

**SAINT ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
***FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I***

**SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024 – 8:00 AM**

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

**Faith like a mustard seed**

*The Gospel According to  
Mark 4:26-34*



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.

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

<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.</i>		
Opening Acclamation		BCP 323
Collect for Purity		BCP 323
The Gloria		BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		BCP 178
The Collect for Juneteenth		
Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, empower us with wisdom and courage to contend fearlessly against racial bias and inequity, and as with those generations before us who resisted the evil of slavery and human bondage, inspire us to challenge oppression everywhere. May we use our freedom and resources to bring justice to peoples and nations everywhere; we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.		
The First Lesson	<i>Please be seated.</i>	<i>1 Samuel 15:34-16:13</i>
	<i>The Lessons are printed on the next pages.</i>	
Psalm 20	<i>The Psalm is read responsively by whole verse.</i>	BCP 608
The Second Lesson		<i>2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17</i>
The Holy Gospel	<i>Please stand as you are able.</i>	<i>Mark 4:26-34</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:</i>	
	<i>Celebrant:</i>	<i>All things come of thee, O Lord.</i>
	<i>People:</i>	<i>And of thine own, have we given thee. Amen.</i>
The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer II		BCP 340
	<i>Please kneel or stand as you prefer.</i>	
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>	

The Blessing

Announcements

Dismissal

BCP 340

**THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13**

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

**THE SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord - for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

### THE GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

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**Parish Prayers** - We pray for Meta Barrow, Betty Burris, Mary Crandall, Sandy Davis, Thomas DiLeo, Mike Graves, Lindsay Gustafson, Dot Havens, Jacob Henry, Jack Horisk, Joe Howie, Adelaide Jallah, Ellen Jennings, Rachel Mandes, Donna Menzen, Ott Menzen, Ian O'Donnell, Jim and Nancy Poole, Andrew Ranonis, Stan Ricks, Kerri Lynn Rooney, Bonnie Sellner, Sandy Simpson, Bob Strosser, Fern Toner-Horisk, Alexander VanderLek, Janet Vines, Gary Whalen, Bob Willoughby, and Phylicia Wittock.

We pray for Edward Capp, Maria Cruz, and Lori Stover-Rader who have died.

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Thomas and Miriam Arden by Bonnie and Alan Robb.

**In the Episcopal Church in Delaware**, we pray for Saint Anne's and Saint Andrew's Schools, and for The Episcopal Church Women of Delaware.

**In the Anglican Communion**, we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

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