



# ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 18, 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 use our "Welcome" and "Prayer Request" cards located in the pews, or scan the QR code to complete our Connect card 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. Anne Fredericks Cooper, *Assisting Priest*  
Sheri Schaffer, *Parish Administrator*

Robert Hamilton, *Director of Music*  
The Rev. Winston W. Welty, *Assisting Priest*  
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## *Celebrations & Thanksgivings • May 18-24*

### *Birthdays*

James Kpadeh, Velma Kpadeh, Jean Boston, Sid Hurlburt, Alex Liu, Jason Angerosa,  
Karla Cook, Madeleine Freeman

### *Anniversaries*

Reggie & Ila Forster, Alex & Bridget Colon, Linda Calkins & Susan Schreiner,  
Kurt & Annie Wilkinson, Robert & Stacy Kalbach, Chudi & Chinwe Okafo,  
Benson & Mary Beth Denooyer

**Flowers** 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

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*People responses are in bold.*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

As the morning approaches, Risen Lord, be our light, our life, and our hope. Enlighten our hearts, awaken our minds, and show us the way of resurrection life. **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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people are seated for the readings and the psalm.*

## THE FIRST READING

ACTS 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

PSALM 148

*The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

- 2 **Praise him, all you angels of his; \***  
**praise him, all his host.**
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 **Praise him, heaven of heavens, \***  
**and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \***  
**he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, \***  
**tempestuous wind, doing his will;**
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, \***  
**creeping things and winged birds;**
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 **Young men and maidens, \***  
**old and young together.**
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, \*  
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 **He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal**  
**servants, \***  
**the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!**

THE SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 13:31-35

*The people stand and turn to face the Gospel.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

LIVING STORIES SERMON

The Very Rev. Jessica T. Holthus

*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

#### PLANNING FOR RITES AND RITUALS

Beloved in Christ, let us praise the name of the Lord! The promises of God are trustworthy and true, so let us pray, "Loving God, make all things new."

Heavenly One, your Son Jesus commands us to love one another as he loves us. Help us to do as he commands. Give your Church the will to seek and serve Christ in all persons. Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

Gracious God, you blessed the world in your incarnation. Come and make your home with us. Establish your reign of peace on earth as in heaven. Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

Glorious Lord, you created the heavens and earth and all that is therein. At your command all things came into being. Give us ears to hear the praise coming forth from the worlds. May our voices join the song of creation. Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

Grant, O God, that our community might become more like your heavenly city. Banish from our borders the pain of violence and addiction, abuse and hatred. Loving God,  
**Make all things new again.**

Mighty God, wipe every tears from the eyes of your children. Come with healing. Come with strength. Come to your people. We pray especially for Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Sue, Rich, Eleanor, Katherine, Claudia, Nora, Peggy, Robin, Carolyn, Betsy, Lynne, Sally, Ester, David, Barbara, Jackie, Alison, Molly, and Michael. Loving God,  
**Make all things new again.**

Alpha and Omega, we long for the day when you will make all things new. We long for the day when death will be no more, when mourning and crying and pain will be no more. We trust in the power of your love. Lead us in the way of everlasting life. Loving God,  
**Make all things new.**

#### PRAYER FOR WORLD BEE DAY

We thank you, O God, for the blessing of St. Anne's bees and beekeepers, and all bees and beekeepers of the world. We thank you for the blessing of their hives, built perfectly for their needs, for the wisdom of their queen, for the miracle of the drones and worker bees, for their tireless community work. May they inspire us to also serve in community. May they be fruitful, may they find fields of blooms and a bountiful harvest of pesticide-free pollen and nectars, may their honey be plentiful and sweet. May we share in the abundance of their labors, enjoying the honey you have provided through them. Bless our bees, O God, and bless our beekeepers. For all creatures are yours, bee and keeper alike. May we resound your praise and glory for the wonder of their work, for the sweetness of their offerings, and the delight of their harvest. **Amen.**



## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*The Celebrant prays a concluding collect.*

Blessed are you, God of glory, who gave us your Son. Hear the prayers we offer this day, come among your people, and wipe away every tear from their eyes; 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 the 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](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**

*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 A

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.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. Hold one palm out if you wish bread only, or if you wish to receive bread and then drink from the common cup. Gluten-free wafers are available on the ambo side of the altar. 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 Christ be in our minds, that we may see what is true.

May Christ be in our mouths, that we may speak with power.

May Christ be in our hands, that we may work with tenderness.

May Christ be in our arms, that we may embrace without fear.

May Christ be in our feet, that we may follow with love, and receive the blessing of

God Almighty: Parent, Child and Breath of Life this day and always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the Risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Altar Guild • *Sidney Johnson*

Chalice Bearers • *Pam Russ, Emily Besuden*

Crucifer • *James Brooks*

Flower Guild • *Terri Cox, Lee Hobrla, Sue Robinson*

Lay Reader • *Peggy Hobler*

Ushers • *Gerald Cooper, Judy Skirbunt*