

North Billerica, Massachusetts

A Celebration of Ministry

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

with its Rector VII

The Reverend Jennifer D. Beal

by Bishop XVI of Massachusetts,

The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates

November 10, 2023

6:00 pm

Tonight we honor Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome,
on the day of his death in the year 461, by using his readings and the color white.

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

*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.

Please visit our website for our live-streamed and recorded services: stannes-billerica.org

Procession & Opening Hymn

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling

blue The Hymnal 1982 #539

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,

ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

Words: Mary Ann Thomson (1834-1923), alt. Music: *Tidings*, James Walch (1837-1901).

The Presentation

according to use in The Episcopal Church & the Book of Common Prayer

The Rector and Wardens, standing before the Bishop, say

Bishop Alan, on behalf of the people of St. Anne's Parish, we present ourselves to you and the gathered church to receive God's blessing as we begin a new ministry together.

The Bishop says

Dear Mother Jennifer, and people of St. Anne's Parish, do you commit yourselves to lively proclamation of the gospel through the work of this congregation and the larger church, working together in love and harmony and in mutual respect for the ministries of all the baptized?

The Rector, Wardens and members of the parish respond

We do.

The Bishop says

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all God's people and especially for Mother Jennifer and the people of St. Anne's Parish.

Litany for the Renewal of the Church The Rev'd Sarah V. Lewis & The Rev'd Richard H. Lewis
Assisting preachers at St. Anne's

Let us pray to the Lord and Giver of life that the Church of God may be renewed and strengthened for its mission in our day.

Silence

That the Church may become alive again with the fire of its first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendor of that Life which is the light of the world,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That the Church may be worthy of its liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trusting the people, and ever faithful to the Jerusalem which is above, and free, and the mother of us all,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That the old may dream dreams, and the young see visions; that its sons and daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness of its beauty to the world,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That all its members, putting self aside, disinterested and pure in heart, may seek and find God, and rejoice in the truth,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That its clergy may be good and wise, strong and courageous, competent in their work, and faithful in their witness,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That its bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture great things, not exercising dominion, but serving as true leaders of the people,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That its councils and conventions may be keen to go forward, filled with wisdom, eager to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That its scholars may have disciples, its prophets hearers, its saints imitators, and all its pioneers many anxious to follow in their steps,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

That we may forsake that love of party which keeps us from loving one another; and so, coming together in friendship, we may find the overpowering love of God, which shall knit us all together in one united Church,

Holy Spirit, hear us.

And, finally, that the Church, with love recovered in its midst, may teach all to love one another, and all the nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed,
Holy Spirit, hear us.

Father, be with us all.
Christ, be with us all.
Holy Spirit, be with us all.
Be with us, Holy God, now and evermore.¹

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain the ministers of this congregation, lay and ordained, that they may faithfully follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, proclaiming in word and deed the good news of the kingdom; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit

The Word of God

A Reading from 2 Timothy 1:6-12

For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him.

The Word of the Lord.

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

¹ *From The Kingdom, The Power, The Glory (American edition of the Grey Book). Copyright 1933. Oxford University Press. Found in The Wideness of God's Mercy: Litanies to Enlarge Our Prayer, compiled and adapted by Jeffrey W. Rowthorn. Copyright 1985, 1995. Morehouse Publishing.*

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Psalm 77:11-15

- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord, *
 and call to mind your wonders of old time.
- 12 I will meditate on all your acts *
 and ponder your mighty deeds.
- 13 Your way, O God, is holy; *
 who is so great a god as our God?
- 14 You are the God who works wonders *
 and have declared your power among the peoples.
- 15 By your strength you have redeemed your people, *
 the children of Jacob and Joseph.

