



ST. JOHN'S GLOUCESTER

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

MARCH 9, 2025

10:00AM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

For thousands of years, First Nations people walked on this land in Gloucester; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. St. John's is gathered on the traditional territory of the Pawtucket, and we give thanks to them, and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

They followed the seasons, hunted, fished, raised families, grieved for their dead, nourished their living, shared the stories of their ancestors, and considered themselves the caretakers of this place.

**WE WELCOME YOU TO
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GLOUCESTER**

We know that Christ is present in each person here and we celebrate the diversity of the body of Christ. If this is your first visit, please introduce yourself today and visit again sometime. If you've been away, welcome back. If you are here every week, it's always great to see you! We worship in the Anglican tradition and are a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, which is part of the Episcopal Church USA. We honor individuals of every age, gender, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation and religious background. We respect the dignity of every human being.

NEWCOMER'S WELCOME

If you're new to St. John's, or just visiting, and we missed you at the door, please accept our warmest welcome. We hope you will experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our worship together. Please greet the Priest as you leave and complete a visitor's card found in each pew and place it in the offertory plate, give it to an usher, or give it to the Priest.

We hope to see you again!

PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Marya DeCarlen
<i>LEM</i>	Claudette Chmura
<i>Lector</i>	Kim Prentice
<i>Acolyte</i>	Karen Kasper
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug Musco and Isabel Musco
<i>Musicians</i>	Director of Music, John Churchwell, Choir and Congregation
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Kasper and Melanie Murray-Brown
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Rosemary Sullivan, Gwen Kopka and Ms. Fixits.

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by Sue Lupo and Claudette Chmura.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SILENCE BEFORE THE SERVICE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE SILENT PROCESSION

Our worship begins with the Acclamation and Penitential Rite.

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sin.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." -Mark 12:29-31

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

As we enter in to worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other and to God.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

Celebrant We come to the table of our Lord recognizing our need for divine grace. In humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People **We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

Celebrant Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
People **We confess to you, O God.**

Celebrant Our self-indulgence, and our exploitation of other people, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
People **We confess to you, O God.**

Celebrant For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Celebrant. For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON AND FORGIVENESS

Celebrant May the Eternal God forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE KYRIE *The Congregation may kneel while the Kyrie is sung by the choir
Setting from Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828), arr Richard Proulx (b. 1932)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presbyterian Church USA Book of Common Worship

Celebrant God be with you,
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray together.

**Sung on tone.*

People **God of the covenant, as the forty days of deluge swept away the world's corruption and watered new beginnings of righteousness and life, so in the saving flood of Baptism we are washed clean and born again. Throughout these forty days, unseal within us the wellspring of your grace, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again. Grant this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

Lord, grant thou me a quiet mind

Arlen Clarke (b. 1954)

*Lord grant Thou me a quiet mind,
in depths of Thee and thought inclined.
O gaze upon this wounded heart,
and with Thy sweet and piercing Dart
Prick this soul with Love's embrace.
And heal these wounds with saving grace.*

*Within my soul and heart reside
and drown me in Thy healing tide. Amen.*

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

The Choir and Congregation will chant the Psalm using Simplified Anglican Chant.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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He who dwells in the shelter of the Most **High**,
abides under the shadow of the Al-**mighty**.

He shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my **stronghold**, *
my God in whom I put my **trust**."

Because you have made the Lord your **refuge**, *
and the Most High your habi-**tation**,

There shall no evil happen to **you**, *
neither shall any plague come near your **dwelling**.

For he shall give his angels charge over **you**, *
to keep you in all your **ways**.

They shall bear you in their **hands**, *
lest you dash your foot against a **stone**.

You shall tread upon the lion and **adder**; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your **feet**.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver **him**; *
I will protect him, because he knows my **Name**.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer **him**; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to **honor**.

With long life will I satisfy **him**, *
and show him my sal-**vation**.

