

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts  
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8, 2020



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

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## Music Notes 🎵

As you may know the book of Psalms is the hymnal of the Old Testament and the hymns in other parts of the Bible are related to Psalms but are called “Canticles.” The Canticles (and Psalms) are the cornerstone of the monastic offices and so were continued in various Reformation traditions. In our Anglican Matins & Evensong (AKA Morning & Evening Prayer) there are 2, associated with the pairs of monastic services which were combined to create them. The 1979 American BCP expanded the number of canticles and so since that time the various General Conventions have approved additional canticles that can be sung at the Daily Offices. This is good because it allows us to experience more of the biblical riches! