

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

The Third Sunday in Lent
Service of Holy Eucharist



March 3, 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 'On Christ the Solid Rock' by arr. Carl Maults
Welcome & Announcements
Birthdays & Anniversaries
Colin Baldwin, John & Sue Geen, Laurie Holman, Linda Kusnierz
Story Telling

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

Kneeling, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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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.

BCP p. 351

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

**Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
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Holy and Mighty,
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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Exodus (20:1-17)

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm (19)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians (1:18-25)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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 John (2:13-22).

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

Not long before the Jewish festival of Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem. There he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves in the temple. He also saw moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he took some rope and made a whip. Then he chased everyone out of the temple, together with their sheep and cattle. He turned over the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins.

Jesus said to the people who had been selling doves, “Get those doves out of here! Don't make my Father's house a marketplace.”

The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say, “My love for your house burns in me like a fire.”

The Jewish leaders asked Jesus, “What miracle will you work to show us why you have done this?”

“Destroy this temple,” Jesus answered, “and in three days I will build it again!”

The leaders replied, “It took 46 years to build this temple. What makes you think you can rebuild it in three days?”

But Jesus was talking about his body as a temple. And when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered what he had told them. Then they believed the Scriptures and the words of Jesus.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev'd Sarah Lewis

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 Church of the Province of Uganda

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery:

Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs;

Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans;

St. Peter's Church, Osterville;

Christ Church, Plymouth;

Boston Episcopal Charitable Society

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

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

“Rock of ages, cleft for me”

Hymnal 685 (v. 1,2,3)

1. Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Should my tears for ever flow,
should my zeal no languor know,
all for sin could not atone:
thou must save, and thou alone;
in my hand no price I bring,
simply to thy cross I cling.

3. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyelids close in death,

when I rise to worlds unknown
and behold thee on thy throne,
Rock of ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

- author: Augustus Montague Toplady, 1740-1778 (alt.)

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.

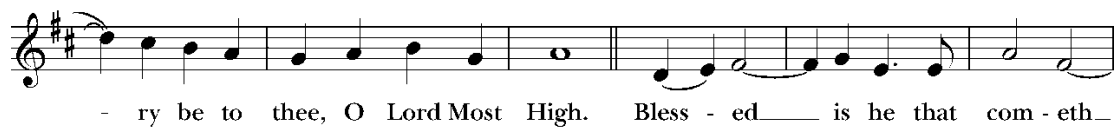
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

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





— 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.*

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

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

Communion hymn one "My faith looks up to thee" (solo) LEVAS #203

Communion hymn two "Day by day" *Hymnal #654 (v.1 twice)*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
 to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
 follow thee more nearly, day by day.

- author: Richard of Chichester, 1197-1253

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.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude & Procession "Prelude in D minor"

by J.S. Bach

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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Ministers today

Celebrant
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Singer
Acolyte
Lay Eucharistic Minister
& Prayers of the People
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Mr. Mike Hopkins
Mr. Ron Desmarais

Ms. Rosemary Kinser
Mr. Ken Kinser
Mr. Eli Baldwin
Mr. Mark Komarinski

Film Crew (Video)
Film Crew (Audio)

Priest's office hours

Tuesday 12 - 5
Thursday Pilgrimage to Pocasset
Wampanoag in Fall River

Parish office hours

Thursday 12-5
Thursday 2-5

Meetings in our parish this week (March 3rd to March 10th)

Sunday(today)	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Service, Rite I
Tuesday	10:00 AM	Bible Study
Wednesday	9:30 AM	Craft Group
Wednesday	11:45 AM	Interfaith Luncheon
Thursday	6:15 PM	Confirmation Class
Friday	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Friday	7:00 PM	Pre-confirmation retreat
Sunday(March 10)	8:45 AM	Social Conscience Book Group
Sunday(March 10)	10:00 AM	Holy Eucharist Service, Rite I, Ingathering of Bishops' Annual Appeal

Prayers for the Third Sunday of Lent

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Church of the Province of Uganda

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs; Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans; St. Peter's Church, Osterville; Christ Church, Plymouth; Boston Episcopal Charitable Society

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.

Those who have died

Rita Nicolson

Announcements for March 3, 2024

Next week is our "Ingathering Sunday" for the 2024 Bishops' Annual Appeal. Please send your check made out to "Bishops' Annual Appeal" to the office by "Ingathering Sunday," March 10th. The appeal newsletter and donation envelope are available at the back of the church or at <https://www.diomass.org/bishops-appeal>. Thank you for your generous support.

From Andrea Jeffrey: Thank you to everyone who reached out on my last post. Dad is continuing to maintain and overall is doing well. He's lost some weight and the aphasia (lack of speaking) is increasing somewhat but that's unfortunately the progression of the disease of dementia. It's heartbreaking to all of us who know and love him. I know he appreciates the cards and prayers very much! I will say he loves visitors even more, and while it's very hard emotionally to visit with someone who doesn't have the interaction he used to have, I know he would do the same for any of us, were he able. If you're nearby and can pay a short visit please do. Bonus if your visit includes a dog! Dogs on leashes are more than welcome and a delightful treat. Prayers are always appreciated and cards are always welcome (Pete Jeffrey Windsor Place 92 West St room 229 Wilmington MA 01887) Much love.

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



2024 St. Anne's Easter Flower Request Form

We will be placing spring flowers in the church on Easter Sunday. You are invited to make a donation towards these, in thanksgiving for or in memory of individuals. Please include those names on the form, and they will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. You may also call or email the church office with this information. **All requests must be made by Monday, March 18th.** Thank you!

Your name/given by: _____

Your phone number: _____

Donation amount (cash or check): _____

In memory of: _____



In thanksgiving for: _____



Please return this form to the church office by March 18th.

If you include a check, write "Easter flowers" in the check memo.

Mail to: St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Attn.: Easter Flowers, P.O. Box 134, No. Billerica, MA 01862

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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