THE GREEK BIBLE

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE CHORAL GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Set me as a Seal upon your heart

Rene Clausen (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart as a seal upon your arm for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love neither can the floods drown it.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEM In the course of the silence after each bidding, please offer your own prayers either silently or aloud. After each bidding, the Cantor will lead us in our prayer response:

Cantor *People*

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant We pray to the Eternal One for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves in service to Christ.

LEM Give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Julia, our Bishop, Marya, Ali and Malcolm, our clergy and the Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: St. Christopher's Church,

Chatham; St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown; St. Peter's Church, Osterville; Union of Black Episcopalian. May You bring forgiveness to your people and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation in love.

LEM Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for those in authority, particularly our president and congress. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

LEM Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. We pray for peace in Israel and Palestine. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

LEM Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for **Mikey, Grayson and Tony Johnson, George Hillman, Oliver, Mara, Jan Goodwin, Demetria, Thelma, Tanya, Patty Rhineland, Faith Berry, Gloria Herboldsheimer**. May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms. *Are there others to be named?*

LEM Give us the courage to give up our inability to appreciate and thank people for their presence in our lives. *The congregation replies with thanksgivings.*

LEM Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory.

At the direction of the Cantor, the people chant Amen.



THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant Christ is here right now making peace among us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

O love, how deep, how broad (stanzas 1-5)

During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

1982 Blue Hymnal #448

DEO GRACIAS

THE DOXOLOGY

O love, how deep, how broad (stanza 6)

The gifts of the people are brought to the Altar.

1982 Blue Hymnal #448

DEO GRACIAS

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, God of everlasting covenant, for your promises are steadfast and your provision is sure. Through the forty years of your people's desert wanderings you were constant in fire and cloud; with manna and mercy you sustained every step. You made Jesus' temptation of forty days a theater of truth where your Word stood strong. In every age you have shaped your people through times of wilderness and wandering, of temptation and trial, and brought them into the land of promise and the life of covenant. And so we give you humble thanks for your forgiveness and our new life, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.

THE SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Enduring God, as you sustained Jesus in hunger and thirst, through this meal strengthen us to keep our Lenten fast. Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we remember Jesus' saving passion; transform our insatiable desires into hunger for the feast of this table. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ; Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

1982 Blue Hymnal #366

People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Forgiving God, in this season of repentance, make your mercy sufficient for every need. Come to your children who are in their own wilderness and make their wanderings holy paths of learning your truth. Strengthen all who face the threshold of temptation or the tumult of trial. Seek those whose hearts are contrite and meet them with grace. Come alongside your children who suffer under the sin of another and give them the power to live as your beloved sons and daughters. Renew your church from the depths of your heart, where justice and mercy meet. Bring us, with blessed Mary, blessed Paul and all your saints to the day when all who watch and pray for your kingdom behold your salvation and meet you in your resurrection. Infuse your church with Spirit and truth, walk with your beloved people as they seek security, companionship and freedom in your world, and fill your saints with the hope of eternal life, that all may come to praise your name, and every grain of sand and star in the sky be stirred with the wonders of your grace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

THE CHORAL AMEN *Sung by the choir*
Sevenfold Amen

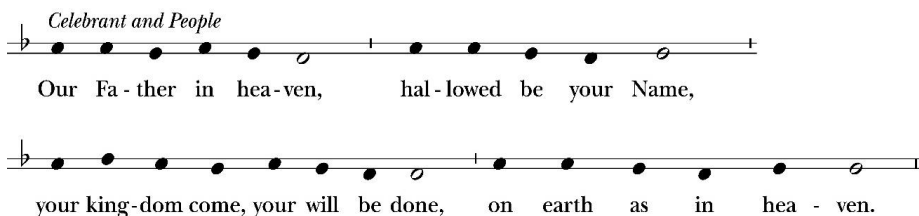
Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

1982 Blue Hymnal #S148

Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea-ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

For-give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

For the king-dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,

now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

THE CHORAL FRACTION ANTHEM

Create in my, O God, a pure heart

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

St. John's welcomes everyone to come to God's table, for communion, to share in Christ's sustaining life. You may participate by extending your hands and placing one hand over the other for the bread and sipping from the chalice. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may cross your hands over your chest. If you prefer gluten free wafers, let us know. You may also come to the altar simply for a blessing, while others come for communion. To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. The Priest will pray for God's blessing upon you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Come with us, O blessed Jesus

For the bread which you have broken

WERDE MUNTER

OMNI DIE

THE GREAT SILENCE

Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared, the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

The silence is begun and ended with the sound of a bell.

