

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts  
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
November 15, 2020



Welcome  
Regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor, we hope  
you will enjoy our fellowship!

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## Music Notes 🎵

I'm so pleased that we have 3 singers making their debut in today's hymn singing. Sarah Larson, Gwen Kopka, and Chuck Everett! And Rick Britton makes his second hymn! Brava/Bravo!

Voluntaries are by J. S. Bach found in the "Neumeister Collection" found in the Yale library and published during the BachJahr in 1985. This is a collection of early works. The closing voluntary is particularly robust setting recalling the dramatic *stylus fantasticus* improvisational setting of earlier composers.

Voluntary

*Christus, der ist mein Leben* (Hymn 295)

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Please join in singing Hymn*

## Morning

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4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the  
5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of  
6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en

4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the  
5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great  
6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to

4 worlds a - wake to cry their bless - ings on the  
5 lord of years and days! So let the love of  
6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all

4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.  
5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,  
6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Words: Geoffrey Anketel Studdert-Kennedy (1883-1929)

Music: *Morning Song*, melody att. Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

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*All stand*

*Officiant* O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me  
unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.  
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Officiant:* The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your  
sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy  
Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

*All stand*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*Officiant and People*

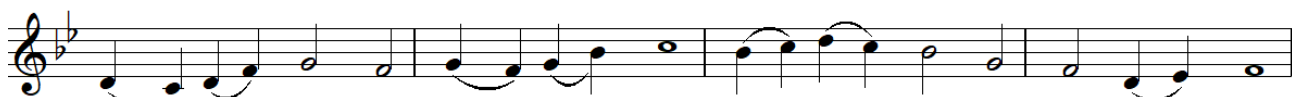
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Please join in singing a metrical setting of the Invitatory *Jubilate* (Psalm 100):

# Jubilate: O Be Joyful in the Lord



O be joy - ful in the Lord! Sing be - fore him, all the earth!  
Know ye that the Lord is King! All his works his wis - dom prove!  
En - ter now his ho - ly gate: Let our bur - dened hearts be still;  
For the Lord our God is kind, and his love shall con - stant be;



Praise him with a glad ac - cord And with lives of no - blest worth.  
By his might the hea - vens ring; in his love we live and move.  
In the sa - cred si - lence wait, as we seek to know his will.  
In his will our peace we find; in his ser - vice, li - ber - ty.



Through - out ev' - ry land, hum - bly now be - fore him stand!  
By him we are made, so we trust him un - a - fraid.  
Let our lives ex - press our a - bun - dant thank - ful - ness;  
Yea, his law is sure; in his light we walk se - cure;



Raise your voice and re - joice in the bount - y of his hand.  
Stand - ing fast to the last, by his hand our lives are stayed.  
All our days, all our ways, shall our Fa - ther's love con - fess.  
Ev - er - more, as of yore, shall his change - less truth en - dure.

Words: Paraphrase of Psalm 100, Curtis Beach (1914-1993)

Music: FINLAY Harold W. Friedell (1905-1953)

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- 1 *Lord, you* have been our / refuge \*  
from one generation \ to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the / earth were born, \*  
from age \ to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the / dust and say, \*  
"Go back, \ O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when / it is past \*  
and like a \ watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a / dream; \*  
we fade away sud-\ denly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and / flourishes; \*  
in the evening it is dried \ up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your dis-/ pleasure; \*  
we are afraid because of your wrathful \ indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set be-/ fore you, \*  
and our secret sins in the light \ of your countenance.
- 12 So teach us to num-/ ber our days \*  
that we may apply our \ hearts to wisdom.

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Please join in singing a metrical setting of Canticle B *Prinsquam errarem*:

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22

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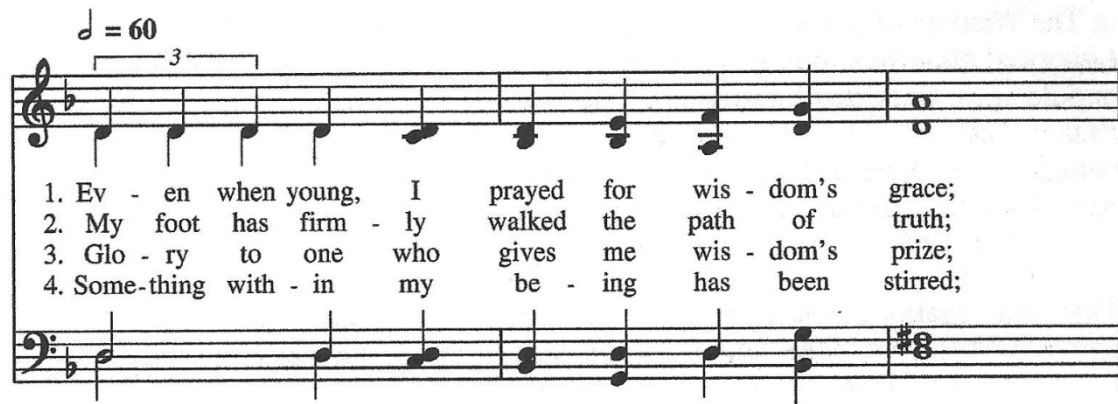
# A Song of Pilgrimage