The Gospel

The Rev'd H. Mark Smith, Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 9:35-10:8

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Right Rev'd Alan M. Gates

The Covenant of Mutual Ministry

Visiting clergy & laypeople sit as members of St. Anne's remain standing and the Rector, Wardens and Vestry gather facing the Bishop. The Bishop reads a charge to the members of the parish from our Certificate

Good people of St. Anne's, through Baptism you have been adopted into the community of faith, God's holy fellowship, the Body of Christ, the Church. Together with your rector, you have been called to share in the Church's mission to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

As your bishop, I remind you that in Baptism, you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise ministry in Christ's name, with mutual affection and respect, within this parish, in the Diocese of Massachusetts, and in the wider community.

Having covenanted in Baptism to do this work, remember that each of you has resources and gifts for ministry. Join your rector, in prayer, in discerning a vision for this parish, and in calling forth the leadership, resources, and talents to carry out that vision. As you love and serve God's people, remember to love, support, and nourish your rector, her family, and members of the staff who serve you here.

Bishop Do you commit yourselves to this task?

People **We do, by the grace of God.**

May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

Jennifer Beal, Presbyter of the Church of God, you have been called to work together with your Bishop and fellow Presbyters as a pastor, priest, and teacher, and to take your share in the councils of the Church.

Now, in accordance with the Canons, you have been called to serve God at St. Anne's in North Billerica, Massachusetts.

This charge is a sign that you are fully empowered and authorized to exercise this ministry, accepting its privileges and responsibilities as a priest of this Diocese, in communion with your Bishop.

Having committed yourself to this work, do not forget the trust of those who have chosen you. Care alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and actions, and in your life, proclaim the Gospel. Love and serve Christ's people. Nourish them, empower them for ministry, and strengthen them to glorify God in this life and in the life to come.

Bishop Do you commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

Rector **I do, by the grace of God.**

May the Lord, who has given you the will to do these things, give you the grace and power to perform them.

The people of St. Anne's may be seated

Diocesan clergy and laypersons, members of neighboring congregations, and members of the local community stand and the Bishop says

Will you, members of the local community and the wider church, who witness this new beginning, support and uphold the priest and people of this congregation in their ministry together?

People **We will, by the grace of God.**

All may be seated

Offering of Symbols of Ministry to God and to each other

The Bishop continues

Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter into a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter into a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbols is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

The Rector and Wardens present an Interfaith blanket to the Bishop, saying

Bishop Gates, accept this gift as a sign of our commitment to work with the rest of our diocese in spreading the warmth of Christ to all people.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop presents the new Rector with a vessel of water, saying

Jennifer, take this water and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Representative clergy of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

Jennifer, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People **Amen.**

A Bible is presented to the Rector with these words

Mother Jennifer, take this Bible and be among us as one who proclaims the gospel and helps us to do the same.

People **Amen.**

Her Prayer Book is presented to the Rector, with these words

Mother Jennifer, take this Prayer Book and be among us as a person of prayer and a leader of our corporate worship.

People **Amen.**

A stole is presented to the Rector with these words

Mother Jennifer, put on this stole and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People **Amen.**

The Parish's symbols of ministry will now be placed at the foot of the Lord's Table, our altar, as we see the breadth and depth of life offered in Christ's name. The Rector has tried to remember all the participants, but do fill in her memory lapses, please! All representatives of St. Anne's ministries may bring forward symbols as each category is named

Church Leadership

- Vestry: **Rosemary Kinser, Michael Hopkins, Linda Kusnierz, Russell Bent, Marie Figenbaum, Maris Martin, Todd Baldwin, Lisa Carpine, Sandra Giroux, Brenda Komarinski**
- Buildings & Grounds: Todd Baldwin, Michael Hopkins, Peter Morelli, Kathy Brewster, Russell Bent, Marguerite Massey, John Geen
- Diocesan Convention Delegates: Todd Baldwin & Ed Giroux
- Music: Peter Morelli, Maria Martin, Michele O'Shea, Ken Kinser, John Geen, John Chang
- Re-Gathering Committee: Linda Kusnierz, Kathy Brewster, Ken Kinser, Marguerite Massey, Michael Hopkins
- Office & Institutional Systems Upgrades: Richard Gorzela, Linda Kusnierz, Rosemary Kinser, Ron Desmarais, John and Sue Geen
- Stewardship: Michael Hopkins, Ken Kinser, Rosemary Kinser, Brenda Komarinski, John Geen
- Sunday School: Brenda Komarinski

