input deadline is today, October 15
- Put November 10th at 6pm on your Calendar!

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Honoring the Pawtucket and Shawsheen peoples
Social Justice – a way to allow everyone to feel welcome and respected.