

St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
The Reverend Jennifer D. Beal, Rector

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

(transferred from December 24)

## Service of Holy Eucharist

December 17, 2023



9:00 am (Rite II)

*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)*

### *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.*

***Community. Faith. Love. Respect.***

# 9:00 am The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

*From The Book of Common Prayer, according to the use of The Episcopal Church, 1979.*

Prelude & Procession "Advent Hymn" by Christy Nockels

Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn *blue* The Hymnal 1982 #65 (v.1,2)

## The Word of God

Acclamation *red* Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Collect for Purity p. 355

Gloria "Cantad al Señor" *Wonder, Love & Praise* #786

Collect of the Day see insert

The Lessons see insert

2 Samuel (7:1-11, 16)

Canticle 15

Romans (16:25-27)

Luke (1:26-38)

The Homily The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

The Nicene Creed p. 358

The Prayers of the People (Form I) p. 383

Confession & Absolution p. 360

The Peace

## The Holy Communion

The Offertory *Hymnal* #74 (v.1,2,3)

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B) p. 367

Sanctus *Hymnal* #S130

The Lord's Prayer p.364

Administration of Communion see usher for instructions

Music at Communion *Hymnal* #66 (solo)

*Lift Every Voice & Sing* #14 (v.1,2)

The Post-communion Prayer p. 365

Blessing & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude "Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying" by Philipp Nicolai

*Please exit from the pews following the postlude and come to coffee hour.*

You are welcome to receive communion (either wafer & cup or individual kit) at the altar rail or in your seat.

*Our contactless offering plates are on the top of the piano and by the front door. There is a Donate button on our website.*

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### Ministers today

Priest	The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal
Music Director	Mr. Peter Morelli
Lector	Ms. Sue Geen
Acolyte	Ms. Brenda Komarinski
Lay Eucharistic Minister & Prayers of the People	Ms. Dotty Callihan
Singer	Mr. John Geen
Ushers	Ms. Maria Martin
	Mr. Russell Bent
	Ms. Marguerite Massey
Film Crew (Video)	Mr. Ron Desmarais
Film Crew (Audio)	Mr. Ed Giroux

### Meetings in our parish this week (Dec 17 thru Dec 24)

Sunday(Today)	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday(Today)	10:30 am	Social Justice Committee
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Bible Study(Zoom)
Wednesday	9:30 am	Craft Group
Thursday	3:30 pm	Church School
Sunday(Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> )	1:00 pm	Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday(Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> )	2:30 pm	Silver Tea
Sunday(Dec 24 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00 pm	Christmas Eve, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

#### Priest's office hours

Tuesday: 11 - 1  
Wednesday 1:30 - 6  
Thursday: 2 - 5

#### Parish office hours

Tuesday: 12 - 5  
Thursday: 2 - 5

Normal office hours will be closed during Christmas week, and will return on January 2.



The Annunciation by Henry Ossawa Tanner. 1898.

## Prayers for The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Churches of the Alewife Deanery: Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge; Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge; The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge; Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains

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

### St. Anne's Prayer List

Anthony Vokey, Barbara Rogers & son Kevin, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge, Frank Deloia, George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Josy Hering, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & daughter Paula, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Michele O'Shea, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Yaya & her family, Yvonne Hopkins. Also we pray for our local friends from Haiti and their children who leave Billerica on December 19. We pray for the next step in their journey to what we all take for granted - normalcy and stability.

#### We pray for those that have recently died:

Anthony Rorick (brother-in-law of Janet Deloia)

### Announcements for December 17, 2023

- The January Newsletter input deadline is today, December 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Annual Report input deadline is January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Christmas Day services can be found at the following Episcopal Churches in our Deanery:
  - Christ Church, Andover 10:00 am
  - St. Paul's Church, Newburyport 9:00 am.
  - St. James' Church, Amesbury 10:00 am.

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Honoring the Pawtucket and Shawsheen peoples

Social Justice - a way to allow everyone to feel welcome and respected.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**    “The Light of Christ”

The Light of Christ will come into the world.

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-author: PS 119: 104 composer: Frank Hernandez

**Opening hymn**    “Prepare the way, O Zion”

Hymnal #65 (v.1,2)

1. Prepare the way, O Zion,

your Christ is drawing near!

Let every hill and valley

a level way appear.

Greet One who comes in glory,

foretold in sacred story.

Refrain:

O blest is Christ who came

in God’s most holy name.

2. He brings God’s rule, O Zion;

he comes from heaven above.

His rule is peace and freedom,

and justice, truth, and love.

Lift high your praise resounding,

for grace and joy abounding. [Refrain]

- author: Frans Mikael Franzen

**Gloria** “Cantad al Señor ”    *Wonder, Love & Praise* #786

1. Cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo,

Cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo,

Cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo,

Cantad al Señor, Cantad al Señor.

2. Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh sing God a new song,

Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh sing God a new song,

Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh sing God a new song,

Oh, sing to our God, oh sing to our God.

3. (sing softly)

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Cantad al Señor un cantico nuevo,

Cantad al Señor, Cantad al Señor.

- author: Anonymous

**Offertory hymn** “Blest be the King”

*Hymnal* 74 (v.1,2,3)

1. Blest be the King whose  
coming  
is in the name of God!  
For him let doors be opened,  
no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor,  
in power and pomp, comes he;  
but clad as are the poorest,  
such his humility!

2. Blest be the King whose  
coming  
is in the name of God!  
By those who truly listen  
his voice is truly heard;  
pity the proud and haughty,  
who have not learned to heed  
the Christ who is the Promise,  
who has atonement made.

3. Blest be the King whose coming  
is in the name of God!  
He only to the humble  
reveals the face of God.  
All power is his, all glory!  
All things are in his hand,  
all ages and all peoples,  
till time itself shall end!

-author: Federico F. Pagura, b. 1923

**Communion hymn one** “Come, thou long expected Jesus ”

*Hymnal* 66 (solo)

**Communion hymn two** “Soon and very soon”

*LEVAS* 14 (v.1,2)

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
we are goin' to see the King!

-author: Andrae Crouch (b. 1942)