



# ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE HOLY EUCHARIST • THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD  
JANUARY 12, 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.



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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 • January 12-18*

### *Birthdays*

Sandy Chamblee-Head, Jack Cochran, Marta Michell, Steve Watts, Eliot Grace Kimm,  
Felix Glassman, Gabe Kajeckas, Sean Furniss, Jonathan Wallace, Tom Skirbunt

### *Anniversaries*

*Flowers* are given in loving memory of Jim Jones and to the glory of God.

*We at St. Anne's acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Manahoac 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.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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 WORD OF GOD

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

### THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALM

PSALM 29

*The psalm is read responsively by whole verse.*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \***  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \***  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 **He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \***  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 **The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;\*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE SECOND READING

ACTS 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

*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.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

THE SERMON

*The Sermon is followed by a moment of silence.*

The Very Rev. Jessica Holthus

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*The Celebrant may first address the people, all standing*

As we gather to celebrate the baptism of Jesus, I call upon you to renew the promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we turned away from Satan and all his works, and promised to turn to Christ and serve God faithfully in God's holy Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**I will, with God's help.**

*As a reminder of our own adoption into the family of God, the clergy shower the people with the waters of baptism.*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Reader and People pray responsively*

#### PLANNING FOR RITES AND RITUALS

The Lord shall give us the blessings of strength and peace. Beloved of God, let us pray, “Walk with us through the waters, O God; walk with us through the fire.”

O God, you have blessed us to be members of your household. Strengthen the unity of the Church—those serving you in the east, west, north, and south. Walk us through the waters, O God;

**Lead us by your divine fire.**

Your power, O God, is evident in the mysteries of our universe. By water and your Holy Spirit, you have made us a new people. We give you thanks and praise. Walk us through the waters, O God;

**Lead us by your divine fire.**

Break down the walls of division in our city and our country and our nation. Bring us together as one human family, formed and made by your great hands. Walk with us through the waters, O God;

**Lead us by your divine fire.**

Heal and comfort your beloved children, O God. Be with the needy in their trials. We pray especially for Bruce & Jean, Gerald, Sue, Rich, Eleanor, Katherine, Claudia, Nora, Peggy, Robin, Carolyn, Gerry, Alan, Annabelle, Sylvia, Len & Sally, Gloria, Karen, Allan, and Winston. We also pray for the people of Los Angeles and Richmond. *(Please pray either silently or aloud for those you wish to remember)*. May they know that they are precious in your sight. Walk us through the waters, O God;  
**Lead us by your divine fire.**

Source and Parent of all, you have accepted us as your children. You have made us heirs with Christ. In your great mercy, receive us, and all who have died, into glory everlasting. Walk with us through the waters, O God;  
**Lead us by your divine fire.**

#### THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

We lift up all these prayers, on our lips and on our hearts, to you, O Christ. Deliver your Church, O God, from fear. Strengthen those you have redeemed by your presence. Give us all the courage to keep our baptismal promises. **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](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.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*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 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, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Altar Guild • *Emily Besuden*  
Chalice Bearers • *Pam Russ, Mary Szpanka*  
Crucifer • *Christine Skitol*  
Flower Guild • *Chris Cameron, Mary Weinhold*  
Lay Reader • *Ray Walser*

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