

# St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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## The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

### Service of Morning Prayer Rite One



November 12, 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](http://stannes-billerica.org)*

# Morning Prayer: Rite One

(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 "Because We Believe" Nancy Gordon & Jamie Harvill  
Welcome & Announcements  
Opening Hymn *blue* The Hymnal 1982 #608

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

\*Opening Sentence p. 40  
\*Stand if able

Confession of Sin p. 41

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our  
own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to  
have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to  
have done.**

**But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The officiant alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory & Psalter

*\*All stand*

Versicle and Response

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*All stand*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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 (Jubilate)

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**Jubilate** *Psalm 100*

Be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;  
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; \*  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving  
and into his courts with praise; \*  
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.  
For the Lord is gracious;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

*The people sit.*

The Psalm (78:1-7)

I Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**  
 3 That which we have heard and known,  
 and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
**we will not hide from their children.**  
 4 We will recount to generations to come  
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
**and the wonderful works he has done.**  
 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
 and established a law for Israel, \*  
**which he commanded them to teach their children;**  
 6 That the generations to come might know,  
 and the children yet unborn; \*  
**that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**  
 7 So that they might put their trust in God, \*  
**and not forget the deeds of God,  
 but keep his commandments;**

**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 Book of 1 Thessalonians (4:13-18)

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*After each Lesson, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Hymn                      verses for the Marine Corps

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2. Eternal Father, grant, we pray,  
 To all Marines, both night and day,  
 The courage, honor, strength, and skill  
 Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill;  
 Be Thou the shield forevermore

From ev'ry peril to the Corps.

3. Eternal Father, Divine,  
Protector of all mountain clime,  
In summer, winter, cold or heat  
May we the challenge always meet.  
Be with us and the troops we train  
And may eternal life we gain.

A Reading from Matthew (25:1-13)

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

Hymn                      verses for the Coast Guard

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4. Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,  
Watch o'er those who guard our coasts  
Protect them from the raging seas  
And give them light and life and peace.  
Grant them from thy great throne above  
The shield and shelter of thy love.

5. Always ready, strong they stand  
Our Coast Guard helps maintain this land.  
Semper Paratus is their call  
As they shirk self to give their all  
In duty tough, demanding, hard  
God guide and bless our Great Coast Guard.

**The Homily**

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,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*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.

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- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;  
R. **And grant us thy salvation.**  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. **Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.**

The Collects

Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Two more Collects

Offertory Hymn      verses for the Army, Navy, Joint Commanders & Merchant Marine  
*blue* The Hymnal 1982 #608

6. Lord, guard and guide the men who fly  
And those who on the ocean ply  
Be with our troops upon the land,  
And all who for their country stand,  
Be with these guardians day and night,  
And may their trust be in thy might.

7. Lord stand beside those who sail  
Our merchant ships in storm and gale.  
In peace and war their watch they keep  
On every sea, on thy vast deep.  
Be with them, Lord, by night and day;  
For Merchant Mariners we pray.

## *The Prayers of the People*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for  
Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola (Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola)

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for  
Parishes of the Taunton River Deanery:  
St. Mark's Church, Foxborough;  
St. John's Church, Franklin;  
Deputies to Provincial Synod

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially for  
Justin our Archbishop of Canterbury; For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Alan,  
and Carol our Bishops; for Jennifer our Priest;  
that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word,  
and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.



And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord,  
to comfort and succor

Barbara Rogers, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Clint, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge,  
George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Josy Hering, Kathy  
Chang, 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  
and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any  
other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear,  
especially Christine Sousa, daughter of Mary Lander,  
beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so  
to follow the good examples of Saint Anne and of all thy saints, that with them we may be  
partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake,  
our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

*Silence*

*The General Thanksgiving*

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*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,**

to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

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*

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude                                      “God Has Not 4Got”                                      Anthony C. Williams II

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Ministers today

Rector	The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal
Prayers of the People	Ms. Kathy Brewster
Lector	Ms. Marguerite Massey
Ushers	Mr. George Cousens
	Ms. Linda Kusnierz
Film Crew (Video)	Mr. Ken Kinser
Film Crew (Audio)	Mr. Mark Komarinski

Meetings in our parish this week (11/12-11/19)

Sunday (Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 am	Morning Prayer, Rite I
Sunday (Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> )	10:30 am	Social Conscience Book Group
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study (zoom)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft Group
Wednesday	12:00 pm	Billerica Interfaith- First Parish
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Deanery- Haverhill
Sunday (Nov 19 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sunday (Nov 19<sup>th</sup>)                      10:30 am                      Social Justice Committee

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12-5

Thursday 2-5

Parish Office hours

Tuesday 12-5

Thursday 2-5

**Prayers for Twenty-fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

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

**St. Anne's Prayer List**

**Let us pray for our own needs and those of others**

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**We pray for those that have recently died**

Christine Sousa, daughter of Mary Lander

**Announcements for November 12, 2023**

- The December newsletter input deadline is next Sunday, November 19.

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