

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

The Second Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist



February 25, 2024
10:00 am (Rite I)

*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.

10:00 am The Holy Eucharist: Rite One

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

Prelude & Procession 'Aus der Tiefe' by C.S. Lang
Welcome & Announcements

Penitential Order: Rite Two BCP p. 351

The Celebrant says to the people
Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue: Contemporary BCP p. 350

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

BCP p. 352

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 Priest stands and says

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

Please stand.

The Word of God

The Celebrant says to the people, and then we say it together two more times.

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Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
People **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant and the People say the Collect.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit. The lessons, as appointed, are read, the Reader first saying

A Reading from the Book of Genesis (17:1-7, 15-16)

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (22:22-30)

- 22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

A Reading from Romans (4:13-25)

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

Then, all standing, the Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark (8:31-38).

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to

rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

Sermon

The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People: Litany for Looking after Each Other

By The Rev'd Fran Pratt

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For those on our parish 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, Yvonne Hopkins.

For our Diocesan and Worldwide cycles of prayer:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery:

St. Barnabas' Church, Falmouth;

Christ Church, Harwich Port;

St. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port;

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket;

Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers & Clerks

Our Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin;

Our Presiding Bishop, Michael;

Our Bishops, Alan and Carol; Our Priest, Jennifer

God, you are revising our ideas about family -

Broadening them;

Helping us understand that our family lives not only within the walls of our own homes,

But beyond them.

As Christ has taught us

We care for little ones.

As Christ has taught us

We care for the poor.

As Christ has taught us

We care for the sick.

As Christ has taught us

We care for the imprisoned.

As Christ has taught us
We care for the lonely and orphaned.

Help us to be compassionate listeners,
Compassionate do-ers,
Compassionate helpers,
Compassionate teachers.

Help us to remember:
That it is us who are poor,
That it is us who have been lonely and sick,
That it is us whose bonds need breaking.

And as we raise us the next generation
And live as an example for them,
Let generosity and kindness be our hallmarks.
Let them know us by our love.
Let our young ones know that our arms are wide and our hearts are open
To them, and to all whom you love.

Amen

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, remaining in your pew as you signal a gesture of peace to one another.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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

Offertory hymn “ In the cross of Christ I glory” *Hymnal 441 (v. 1,2,3)*

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o’er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o’ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me:
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
 light and love upon my way,
 from the cross the radiance streaming
 adds new luster to the day.

- author: [John Bowring, 1792-1872](#)

The Great Thanksgiving

Rite I, Eucharistic Prayer II

Book of Common Prayer, p. 340

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.
 People And with thy spirit.
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
 People We lift them up unto the Lord.
 Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
 People It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

Celebrant and People

The Holy Eucharist I, Holy, holy, holy: *Sanctus*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth -
 - in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

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

The Holy Eucharist I, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei*

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Please come forward to the altar rail to receive Holy Communion when an usher indicates. You may cross your arms to receive a blessing if you wish. A gluten-free wafer is available. Holy Communion will be distributed in both kinds: distribution of the wafer by the priest from the paten to be 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 the single serve kits (container with wafer and wine) will continue. You can choose to only drink 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. An usher will be at the bottom of the stairs to collect the empty container and napkin.

If you would like to receive a single-serve Communion kit in your seat, Mother Jennifer will gladly bring it to you.

All who seek spiritual nurture are welcome to receive this sacrament.

Communion hymn one "My faith looks up to thee" (solo) Hymnal #691

Communion hymn two "Take my life, and let it be" Hymnal #707 (v.1,2)

1. Take my life, and let it be
 consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days,
 let them flow in ceaseless praise.
 Take my hands, and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

- author: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1836-1879

After Communion, please stand as the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The Priest will pray a Solemn Prayer over the People

Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

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

Postlude & Procession Sonata No. 1 in A minor, Op. 105, mvt. I (*piano part of violin sonata*)
by R. Schumann

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) standing or kneeling 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.

Ministers today

Celebrant	The Rev'd Jennifer D. Beal
Lector	Mr. Norm Zarella
Director of Music and Organist	Mr. Peter Morelli
Singer	Ms. Maria Martin
Acolyte	TBD
Lay Eucharistic Minister & Prayers of the People	Ms. Dotty Callihan
Ushers	Ms. Marguerite Massey
	Ms. Linda Kusnierz
	Ms. Russell Bent
Film Crew (Video)	Mr. Ken Kinser
Film Crew (Audio)	TBD

Meetings in our parish this week (Feb. 25th to March 3rd)

Sunday(today)	8:45 AM	Social Conscience Book Group
Sunday(today)	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Service, Rite I & launch of Bishops' Annual Appeal
Monday	12:30 PM	Funeral for Rita Nicolson
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Tuesday	3:00 PM	Billerica Interfaith
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Vestry
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	11:45 AM	First Interfaith Luncheon at 18 Andover Rd.
Thursday	2:00 PM	Wardens&Clergy
Thursday	6:15 PM	Confirmation Class
Friday		Parochial Report Filing Deadline
Friday	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	10:00 AM	Poor People's Campaign Assembly at State House
Sunday(March 3)	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Service, Rite I

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12 - 5
Thursday 2-5

Parish office hours

Thursday 12-5
Thursday 2-5

Prayers for the Second Sunday of Lent

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

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Our 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

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, Yvonne Hopkins.

Announcements for February 25, 2024

- You are invited to join our parish response to the Bishops' Annual Appeal. Send your donation into our Office clearly marked for the Appeal. Join our support of significant ministries in our diocese. Bring home a brochure if you wish.

We usually have Coffee Hour, afterwards, in our hall. We hope you'll come.

If you would like us to have your updated contact information, please fill out a pew card hanging on the back of a pew and deposit in offering plate. Thank you, and welcome to this place of God's home!

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

**A word from the bishops about the Poor People's Campaign:
A National Call for Moral Revival**

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is a faith-based movement to end the interrelated injustices separating us from achieving justice and mercy for all of humanity and creation. We [resolved at our 2022 Diocesan Convention](#) to support and stand with the movement. Now we have the opportunity to show our public support and literally stand with the movement.

On Saturday, March 2 at 11 a.m. the Poor People's Campaign will be holding coordinated assemblies at capital state houses in more than 30 states, including Boston. Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul will serve as a welcoming and warming place before and after the assembly. We invite you to support this event. [Event details and registration can be found here.](#) It will provide a public demonstration of our baptismal commitment to strive for justice and respect the dignity of every human being. We also invite you to announce this event during your Sunday services, especially on Feb. 25.