Missions of St. Anne's

- Billerica Interfaith Association: Maria Martin
- Billerica Community Pantry Outreach and Haitian Refugee Ministry: Sandra Giroux, John & Sue Geen, Michele O'Shea, Marguerite Massey, Sharon Checraallah
- On-line Ministries: Brenda Komarinski, Ed Giroux, Mark Komarinski, Sandra Giroux,
- Social Justice Committee:
 - Social Justice Committee Movie Night: Brenda Komarinski
 - Social Conscience Book Club: Marguerite Massey
 - Social Awareness Story-telling in church: Russell Bent
 - Refugee Ministry: Michele O'Shea
- Thrift Shop: Marguerite Massey, Kathy Brewster, Pat Cregg, Dorothy Callihan, George Cousens, Louise Boyce

Spiritual and Sacramental Groups

- Acolytes: Brenda Komarinski, Mike Hopkins, John Geen
- Altar Guild: Amy Desmarais, Marie Figenbaum, Maria Martin, Brenda Komarinski, Rosemary Kinser, Linda Kusnierz, Lisa Lavoie, Louise Boyce, Janet Lyna
- Bible Study: John and Sue Geen, Marie Figenbaum, Dorothy Callihan, Pat McCleave, Ken and Judy MacPherson, Judy Peck, Kathy Brewster, Mary Lander, Lisa Carpine, Yvonne and Michael Hopkins, Linda Kusnierz, Rosemary and Ken Kinser
- Crafts Group: Marie Figenbaum, Sue Geen, Judy Peck, Sarah Lewis, Judy MacPherson, Mary Lander, Dorothy Callihan, Yvonne Hopkins, Jean Flight
- Flowers to our Homebound at Christmas and Easter: Lisa Carpine, Marie Figenbaum, Sue Geen
- Funeral Ministry: Dorothy Callihan
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Hopkins, Mark Komarinski, Marguerite Massey, Ron Desmarais, John and Sue Geen, Ed Giroux, Kathy Brewster, Dorothy Callihan
- Lay Eucharistic Visitors: John and Sue Geen
- Lectors: John and Sue Geen, Normand Zarella, Ken Kinser, Lisa Carpine, Jane Kotelly, Michele O'Shea, Kevin Kotelly, Russell Bent
- Massachusetts Episcopal Cursillo: Rosemary Kinser, Ken Kinser, Sue Geen, John Geen, Marie Figenbaum, Kathy Brewster, Janet Lyna, Yvonne and Michael Hopkins, Judy and Ken MacPherson, Dorothy Callihan, Normand Zarella, Mary Lander, John Kusnierz
- Ushers: Linda Kusnierz, George Cousens, Dorothy Callihan, Pat Cregg, Russell Bent, Marguerite Massey, Rosemary and Ken Kinser
- Virtual Worship: Mark Komarinski, Sandra Giroux, Ed Giroux, Ron Desmarais, Eli Baldwin, Ken Kinser, Ken MacPherson

Service Groups

- Gardening Angels: Judy Peck, Bob Peck, Linda Kusnierz, John and Sue Geen, Kathy Brewster, Marguerite Massey

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper: Mark and Brenda Komarinski, Sandra and Ed Giroux, Marie Figenbaum
- St. Anne's Embroidery Guild: Judy Peck, Sue Geen, Marie Figenbaum, Kathy Brewster, Marguerite Massey
- St. Elizabeth's Guild: Marguerite Massey, Kathy Brewster, Judy Peck

Social Groups

- Coffee Hour: Sue Geen, Pat Cregg, John Geen, Marie Figenbaum, Rosemary Kinser, Ken Kinser, Lisa and David Carpine, Peter Morelli
- Ladies' & Men's Breakfast Groups Officers: Michael Hopkins, Dorothy Callihan
- Social Group Officers: Dorothy Callihan, John Geen, Sue Geen, Bob Peck

Financial Operations

- Treasurer: Linda Kusnierz
- Assistant Treasurers: Ken Kinser, Mark Komarinski, Ron Desmarais
- Fundraising: Lisa Carpine (12 Days of Christmas, Concert, Evening of Giving), Sandra Giroux (Angel Tree)

Parish Staff

- Parish Administrator: Richard Gorzela
- Sextons: John and Elaine Cornell

Building Users

- Dance Group
- Explorers' Preschool
- Recovery Groups

Are there other symbols for support of the ministry of this parish? Or prayers you wish to write and bring forward?

