



# Welcome!

## ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
March 8, 2026

*We've been expecting you.*

*Please maintain prayerful silence and  
turn off cell phones before the service.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### PRELUDE

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** *(Please stand)*.....**Red Hymnal 690**

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
**His mercy endureth forever. Amen.**

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE DECALOGUE**..... **Prayer Book 317**

**THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW**.....**Prayer Book 324**

**THE KYRIE**.....**Red Hymnal S-90**

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### THE LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

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?" *(Exodus 17:1-7)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 95 *(Prayed in unison)*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,  
as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,  
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, \*  
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
"This people are wayward in their hearts;  
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, \*  
"They shall not enter into my rest."

### THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. *(Romans 5:1-11)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *(Please stand)*.....**Red Hymnal 343**

### THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.  
**And with thy spirit.**  
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to

her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.” (John 4:5-42)

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

**THE SERMON** ..... Fr. Nathan Wilson  
*A period of silent reflection is observed after the sermon.*

**THE NICENE CREED** ..... **Prayer Book 326**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** ..... **Prayer Book 383**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN** ..... **Prayer Book 330**

**THE PEACE**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**THE OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY**..... **Red Hymnal 380** (v. 3)

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I** (Please stand) ..... **Prayer Book 333**

**THE SANCTUS** (“Holy, holy, holy”) ..... **Red Hymnal S-113**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**..... **Prayer Book 336**

**THE FRACTION ANTHEM**..... **Red Hymnal S-157**

**THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS**..... **Prayer Book 337**

## COMMUNION & HEALING

*All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—regardless of denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Anne’s. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest as the minister approaches. If you would like information about baptism at St. Anne’s, please speak to the priest after the service.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you have trouble coming to the altar, notify an usher so that the priest can come to your pew.*

*After all have received Communion, the Altar rail is open for those who seek healing for themselves or others in body, mind, or spirit.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*We Meet as Friends at Table*..... **Blue Hymnal 704**

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*..... **273**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*..... **630**

*There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* ..... **256**

*I Come to the Cross* ..... **251**

**THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER** ..... **Prayer Book 339**

**THE SOLEMN PRAYER**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (Please stand) ..... **Red Hymnal 685**

**THE DISMISSAL**..... **Prayer Book 340**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We will have Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 6:00 p.m.

**MINISTRY FAIR:** Join us next Sunday, March 15, 2026, right after church in the Parish Hall for our Ministry Fair to learn how you can get involved in one of our exciting ministries. There will be snacks, a raffle of one of Teresa Fant’s luscious, lemon, sour cream pound cakes, and opportunities to learn about the ministries of St. Anne’s. Everyone is invited!

**BABY SHOWER:** A baby shower for Harlee and Kristifer Bell’s baby (a boy, due soon!) will be held in the St. Anne’s Parish Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21. Everyone at St. Anne’s is invited to bring a gift and congratulate the parents. Call or text 894-1819 to RSVP.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Using the envelopes in your pew, please make your donation to the flowers and music that make Easter at St. Anne’s such a memorable experience for all of us. Call Emily at the church if you have questions.

**EGG HUNT:** We are seeking donations of filled eggs and candy for the annual parish Easter egg hunt. Please drop off donated items in the Parish Office. This festive event is always a big hit with St. Anne’s youth and family members that are in town for

the holiday. The egg hunt will be held after the Easter breakfast between the two services.

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** The Easter Breakfast is a time-honored tradition at St. Anne’s. It follows the Easter Vigil and will begin at 8:15 a.m. It takes many hands to cook, set up, prep, serve, and clean up. Use your newsletter’s link to volunteer or call the Parish Office.



GIVING

**YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE:** St. Anne’s runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STANNESTIFTON to 73256; or scan this code to give online. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church we love.

**OUR GIFTS AT WORK: Altar Guild.** The Altar Guild is entrusted with the care of all the treasures of our church: silver, Mass linens, etc., along with preparation for each Eucharist. Glenda Johnson heads this essential ministry; chat with her to find out how you can be involved.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**JANUARY 2026**

Income: \$48,699 Expenses: \$30,844

## TODAY’S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**MC** Pam Leonard

**Vestry** Kathy Moreno

**Lectors** Tyler Riddle, Collins Riddle

**LEMs** Brenda Doss, Linda Moore

**Media** Wyatt Cook

**LEV** Libby Robertson

**Greeters** Amanda Fowler, Kathy Moreno

**Acolytes** Ricky Day, Acolyte Master; Ben Newberry, Madi Newberry, Evie Day, Sam Day, Georgia Cook

**Altar Guild** Glenda Johnson, Heather Johnson, Kay Barfield

**Ushers** Pat & Darrell Walker, Harlee & Kris Bell

**PARISH PRAYER LIST:** Mack, Debbie, Joey, Mike, Joyce, Kim, Jack, Jason, Karen, Mike & Marion, Jerry, Cheryl, Lisa, Gerald & Nancy, Elsa, Sheila, Tommy, Jackie, Paula, Grace

**BIRTHDAYS:** Nan Roberts, Abbi Hendrix, Paul Robertson, Marilynne Marshall, Trini McCullough, Debra Rankin, Eli Johnson, Brooks Cross

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ware & Caroline Bostick

**FOR THE DEPARTED:** Debbie Fletcher

**OUR CLERGY:** The Rt. Rev’d Frank Logue (Bishop),  
The Rev’d Nathan Wilson (Rector)

**OUR SEMINARIAN:** Brandon Medley