

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 1, 2023 - 8:00 AM  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

*This worship service is broadcast live on the Church Website and the video remains available to view online. By participating in this service, you (and your family) may be visible to online viewers.*

*The Order of Worship is in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). At the sound of the bell, please stand as you are able.*

Opening Acclamation		BCP 323
Collect for Purity		BCP 323
The Gloria	Said together.	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		BCP 182
The First Lesson	Please be seated.	Exodus 17:1-7
	The Lessons are printed on the next page.	
Psalm 78 vv 1-4,12-16	The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.	BCP 694
The Second Lesson		Philippians 2:1-13
The Holy Gospel	Please stand as you are able.	Matthew 21:23-32
The Sermon	Please be seated.	The Rev. Russell Bohner
Nicene Creed	Please stand as you are able.	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	During the Prayers and Confession, please kneel or stand as you prefer.	BCP 328
The Confession		BCP 330
The Peace	The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.	BCP 332
The Offertory		
	At the Presentation of the gifts:	
	Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.	
	People: And of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II		BCP 340
	Please kneel or stand as you prefer.	
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 337
Communion of the Faithful	Gluten-free wafers are available on request.	

**The Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

*During the distribution of Holy Communion, the people worshipping online pray*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection: I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## The Blessing

## Birthdays &amp; 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 340

**THE FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**THE SECOND LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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#### Parish Prayers

We pray for Meta Barrow, Sherry Burke, Samuel Conner, Jr., Lou Cox, Mary Crandall, Maria Cruz, Joyce Foster, Gabriel Greenberg, Mike Hahn, Velma Johnson, Rosa Jones, Andy Kallimanis, Mariah Kramer, Katherine Lind, Eleanor Marmo, Ott Menzen, Ian O'Donnell, Sue Osborn, Lori Stover Rader, Kerri Lynn Rooney, Susan Schauber, Ben Shackelford, Paula Szczuka, Norene Taylor, Erica Trowbridge, Ron Truitt, Janet Vines, Sylvia Williamson, Phylcia Wittock, Leslie Woods, Alex, Haigo, Phyllis, and Sarah.

We pray for Theresa Rogan who has died.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Theresa Hall Kuehlwein by Peter and Betty Hall.

In the **Episcopal Church in Delaware**, we pray for Saint Anne's School and Saint Andrew's School, and Immanuel Highlands Episcopal Church, Wilmington.

In the **Anglican Communion**, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

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

## Church Calendar for the week of October 1, 2023

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### Sunday, October 1 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM

### Tuesday, October 3

Deliver food to Our Daily Bread—9:30 AM

Women's Book Club by Zoom—7:15 PM

### Thursday, October 5

Bible Study by Zoom—8:00 AM

Evening Prayer—Chapel—6:00 PM

A Study of the Theology of the Book of Common Prayer—Great Hall—6:30 PM

### Saturday, October 7

Blessing of the Animals—10:00 AM

### Sunday, October 8 – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary—10:45 AM

Holy Eucharist—5:00 PM

Youth Group—6:00 PM

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