Perhaps from the

Billerica Interfaith Association

Diocesan Merrimack Valley Deanery (lay and ordained)

Diocesan Racial Justice Commission

and BIPoC Sub-committee

Office of Multicultural and Immigration Ministries' Ministry of Immigration Partnership

Others?

Friends

The Bishop continues

Jennifer and St. Anne's Parish, let all these be signs of the ministry we share in this place, in our diocese and in the church throughout the world.

People Amen.

To be said by the Rector and parishioners of St. Anne's together

O Lord our God, we are not worthy to have you come under our roof; yet you have called your servants to stand in your house; and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service we devote ourselves, body, soul, and spirit.

Fill our memories with the record of your mighty works; enlighten our understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of our hearts and wills center in what you would have us do.

Make us instruments of your salvation for the people entrusted to our care, and grant that we may faithfully administer and receive your holy Sacraments, and by our lives and teaching set forth your true and living Word.

Be always with us in carrying out the duties of our ministries.

In prayer, quicken our devotion; in praises, heighten our love and gratitude; in preaching, give us readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom.

All this we ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Mother Jennifer responds in prayer.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in us the covenant you made with us at our Baptism. Send us forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Rector's family now joins her and they may be greeted

The Peace

The new Rector says to the people

Acknowledging the one mission of Jesus our Lord, which we share in unity, let us greet one another in the name of Christ.

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 And also with you.

Then the Bishop, Clergy, and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table and Offertory Sentence

Our offering tonight goes to support our town's ministry to 80 Haitian refugees. Since July 27, 2023, their lives in a Billerica hotel have been coordinated by our parishioner, Sandra Giroux. We thank you for your generous gift to this amazing ministry. There are contactless offering plates on the top of the piano and by the front door. Or, there is a Donate button on our website.

Offertory hymn "We know that Christ is raised" *blue Hymnal #296*

1. We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold;
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

2. We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

3. The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One.
Alleluia!

4. A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Alleluia! Amen.

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

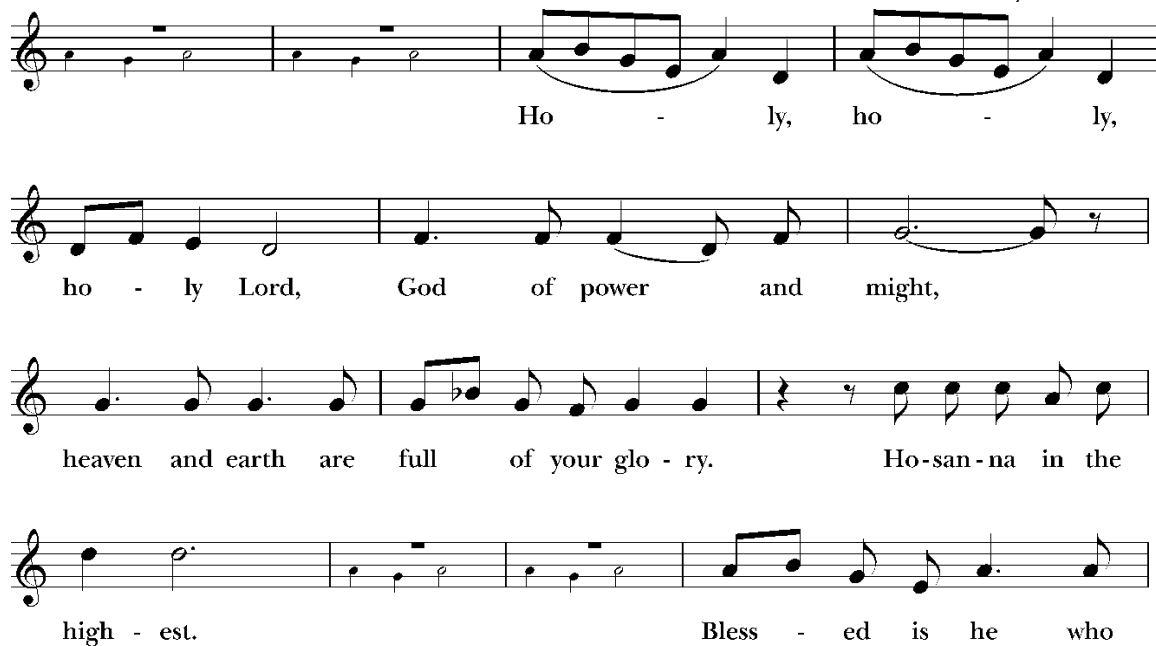
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through the great shepherd of your flock, Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his resurrection sent forth his apostles to preach the Gospel and to teach all nations; and promised to be with them always, even to the end of the ages.

