

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

Second Sunday of Advent

Service of Holy Eucharist
December 10, 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

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 "My Soul in Stillness Waits" (Part I)
by Marty Haugen

Welcome

Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn *blue* The Hymnal 1982 #76 (v.1,2)

The Word of God

Acclamation *red* Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Collect for Purity p. 355

Gloria "Glory to God" *Hymnal* #S277

Collect of the Day see insert

The Lessons see insert

Isaiah (40:1-11)

Psalms (85:1-2, 8-13)

2 Peter (3:8-15a)

Mark (1:1-8)

The Homily The Rev'd Richard H. Lewis

The Nicene Creed p. 358

The Prayers of the People (Form I) & Advent III collect p. 383

Confession p. 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Lighting of Third Candle & The Offertory *Hymnal* #67 (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* #75 (solo)

Hymnal #613 (v.1,2,3)

The Post-communion Prayer p. 365

Blessing for Third Sunday of Advent & Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude "My Soul in Stillness Waits" (Part II) by Marty Haugen

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.

We 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. 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. Jane Kotelly
Acolyte	Mr. John Geen
Lay Eucharistic Minister & Prayers of the People	Ms. Marguerite Massey
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Ushers	Ms. Dotty Callihan
	Ms. Pat Cregg
Film Crew (Video)	Mr. Eli Baldwin
Film Crew (Audio)	Mr. Mark Komarinski

Meetings in our parish this week (Dec 10 thru Dec 17)

Sunday(Today)	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday(Today)	10:30 am	Greening of the Church
Sunday(Today)	10:30 am	Social Conscience Book Group
Sunday(Today)	1:00 pm	Fundraiser
Sunday(Today)	2:00 pm	Concert
Tuesday	10:00 am	Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Vestry
Thursday	4:00 pm	Wardens&Clergy
Sunday(Dec 17 th)	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II(celebrate Advent IV)
Sunday(Dec 17 th)	10:30 am	Social Justice Committee
Sunday(Dec 17 th)	5:00 pm	January Newsletter input deadline

Priest's office hours

Tuesday: 12 - 5
Thursday: 2 - 5

Parish office hours

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Thursday: 2 - 5

Prayers for The Second Sunday of Advent

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of Pakistan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Churches of the Alewife Deanery: St. Paul's Church, Bedford; All Saints' Church, Belmont; St. Mark's Church, Burlington; The Officers of the Diocese; Racial Justice Commission

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

St. Anne's Prayer List

Barbara Rogers & son Kevin, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, 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 & daughter Paula, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Michele O'Shea, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Yvonne Hopkins, Our local friends from Haiti and their children

Announcements for December 10, 2023

- Please return for our fundraiser at 1pm & concert at 2pm this afternoon.
- Make note of the December 13th Poinsettia flower memorial deadline for publication in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin.
- The January Newsletter input deadline is December 17th.
- The Annual Report input deadline is January 5th.

Bishop Nominating News: The Diocesan Profile can be found at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/profile. The Nominating Committee extends its gratitude to members of the Diocese of Massachusetts who participated in the listening sessions and survey it conducted this fall, and invites all members of the diocese to **two online education opportunities**: 1) **Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.:** Diocesan Profile Overview 2) **Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.:** **What is the Role of a Bishop?** Registration is required to receive the Zoom links (Rich can forward the registration link to those interested).

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Honoring the Pawtucket and Shawshen 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: unknown

Opening hymn “On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry” Hymnal #76 (v.1,2)

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within,
and let each heart prepare a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

- author: Charles Coffin, 1676-1749

Offertory hymn “Comfort, comfort ye my people ” Hymnal 67 (v.1,2,3)

1. Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness
mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

2. Hark, the voice of one that crieth
in the desert far and near,
calling us to new repentance
since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
let the valleys rise to meet him,
and the hills bow down to greet him.

(please turn over v.3)

Offertory hymn *(continued)*

3. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain;
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er earth is shed abroad;
and all flesh shall see the token
that the word is never broken.

-author: Johann G. Olearius, 1611-1684

Communion hymn one "There's a voice in the wilderness crying"
Hymnal 75 (solo)

Communion hymn two "Thy kingdom come, O God! "
Hymnal 613 (v.1,2,3)

1. Thy kingdom come, O God!
Thy rule, O Christ, begin!
Break with thine iron rod
the tyrannies of sin!

2. Where is thy reign of peace,
and purity, and love?
When shall all hatred cease,
as in the realms above?

3. When comes the promised time
that war shall be no more,
oppression, lust, and crime
shall flee thy face before?

-author: Lewis Hensley, 1824-1905