

SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023 – 8:00 AM

Welcome. Ushers are available by the front doors if you have questions or need assistance.



The Child Care Room is open. The worship service is broadcast in real time to a flatscreen TV mounted on the wall. If you have questions about or need directions to the Child Care Room, please speak with an usher or clergy member.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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	<i>Said together.</i>	BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		BCP 159
The First Lesson	<i>Please be seated.</i>	<i>Isaiah 40:1-11</i>
	<i>The Lessons are printed on the next page.</i>	
Psalm 85 vv 1-2,8-13	<i>The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.</i>	BCP 708
The Second Lesson		<i>2 Peter 3:8-15a</i>
The Holy Gospel	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	<i>Mark 1:1-8</i>
The Sermon	<i>Please be seated.</i>	The Rev. Russell Bohner
Nicene Creed	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	BCP 326
Prayers of the People	<i>During the Prayers and Confession, please kneel or stand as you prefer.</i>	BCP 328
The Confession		BCP 330
The Peace	<i>The ministers and people greet each other in the name of the Lord.</i>	BCP 332
The Offertory	<i>At the Presentation of the gifts: Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord. People: And of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.</i>	
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II	<i>Please kneel or stand as you prefer.</i>	BCP 340
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 336
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP 337
Communion of the Faithful	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available on request.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer		BCP 339
The Blessing		
Announcements		
Dismissal		BCP 340

THE FIRST LESSON: *Isaiah 40:1-11*

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

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

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord. *People* Praise be to thee, O 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.

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.

Advent Lessons & Carols at St. Andrew's School

Today, December 10 - 2:00 PM

A. Felix duPont, Jr. Memorial Chapel

350 Noxontown Road, Middletown DE

You are invited to this special concert of readings and music celebrating the season of Advent.

Family Christmas Gifts Project

Gifts are to be brought to the church no later than today, December 10. If you are unable to bring the gifts today, please contact Julie Quackenbush: juliehollo@yahoo.com or 202-841-1990. Thank you for helping each of these families receive a Christmas blessing.



**CHRISTMAS AT
SAINT ANNE'S CHURCH**

DECEMBER 24

Advent 4

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - In-person

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist - In-person and broadcast live

Christmas Eve at the Town Church

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols - In-person and broadcast live

10:00 PM Midnight Mass - In-person and broadcast live

DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day at Old St. Anne's Church

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols - In-person
with The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown

DECEMBER 31

The First Sunday after Christmas at the Town Church

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite I - In-person

9:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II - In-person and broadcast live

5:00 PM Holy Eucharist: Rite II - In-person



Saint Anne's Summer Week at the Memorial House

In Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

Friday, June 28 - Friday, July 5, 2024

Enjoy a week-long summer vacation at Rehoboth Beach in a beautiful house that is only a few blocks from the beach and a short walk to downtown. Saint Anne's has reserved the whole house for the week. For more information about how you and your family can participate, please speak to Fr. Russ or the church office.

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