

St. John's Gloucester

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II MARCH 2, 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
Celebrant	The Rev. Marya DeCarlen
LEM	Geoff Pope
Lector	Alex Garcia-Mata
Acolyte	Sue Lupo
Ushers	Tom Chmura, Connie DeSimone
Musicians	Director of Music-John Churchwell, Choir and Congregation
Altar Guild	Karen Kasper, Melanie Murray Brown
Flower Guild	DeeDee Bedford, Kip Ellis
Live Streaming	Norm Barr

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by Karen Kasper, Geoff Grow, Dani Stotzer and Melanie Murray-Brown.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE PRELUDE

Choral Dorien

Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

1982 Blue Hymnal #460

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

THE OPENING SENTENCES

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HYFRYDOL

- CelebrantGod of the mountaintop, you call us to journey with you.PeopleShine upon us; grant us sacred illumination; dazzle us with your beauty
and glory.
- *Celebrant* In the midst of our weary souls and exhausted bodies,
- *People* Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.
- Celebrant In the face of unceasing violence and endless wars,
- *People* Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible.
- Celebrant In the midst of crushing disasters, natural and humanmade,
- *People* Transfigure our imaginations and reveal to us what is possible
- *Celebrant* Move us from scarcity and cynicism and transfigure our lowly visions to reveal the abundant life of your realm.
- *People* Help us to keep watch so that we might leave the mountaintop inspired to do your work of transformation in the valley below. 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.

THE SONG OF PRAISE

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.

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God who dazzles, just as you revealed yourself in Christ at the mount of transfiguration, you send your Spirit now to work in our midst. Show us this day the light of your presence. Reveal to us your power and glory. Illumine our hearts and lives with your brilliance, that we might envision a world transfigured in your image. Amen.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

With a voice of singing

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*People* Thanks be to God.

Pause to reflect on reading.

Exodus 34:29-35

Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

THE PSALM Sung by the choir and congregation The Lord God reigns in majesty

Psalm 99 NONE BUT CHRIST



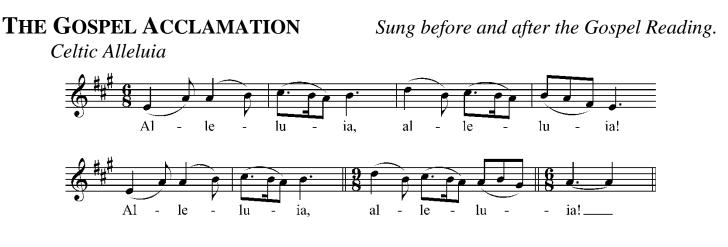
THE GREEK BIBLE

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People* Thanks be to God.

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as

they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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, <u>http://rickpryce.wordpress.com/</u>

- *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. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port; Christ Church, Plymouth; St. David's Church, South Yarmouth; Diocesan Congregational Consultants. 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: Mikey, Grayson and Tony Johnson, George Hillman, Oliver, Nicole and Charlie, Mara, Jan Goodwin, St. Mark's Episcopal Church (Altadena, CA), St. Matthew's Episcopal Church (Pacific Palisades, CA), Demetria, Thelma, Tanya, Patty Rhinelander, Faith Berry. 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, especially: Selma Sirkus, Christopher Sandy Jencks. *Are there others 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

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 #137 O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair WAREHAM 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 sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Charlotte P. Britton, given by Rick Britton.

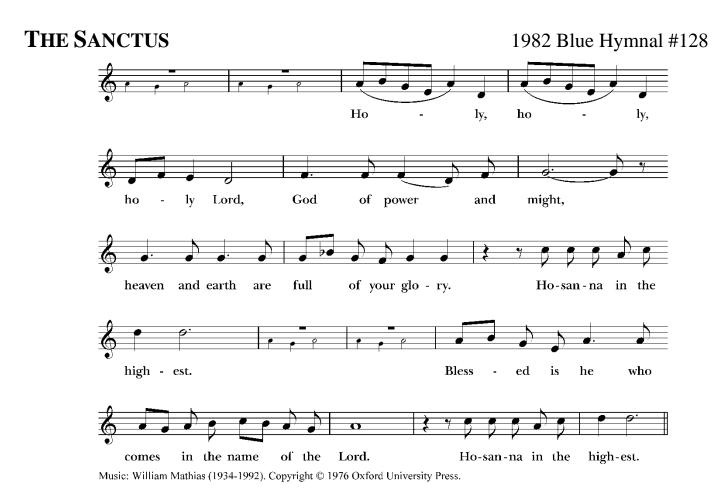
Celebrant May God be with you.

- *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:



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.

