St. Anne's Episcopal Church

The Reverend Jennifer D. Beal, Rector

The Feast of Patrick of Ireland and The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Service of Holy Eucharist



March 17, 2024 10:00 am (Rite I)

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

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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.

This morning we welcome our Regional Canon, the Rev'd Martha Hubbard, as our guest celebrant. And our preacher will be our own returned priest, the Rev'd Richard Lewis.

Our service is founded upon the lessons of Patrick of Ireland, while still using (for the last time) our eucharistic prayer from Rite One.

We are blessed by all who journey with us today. Thank you.

Prelude & Procession

"Old Irish Blessing"

by arr. Denes Agay

Opening Hymn

"Immortal, invisible"

Hymnal 423 (v. 1,2,3)

Accompanied by Colin Baldwin, viola

- 1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

-author: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908

Welcome & Announcements

The Word of God

The Celebrant says to the people

BCP p. 323

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins; His mercy endureth for ever.

The Celebrant says

Peoble

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

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

Holy God, Holy God, Holy God, Holy and Mighty Holy and Mighty

Holy and Mighty, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us. Holy Immortal One, 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.

Almighty God, in your providence you chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle to the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that way that we may come at last to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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 1 Thessalonians (2:1–8)

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm (96)

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; * sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

The Gospel

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (28:16–20)

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ

Sermon

The Rev'd Richard Lewis

The Nicene Creed (standing if able)

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, Camryn Stockton,

Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge, Elaine Jones,

Frank Deloia, George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight,

José Soreso, Joshua Young, Josy Hering, Kathy Brewster, Kathy Chang,

Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & daughter Paula, Marie,

Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Michele O'Shea,

Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat Cregg, Pat McCleave & granddaughter,

Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Yvonne Hopkins.

For our Diocesan and Worldwide cycles of prayer:

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church in Wales

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery:

Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham;

St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet;

Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole (Falmouth);

Diocesan Congregational Consultants;

For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged

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 up 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

Celebrant then says

Kneeling, 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.*

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.

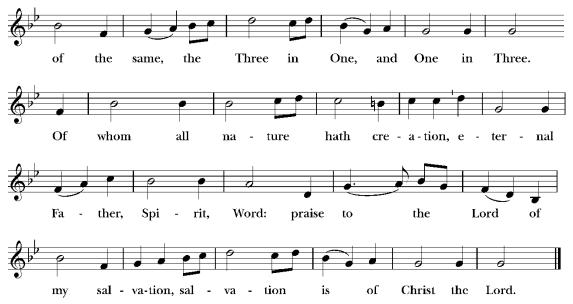
The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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







Words: Att. Patrick (372-466); tr. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: St. Patrick's Breastplate, Irish melody; adapt. Charler Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, Deirdre, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

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.

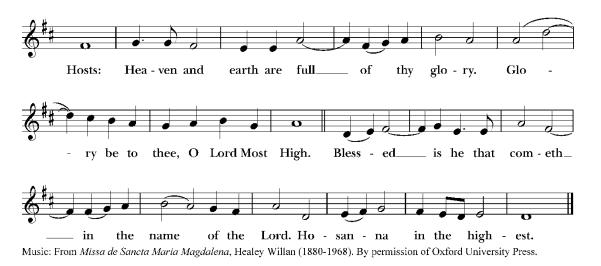
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God... Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee,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

Celebrant and People

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

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music, #114





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

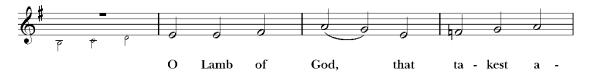
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

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





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

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.

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

"I heard the voice of Jesus say"

text: Hymnal #692 (v.1,2,3) tune: Kingsfold, Hymnal #480

- 1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; and in your weariness lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- 2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down and drink, and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.
- 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my Star, my Sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till pilgrim days are done.

-author: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Communion hymn two

"Be thou my vision"

Hymnal #488 (v.1,2,3)

- 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art—thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father; thine own may I be; thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3. High King of heaven, when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!

Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

-author: Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

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 may give a blessing

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Procession

"Guide me, O thou great Jehovah" Hymnal 690 (v. 1,2,3)

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand; bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;

strong deliverer, strong deliverer. be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

-author: William Williams, 1717-1791

"Ireland's Call" Postlude by Phil Coulter

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

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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Thursday 1-5 Thursday 2-5

Meetings in our parish this week (March 17th to March 24th)		
Sunday(today)	8:45 AM	Social Justice Committee
Sunday(today)	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Service, Rite I
Sunday(today)	11:30 AM	Building & Grounds
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Tuesday	11:00 AM	Holy Week planning
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Billerica Interfaith
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Holy Week Planning
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Vestry
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Craft Group
Wednesday	11:45 AM	Our Interfaith Luncheon at First Congregational, 18 Andover Rd
Thursday	3:30 PM	Church School
Thursday	6:15 PM	Last Confirmation Class
Friday	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast
Saturday	9:00 AM	Ladies' Breakfast
Sunday(March 24)	8:45 AM	Social Conscience Book Group
Sunday(March 24)	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Service, Rite I, Palm Sunday

Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gardening Angels' Bake Sale

Sunday(March 24) 11:30 AM

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St. Anne's Prayer List

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others

Anthony Vokey, Barbara Rogers & son Kevin, Brian Hering, Camryn Stockton, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge, Elaine Jones, Frank Deloia, George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Josy Hering, Kathy Brewster, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & daughter Paula, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Michele O'Shea, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat Cregg,

Pat McCleave & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Yvonne Hopkins.

Announcements for March 17, 2024

- ➤ If you would like to deliver an Easter lily to a parishioner at home on Sunday afternoon, April 7th, please speak with Doris Hamner who is coordinating this.
- ➤ April Newsletter input deadline is March 17th (today)
- ➤ Holy Week service planning Q&A Bible Study on March 19th at 11:00am and before vestry at 6:00pm on March 19th.
- ➤ Interfaith Luncheon on March 20, will be hosted by St Anne's and the First Congregational Church. Lunch at 11:45 12:30pm followed by worship 12:30 1:00pm. at the First Congregational church, 18 Andover Road. We are requesting contributions to the dessert table. A signup sheet has been posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen. Your contributions are appreciated!
- ➤ Please remember to bring baked goods for the Palm Sunday bake sale hosted by the Gardening Angels'!

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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