

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3, 2023 - 5:00 PM
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

The Order of Worship is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Collect for Purity		BCP 355
The Gloria	<i>Said together.</i>	BCP 356
The Collect of the Day		BCP 211
The Holy Gospel	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	Mark 13:24-37
The Sermon	<i>Please be seated.</i>	The Rev. Russell Bohner
Prayers & Confession	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	BCP 392
The Peace	<i>The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.</i>	BCP 360
The Offertory		
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP 361
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Communion of the Faithful	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available on request.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 365
The Blessing		
Birthdays & Anniversaries		BCP 830
O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Announcements		
Dismissal		BCP 366

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

WELCOME TO SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you are visiting and would like more information about Saint Anne's, please complete the yellow card found in the pews and place it in the offering plate or hand it to a priest.

Family Christmas Gifts Project

This Christmas, Saint Anne's is once again collaborating with parishioner Erin Rideout and the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence to support mothers and children affected by domestic violence. Our church has adopted 44 families, which altogether includes 44 mothers, 107 children, and agreed to provide Christmas gifts—both practical and playful—for each of these 44 families. **There are 5 families (1 to 3 members) still to be adopted.** Details are in *The Messenger*. If you wish to adopt a family, please contact Julie Quackenbush: juliehollo@yahoo.com or 202-841-1990. Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than Sunday, December 10. Thank you for helping each of these families receive a Christmas blessing.

Food Bag Ministry

Saint Anne's collaborates with Our Daily Bread (ODB) to support their weekly food distribution ministry. Fresh or canned meats, milk, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, and jelly are needed. Please drop off foods on Sunday mornings, or to the Church Office during office hours. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry.

Parish Prayers

We pray for Larry Arnold, Meta Barrow, Ann Blackmore, Sherry Burke, Samuel Conner, Jr., Mary Crandall, Maria Cruz, Mike Duffin, Joyce Foster, Fred Goodhart, Gabriel Greenberg, Mike Hahn, Betty Hall, Rosa Jones, Andy Kallimanis, Mariah Kramer, Eleanor Marmo, Steven Mezier, Ott Menzen, Ian O'Donnell, Sue Osborn, John Luke Pichette, Lori Stover Rader, Andrew Ranonis, Kerri Lynn Rooney, Mike Rouke, Susan Schaubert, Ben Shackelford, Paula Szczuka, Norene Taylor, Fern Toner-Horisk, Erica Trowbridge, Ron Truitt, Alexander VanderLek, Janet Vines, Jennifer Whalen-Sidwell, Phylcia Wittcock, Leslie Woods, and Haigo. We pray for Carlton Pearson who has died.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware, we pray for Saint Anne's School and Saint Andrew's School, and St. Peter's Church, Smyrna.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Church of North India (United).

For Church activities and announcements, please read *The Messenger*, which is posted on the website: www.SaintAnnes.Church. To receive *The Messenger* via email, please call the Church Office at 302-378-2401.

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Church Calendar for the week of December 3, 2023

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Sunday, December 3 –The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 5

Deliver food to Our Daily Bread—9:30 AM

Women's Book Club by Zoom—7:15 PM

Wednesday, December 6

Noonday Prayer and Old Testament Study: Torah—12:00 PM

Contemplative Prayer: Practice by Zoom—6:30 PM

Contemplative Prayer: Formation by Zoom—7:00 PM

Thursday, December 7

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Evening Prayer—6:00 PM

Bell Choir Rehearsal—6:00 PM

Theology of the Book of Common Prayer Study: Holy Eucharist—6:30 PM

Sunday, December 10 –The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist: Rite I—8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist: Rite II—9:30 AM

This service is in-person and Broadcast Live through the Church Website

Fellowship in the Great Hall following the 9:30 service

Sunday School in downstairs classrooms—10:45 AM

Old Testament Study: Torah—10:45 AM

Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary—10:45 AM

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM



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