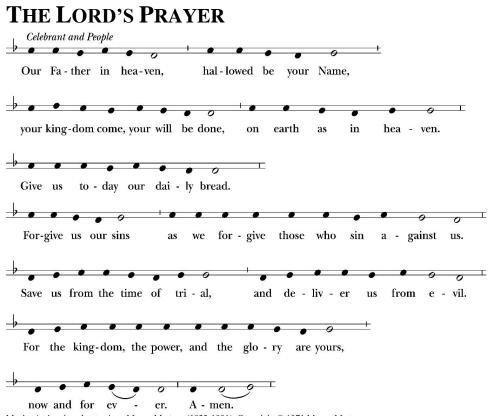
THE AMEN

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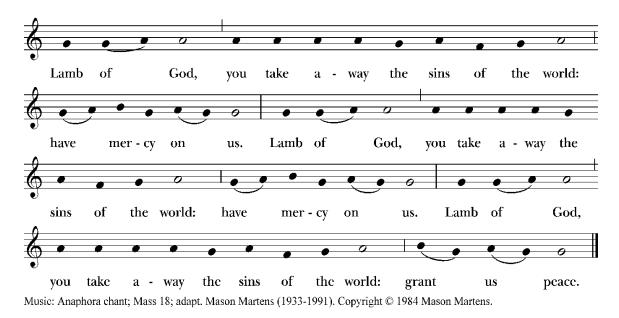


And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray:



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THE FRACTION ANTHEM



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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor PICARDY BRYN CALFARIA

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

Alleluia, song of gladness

LAUDA ANIMA



THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

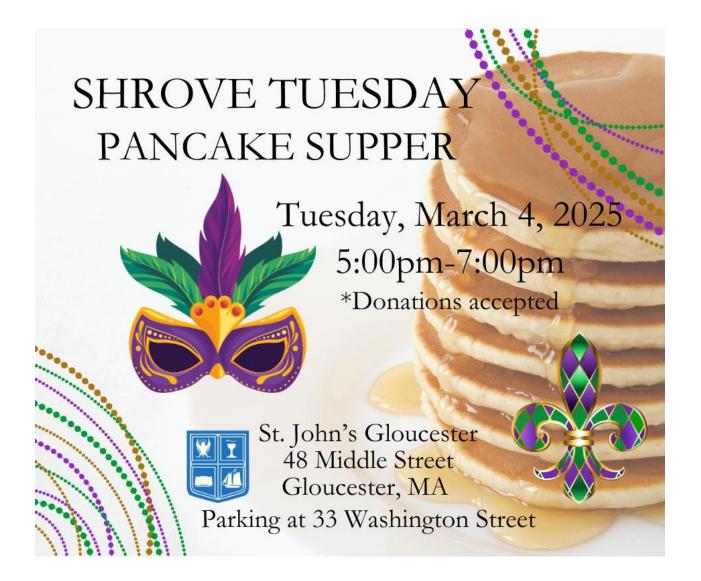
THE FINAL ALLELUIA



THE POSTLUDE

Alleluia

Charles Callahan (1951-2023)



SAVE THE DATE!

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

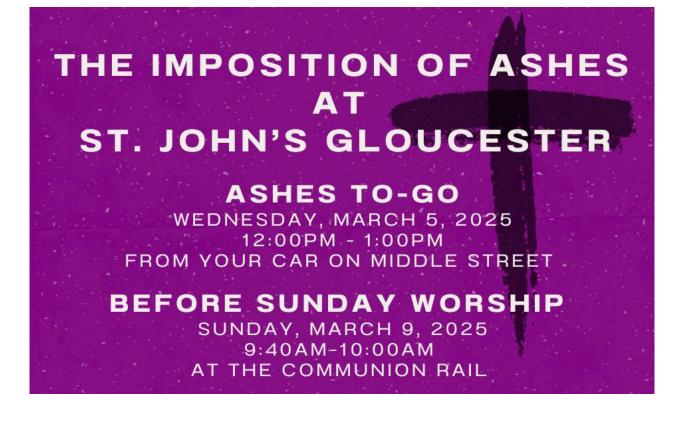
Good Friday Reading of the Passion April 18, 2025 11:00am

Easter Vigil April 19, 2025 4:30pm

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025 10:00am

Morning Prayer April 27, 2025 Jason Kinchen, *Officiant*

May The Fourth Be With You Silent Movie Concert May 4, 2025, John Churchwell, *Organist*



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

THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

If you look up while seated in our sanctuary you will see a candle suspended in water near our high altar. It is called the Sanctuary Candle and it is a symbol in the Episcopal Church of the Light of Christ. Our light was designed and made by sculptor John Fleming, formerly of Rockport, whose work you may see in the Franze Denghausen Room in the Rockport Library, and possibly at the Rockport Art Association. It burns continuously as a reminder that consecrated bread and wine are always present and available for people in special circumstances. It is also a reminder that God is always with us. In the Jewish tradition, the lamp is known in Hebrew as ner tamid, which translates to eternal light or flame and also symbolizes God's eternal presence. A contribution to the sanctuary lamp fund in honor of a saint who has gone before us, is a way to link their heavenly life with yours. Cost: \$10

All offerings will be mentioned in the bulletin and noted before the Eucharistic prayer.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers beautify the Sanctuary of our church, and are a gift which honors God's creation. A contribution to the flower fund is a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one. After worship, the flowers offer further blessings to people in special circumstances as they are delivered by members of the flower team with a note of encouragement. Cost: \$35



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stjohnsgloucester.org 48 Middle Street, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930 Parish Office Telephone: 978-283-1708 WiFi Password: 48MiddleSt The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth, Bishop of Mass. & The Rt. Rev. Dr. Carol Gallagher, Assistant Bishop

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