



ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 16, 2025

8:00 A.M.

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WELCOME TO ST. ANNE'S!

Whatever your religious background, wherever you are in your faith journey, and however you have come to be here, we are glad you have joined for worship today. We hope you will experience God's presence among this community, people, place, and prayers.

Children's worship bags are available from an usher to use during the service. Please utilize our "Welcome" and "Prayer Request" cards located in the pews, as a way to connect beyond your visit today. Return your completed card to an usher, clergy person, or place it in the offering plate.



THE MINISTERS OF ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ARE
THE PEOPLE OF THIS PARISH
supported by

The Very Rev. Jessica T. Holthus, *Rector*

The Rev. Dr. Nancy D. Searby, *Deacon*

Robert Hamilton, *Director of Music*

The Rev. Dr. Anne Fredericks Cooper, *Assisting Priest*

The Rev. Winston W. Welty, *Assisting Priest*

Sheri Schaffer, *Parish Administrator*

Angie Gray, *Office Administrator*

Celebrations & Thanksgivings • February 16-22

Birthdays

Anna Mary Coburn, Catalina Colon, Meaghan Jamison, Connor Malato, Kimberly Cowell-Meyers, Colin Gallen, Claire Juran, Michael Mattozzi, Tanya Cantrell, Chase Santoro, Lauren Walters, Katherine Ward, Abigail Gallen, Tracy Hanford, Jacqueline Wallace

Anniversaries

Flowers are given to the glory of God.

We at St. Anne's acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Manaboac and Piscataway people. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the continued existence of Native peoples today and into the future.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

People responses are in bold.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY HONORING ABSALOM JONES

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 1

The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, ***
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 **It is not so with the wicked; ***
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ***
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 6:17-26

The people stand and turn to face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Winston W. Welty

"Ferris Wheel Jesus"

The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence.

THE NICENE CREED

The people stand as they are 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Reader and People pray responsively

PLANNING FOR RITES AND RITUALS

Trusting in the Lord for every mercy, let us offer prayers for all our siblings in the church and the world who need mercy. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord! Search our hearts and hear our prayer. Lord have mercy.

Lord our God, bless your Church. Bless us with the boldness of the prophets. Give us the courage to proclaim your kingdom. Give us the courage to proclaim our allegiance to Christ alone. Search our hearts and hear our prayers.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless the people of this and every nation. Bless us with compassion for the poor, the hungry, and those who weep. Turn our hearts away from our selfish desire; turn our heart to you. Search our hearts and hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless this planet, your very footstool. Bless this planet with growth and health. Give food enough that the hungry might be filled. Search our hearts and hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, Bless our city. Bless us with health. Heal our land and our water. Deliver us from violence and sorrow. Search our hearts and hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless the sick and the struggling. Send forth your healing power. We pray especially for Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Sue, Rich, Eleanor, Katherine, Claudia, Nora, Peggy, Robin, Carolyn, Kenneth, Carol, Rachel, Rita, Bill, Beryl, Emily, Jim, and Tanya. *(Please pray either silently or aloud for those you wish to remember)*. Cause laughter to once again flow from the hearts of those who now weep. Search our hearts and hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord our God, bless the dying and the dead. Bless them with everlasting life. And at the last day raise them to new life with your Christ. Search our hearts and hear our prayer.

Lord, have mercy.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

God of every blessing, hear the prayers we offer you this day and plant your people like trees by water in the garden of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee 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 thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

We invite you to give generously to support the mission and ministry of St. Anne's. You can scan the QR code, text-to-give at 703-997-4436, or go to our website at stannes-reston.org.



THE PRESENTATION

As the offering is brought forward the following is said:

With gladness we present the gifts of our life and labor to the Lord. Amen.

At this celebration of the Lord's Supper, bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER B

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant says a Proper Preface, and then continues

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 FRACTION

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

THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

To receive communion, please process down the center aisle. Hold your palm out flat with two hands if you wish to receive bread dipped in wine by the clergy and one palm out if you wish bread only. A gluten-free station is available to the right. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace. **Amen**

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen**

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen**

And the Blessing of God Almighty: the One who creates, Redeems and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Altar Guild • *Swanee Busic*
Chalice Bearers • *Emily Besuden, Pam Russ*
Crucifer • *Christine Skaitol*
Flower Guild • *Terri Cox, Lee Hobrla, Sue Robinson*
Lay Reader • *Peggy Hobler*

SEASONAL EVENTS

Sunday, February 16 & February 23

Martin Luther King, Jr. sessions 2 & 3 - 4:00 p.m., Library

Sunday, February 23

Instructed Eucharist - 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. services

Sunday, March 2

Bishop Shand Visit

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - Baptisms & Confirmations

Tuesday, March 4

Pancake Supper - 6:00 p.m. - Great Hall

Ash Wednesday, March 5

12:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m. services

Sunday, March 9

Lent Begins

Sunday, March 16

Life Planning Workshop - 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Library

Sunday, March 30

Vestry Conversation with Congregation - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Library
Topic - Endowment Fund