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:

Sanctus

Hymnal #S128

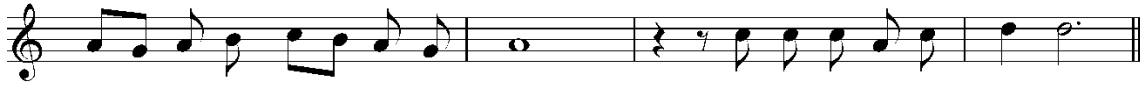


Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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.

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

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

red Gather #806

FRACTION

Opt. A "Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to me and never be
 Opt. B Eat this bread; drink this cup; come to Christ and never be

4 hun - gry. Eat this bread; drink this cup;
 hun - gry. Eat this bread; drink this cup;

7 trust in me and you will not thirst."
 trust in Christ and you will not thirst.

Glory to God 527
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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All who seek God are welcome at this table. May God find you here.

When you come forward to the altar rail, you may cross your arms to receive a blessing if you wish. A gluten-free wafer is available upon request. Holy Communion will be distributed this way: a wafer from the priest 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 single serve kits (containing wafer and wine) will be offered by a third server. You can choose to drink only 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.

Please consume the wafer and/or wine at the altar rail, and when returning to your pew, an usher will be at the bottom of the stairs to collect your empty container and napkin.

Communion hymn one Heleluyan green Wonder, Love & Praise #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;

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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Communion hymn two "Jesu, Jesu" Hymnal #602 (v.1,2,3,4)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
 us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were



feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 love. All are neigh - bors to us and you.
 slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

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Communion hymn three “Joyful, joyful we adore thee”

Hymnal #376



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way;
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our Bro-ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach-us how to love each o-ther, lift us to the joy di-vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Bishop leads the people in the following prayer

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Mother Jennifer and the people of St. Anne's may be an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that all of us together may serve you now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop blesses the people

Deacon Let us go forth into the world,
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Lord, you give the great commission

Wonder, Love & Praise #780

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
 what they do, for - give." Yet we heard as
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty. }
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty. } With the Spir - it's
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty. }
 to a just so - ci - e - ty. }
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. }

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

Postlude Allegro in d minor John Stanley
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Prayers are offered for our Assistant Bishop Carol Gallagher's ongoing recovery and healing from surgeries. We are blessed with her leadership and support of our parish.

Deep gratitude is ours for our Diocesan Bishop Alan's flexibility and graciousness around our changing situation.

Notes about tonight's lessons and hymns:

Mother Jennifer chose, and our bishop approved, the use of lessons from Leo the Great remembered on November 10.

