

St. John's Gloucester

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY
HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
PRAYERS FOR HEALING
FEBRUARY 23, 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.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE PRELUDE

Pastorale

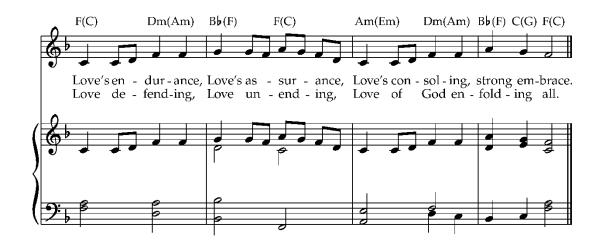
Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Love astounding, Love confounding

Voices Found #143 **HOLY MANNA**





THE OPENING SENTENCES

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Celebrant Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you."

But who are the others?

People Our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Celebrant Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful."

But what is mercy?

People To act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Celebrant Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

But how do we forgive?

People By recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as

people in need of compassion.

Celebrant Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with

mercy and compassion.

People Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no

secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy

Name; through Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Canticle 13





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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

Love one another

Brad Nix (b. 1975)

Love is patient, love is kind. Love is gentle, love is divine. Love forgives, is never rude. Love rejoices in the truth. Love one another, as God has also loved you.

Love is faithful, love is pure. Love is hopeful, love endures. Love is humble, love is strong. Love is such a joyous song. Love one another, as God has also loved you.

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty."

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Pause to reflect on reading.

THE PSALM Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Lector Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;

not be jealous of those who do wrong.

Everyone For they shall soon wither like the grass,

and like the green grass fade away.

Lector Put your trust in the Lord and do good;

dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Organ Side Take delight in the Lord,

and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Lector Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,

and he will bring it to pass.

Lectern Side He will make your righteousness as clear as the light

and your just dealing as the noonday.

Lector Be still before the Lord

and wait patiently for him.

Everyone Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,

the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Lector Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;

do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

Organ Side For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

Lector In a little while the wicked shall be no more;

you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

Lectern Side But the lowly shall possess the land;

they will delight in abundance of peace.

Lector But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord;

he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

Everyone The Lord will help them and rescue them;

he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,

because they seek refuge in him.

Pause to reflect on reading.

THE GREEK BIBLE

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

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THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Sung before and after the Gospel Reading. Nothing can trouble



THE GOSPEL Luke 6:27-38

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ written by Rick Pryce, http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/

LEM Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people

according to their needs, responding,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God, who loves those who both love and hate, your love comes in spite of our

animosity; you bring reconciliation to those who are divided. We pray for better relations between North America and its native peoples. Strengthen us

to be peacemakers. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God, who embraces those who both hope and fear, you walk with us through

the challenges which surround us. Wash away our anxiety by your promised

presence, and set us free from despair. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God of church and world, in baptism you unify yourself with our world, be

with the Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery: St. Mary's Church, Barnstable; St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay; St. Paul's Church,

Nantucket; Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers & Clerk.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God of health and illness, there is nothing that separates us from your

love. Inspire us to bring your health to the sick, your encouragement to the discouraged, your promise to the dying, especially those we name before you

now: Clay Gordon Woodgate, Mikey, Grayson and Tony Johnson,

George Hillman, Oliver, Nicole and Charlie, Gordy and Beth Isaac, Mara,

Jan Goodwin, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Altadena, CA),

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Pacific Palisades, CA), **Demetria**, **Thelma**, **Tanya**, **Patty** Rhinelander. *Are there others to be named?*

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

LEM God of life and death, all that exists is from you, and for you. We remember

all those who have died and ask that they may know the joy of salvation and

eternity with you. Are there any to be named? Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant continues

Celebrant God who shines in the darkness, receive these prayers of petition and

thanksgiving along with and the prayers of our hearts, in the name of the one

who is your light, Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Enriching our Worship 1

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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.

And also with you! People

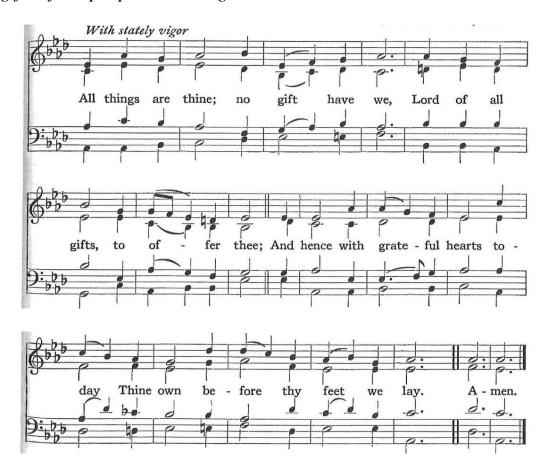
ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

1982 Blue Hymnal #571 All who love and serve your city **CHARLESTOWN** During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.

THE DOXOLOGY

The gifts of the people are brought to the Altar.



THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II B THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Altar Flowers are in memory of Jacqueline Ouimet, mother of Claudette Chmura and her son-in-law, Thomas Chmura. The sanctuary lamp burns this week in loving memory of Dean W. Harrison given by Nancy Harrison and family.

Coffee Hour is hosted by Gwen Kopka, Kim Prentice and Katharine Newhouse.

