



# ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 23, 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 23 - March 1*

### *Birthdays*

Heather Lawson, Tai Young, Glen Corso, Benjamin Kertz, Kerry Carrico, Grace Hoebel,  
Eve Angerosa

### *Anniversaries*

Art & Margaret Light

*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 & INTRODUCTION TO INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

*THE COMMUNITY GATHERS WITH GOD*

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

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son 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 STORIES OF SCRIPTURE PROCLAIMED*

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

*The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 **For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.**
- 3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 **Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.**
- 5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 **He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.**
- 7 Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.

- 8 **Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.**
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 **For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.**
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 **But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.**
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 **The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
because they seek refuge in him.**

THE SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 6:27-38

*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 said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

*RESPONDING TO THE WORD*

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

To God who is merciful and kind to all, let us pray for all those in need.

For the church of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those alienated from the church, and for our witness to Christ in every community.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in charge of peoples and nations, and for their exercise of mercy and justice.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer from oppressive rulers and regimes, and for the victims of abuse and violence.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who are sick and troubled. We pray especially for Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Sue, Rich, Eleanor, Katherine, Claudia, Nora, Peggy, Robin, Carolyn, Rachel, Rita, Bill, Beryl, Emily, Chuck, Jim, and Tanya. (*Please pray either silently or aloud for those you wish to remember*). We also pray for the dying and the dead.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves, our families, and all those we love.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Anne, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**To you, O gracious God.**

#### THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

God the lover of every person, hear the prayers we offer you this day, grant that we may bless those who curse and do good to those who do evil; 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

## NOURISHED BY THE SACRAMENT

## 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](http://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.*

#### SENT INTO THE WORLD

## 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 • *Emily Besuden*  
Chalice Bearers • *Mary Szpanka, Christine Skitol*  
Crucifer • *Fred Bagley*  
Flower Guild • *Martha Furniss, Marion Billings, Mary Weinhold*  
Lay Reader • *Kathy Boileau*