Celebrant Jesus said to his disciples, “Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while.”
Therefore, let us now rest in Christ’s presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After the Silence the Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying:

Celebrant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

People **All Faithful God, in this holy meal you increase our faith and hope and love. Lead us in the way of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND PRAYERS FOR TRAVEL

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Live without fear, for your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you fiercely. Go in peace to follow the good road, together. And the blessing of God, who creates, liberates and inspires us to justice, be with you all forever.

People **AMEN.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus, tempted in the desert

EBENEZER

1. Je - sus, tempt - ed in the des - ert,
2. Je - sus, tempt - ed at the tem - ple,
3. Je - sus, tempt - ed on the moun - tain,
4. When we face temp - ta - tion's pow - er,
lone - ly, hun - gry, filled with dread: "Use your power," the
high a - bove its an - cient wall: "Throw your - self from
by the lure of vast do - main: "Fall be - fore me!
lone - ly, strug - gling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the
tempt - er tells him; "Turn these bar - ren
loft - y tur - ret; an - gels wait to
Be my ser - vant! Glo - ry, fame, you're
tempt - er's ho - ur, come and be our
rocks to bread!" "Not a - lone by bread," he an - swers,
break your fall!" Je - sus shuns such emp - ty mar - vels,
sure to gain!" Je - sus sees the daz - ling vi - sion,
liv - ing bread. By your grace, pro - tect, pre - serve us

“Can the hu-man heart be filled. On - ly by the
 feats that fick - le crowds re - quest: “God, whose grace pro -
 turns his eyes an - oth - er way: “God a - lone de -
 lest we fall your trust be - tray. Yours, a - bove all

Word that calls us is our deep - est hun - ger stilled!”
 tects, pre - serves us, we must nev - er vain - ly test.”
 serves our hom - age! God a - lone will I o - bey!”
 oth - er voic - es, be the Word we hear, o - bey.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

DEPART IN SILENCE

THE SEASON OF LENT


We are living in a noisy, frantic world, the news faster than our brains can take it in, always on the go. It feels like we’re in the soup, the temperature rising, and we might just boil. So, how can we listen much less understand or follow?

Lent is the chance to listen. It's a chance to choose one or two ways to clear out the static, the superfluous, so that we might listen deeply. Perhaps for this season you won't wake up and immediately reach for your phone to see what latest awful thing has happened in the news (I am speaking directly to my mother here). Perhaps you'll attend Choral Evensong, or Compline or a book study. See below for more information about all of this.

Perhaps none of these fits the bill right now. That's okay. But think of some small way you can listen more, talk less, obsess less, still your Spirit. And if you do nothing else, come to church where we listen together. *Marya+*

CHORAL EVENSONG
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LENTEN COMPLINE SERVICES

Compline is a brief, luminous service that marks the close of each day and welcomes the quiet of nighttime in praising the source of light and life. We will follow the service “An Order for Compline” in the Book of Common Prayer of The Episcopal Church, ending with the Night prayer from the New Zealand Common Prayer. All participants will be asked to bring a candle. This March and April, St. John's will be offering three compline services at parishioners' homes. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm and the service will begin at 7:00 pm. You may join for one or the other or both. Please sign up in the Parish Hall or call the office at 978-283-1708, or email Marge.

- March 19, Home of Connie DeSimone
- March 26, Home of Rev. Marya DeCarlen
- April 2, Home of Rick Britton



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