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

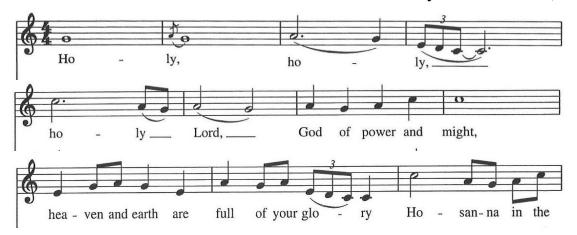
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

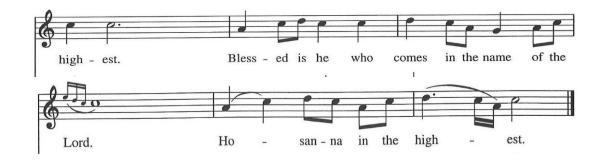
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being, and still, you draw the universe to its fulfillment. Day and night celebrate your glory till time shall be no more. In Christ, your Word became flesh, and was born of Mary. He emptied himself, taking our human form, that through his incarnation and passion we might come to share in his divine nature. Filled with the Spirit, who at the first Creation moved over the face of the waters, we await with joy the fulfillment of your new Creation. We offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

THE SANCTUS

by Lena McLin (1928-2023)





Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God. In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us, and lived for a time among us, that we might for ever live with you. In the manger at Bethlehem, in his flight to Egypt, and as the carpenter's son, the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.

Obedient to your calling, he accepted death on the cross. When you exalted him on the third day, and bestowed on him the name above all names, he opened the gate of glory that we might be your children, and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, desiring to complete the work for which he came into the world, at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

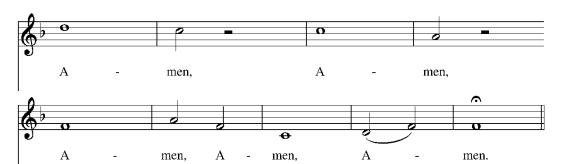
Hear us, O God, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

THE AMEN

by Carl MaultsBy (b. 1949)

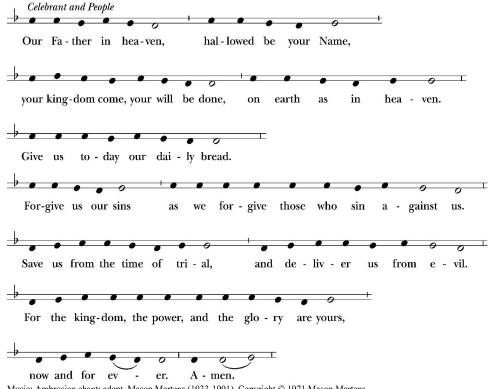




And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

1982 Blue Hymnal #S148



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THE FRACTION ANTHEM



THE INVITATION

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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AND PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Today, St. John's will have Prayers for Healing, as well as Communion. Communion will take place at the low Altar without kneeling. You may participate by extending your hands and placing one hand over the other for the bread and sipping from the chalice. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may cross your hands over your chest. You may also come forward 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. After Communion, you may come to the Altar railing and briefly describe to the healing minister, petitions or thanksgivings for which you would like prayers. You may kneel or stand, and if you would prefer not to be touched or anointed with oil, please so indicate. The minister will then offer a prayer and blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

You satisfy the hungry heart

FINEST WHEAT

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with that great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND PRAYERS FOR TRAVEL

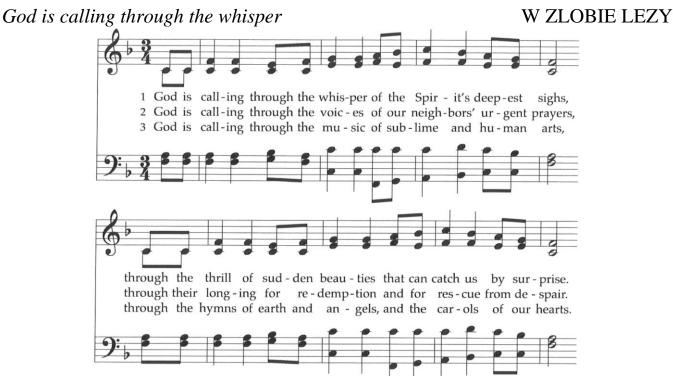
THE BLESSING

Celebrant May the love of God, the tenderness of Jesus and the presence of the Holy

Spirit, gladden your heart and bring peace to your soul this day and all days.

People AMEN.

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN





THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

His eye is on the sparrow

arr. Carolyn Hamlin (b. 1937)

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

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SAVE THE DATE!

Mini-Annual Meeting

March 2, 2025
During the worship hour

Shrove Tuesday

March 4, 2025

Ashes To-Go on Middle Street

March 5, 2025 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Imposition of Ashes before Worship

March 9, 2025 9:40am to 10:00am

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025 10:00am

Choral Evensong

March 12, 2025

6:00pm

Compline

March 19, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Compline

Home of Connie DeSimone

Compline

March 26, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Compline Home of Rev. Marya DeCarlen

Compline

April 2, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Compline

Home of Rick Britton

Choral Evensong

April 9, 2025

6:00pm

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:00am

Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday

Services

April 17, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Service

Morning Prayer

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:00am

April 27, 2025

Jason Kinchen, Officiant

Good Friday Reading of the Passion

April 18, 2025

11:00am

Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

4:30pm

May The Fourth Be With You

Silent Movie Concert

May 4, 2025, John Churchwell, Organist

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