She chose the first hymn because it was sung at her ordination to the priesthood in 1991. Also, along with the other hymns tonight, she has loved this music since her childhood in the church. The offertory hymn shares a text with #420 "When in our music God is glorified", thus making it a natural favorite for her as a musician. The Fraction anthem comes from Taizé where she spent an influential week during college singing chants in foreign languages in France at their ecumenical community. The communion hymns come from: her appreciation for St. Anne's Social Conscience Book Group that two years ago read Sacred Revolt: The Muskogees' Struggle for a New World; her experience as the Cox Fellow on the cathedral staff when "Jesu, Jesu" was first introduced by a flute; and, her high school thesis on Beethoven's 9th symphony. The closing hymn, "Lord, you give the great commission", was written by her prayer book professor for seminary graduates in the life of the Church. This text puts into contemporary language the meaning and mission of our life in the Gospel. Bishop Rowthorn wrote it to this tune.

Ministers today

Diocesan Bishop	The Rt. Rev'd Alan M. Gates
Assistant Bishop	The Rt. Rev'd Carol J. T. Gallagher
Deacon	The Rev'd H. Mark Smith
Rector	The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal
Assisting Clergy at St. Anne's	The Rev'ds Sarah & Richard Lewis
Lectors	Mr. Ken Kinser
	Ms. Sue Geen
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
Lay Eucharistic Minister	Mr. Ed Giroux
Ushers	Ms. Dotty Callihan
	Ms. Marguerite Massey
Film Crew (Video)	Mr. Ron Desmarais
Film Crew (Audio)	Mr. Mark Komarinski

A reception is served for all in Bixby Hall through the door beside the organ.

Restrooms may be found through the door beside the organ, down the hall, turn right, and they are on the right.

Thank you to each person who has worked so hard for our celebration tonight, especially our Co-warden Rosemary for coordinating the Vestry's hosting of our meal and reception.

St. Anne's Vestry

Mike Hopkins, Rosemary Kinser (co-wardens)
Todd Baldwin
Lisa Carpine
Marie Figenbaum
Sandra Giroux
Brenda Komarinski
Maria Martin

St. Anne's Staff

Jack Cornell, Sexton
Richard Gorzela, Parish Administrator
Peter Morelli, Director of Music and Organist

Leo the Great

Bishop of Rome, 461

O Lord our God, grant that your Church, following the teaching of your servant Leo of Rome, may hold fast the great mystery of our redemption, and adore the one Christ, true God and true Man, neither divided from our human nature nor separate from your divine Being; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

When Leo was born, about the year 400, the Western Roman Empire was almost in shambles. Weakened by barbarian invasions and by a totally inefficient economic and political system, the structure that had been carefully built by Augustus had become a chaos of internal warfare, subversion, and corruption.

The social and political situation notwithstanding, Leo received a good education, and was ordained deacon, with the responsibility of looking after Church possessions, managing the grain dole, and generally administering finances. He won considerable respect for his abilities, and a contemporary of his, Cassian, described him as “the ornament of the Roman Church and the divine ministry.”

In 440, Leo was unanimously elected Pope, despite the fact that he was absent at the time on a mission in Gaul. His ability as a preacher shows clearly in the 96 sermons still extant, in which he expounds doctrine, encourages almsgiving, and deals with various heresies, including the Pelagian and the Manichean systems.

In Gaul, Africa, and Spain, Leo’s strong hand was felt as he issued orders to limit the powers of one over-presumptuous bishop, confirmed the rights of another bishop over his vicars, and selected candidates for holy orders. Leo’s letter to the Council of Chalcedon in 451 dealt so effectively with the doctrine of the human and divine natures of the One Person of Christ that the assembled bishops declared, “Peter has spoken by Leo,” and affirmed his definition as orthodox teaching. (See page 864 of the Prayer Book.)

With similar strength of spirit and wisdom, Leo negotiated with Attila when the Huns were about to sack Rome. He persuaded them to withdraw from Italy and to accept an annual tribute. Three years later, Genseric led the Vandals against Rome. Again Leo negotiated. Unable to prevent pillaging by the barbarians, he did dissuade them from burning the city and slaughtering its inhabitants. He worked, thereafter, to repair the damage, to replace the holy vessels in the desecrated churches, and to restore the morale of the Roman people.

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