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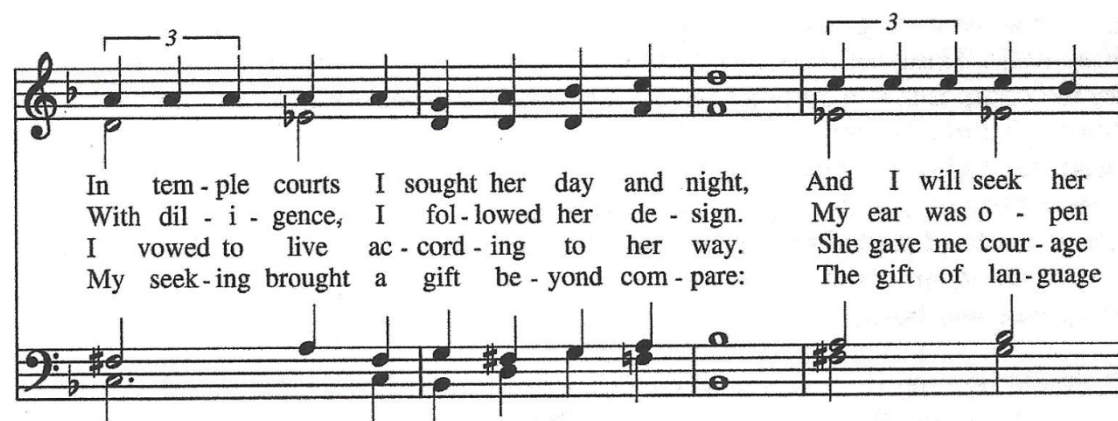
## *Priusquam errarem*

Canticle B (metrical paraphrase)

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1. Ev - en when young, I prayed for wis - dom's grace;  
2. My foot has firm - ly walked the path of truth;  
3. Glo - ry to one who gives me wis - dom's prize;  
4. Some-thing with - in my be - ing has been stirred;



In tem - ple courts I sought her day and night, And I will seek her  
With dil - i - gence, I fol - lowed her de - sign. My ear was o - pen  
I vowed to live ac - cord - ing to her way. She gave me cour - age  
My seek - ing brought a gift be - yond com - pare: The gift of lan - guage



to the ver - y end; she is my heart's de - light.  
to re - ceive her words; Now wis - dom's skill is mine.  
from the ve - ry start; She will not let me stray.  
loosed my halt - ing tongue; God's praise is now my prayer.

Words: Patricia B. Clark (b. 1938)

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Music: *Diligence*, Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

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Please join in singing Canticle 6, *Gloria in excelsis*:

Gloria S202

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,  
 we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great  
 glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-might-y.  
 O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
 Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak-est a-  
 - way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the  
 Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou  
 on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the  
 Fa-ther. A-men.

Third Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

Please join in singing the Apostles' Creed:



Apostles' Creed "Pentatonic"

Mark Nelson



I be-lieve in God, the Fa-ther al-might-y, cre-at-or of heav-en and earth;



I be-lieve in Je-sus Christ, his on-ly Son, our Lord. He was con-ceived by the



pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit and born of the Vir-gin Mar-y.



He suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, was cru-ci-fied, died, and was bur-ied.



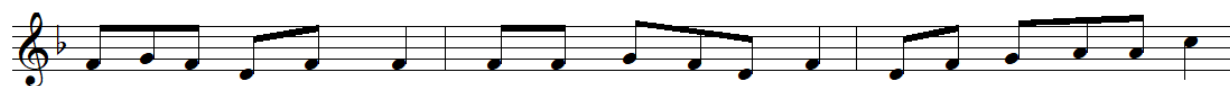
He de-scend-ed to the dead. On the third day he rose a-gain. He a-scend-ed in-to heav-en,



and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther.



He will come a-gain to judge the liv-ing and the dead. I be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit,



the ho-ly cath-olic Church, the com-mun-ion of saints, the for-give-ness of sins



the re-sur-rect-ion of the bod-y, and the life ev-er-last-ing. A-men. A-men.

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## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel*

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

**R. And grant us thy salvation.**

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

**R. And make thy chosen people joyful.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**R. For only in thee can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

**R. Thy saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

*The Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Mission*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please join in singing:

Hymn 490 Houston

I want to walk as a child of the Light I want to fol-low Je - sus  
I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.  
I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.  
God set the stars To give light to the world The Star of my life is Je - sus.  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.  
In Him there is no dark-ness at all The night and the day are both a - like  
The lamb is the Light of the ci - ty of God Shine in my heart Lord Je - sus.

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## A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks unto God our heavenly Father

for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of thy children, revealing the image of Christ,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

For our daily food and drink, our home and families, and our friends,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

**We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.**

Above all, we give thee thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

**To him be praise and glory, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

*A Prayer of St. Chrysostom*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Voluntary                                      *Jesu, meine Freude* (Hymn 701)                                      J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

<b>Participating in the Liturgy</b>	<i>The People of God gathered</i>
Officiant & Preacher	The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector
Singers	Carol McKenzie, Katharine Newhouse, Alex Garcia-Mata, Maggie Marshall, Rick Britton, Gwen Kopka, Chuck Everett, and David Oliver.
Organist & Music Director	Mark Nelson

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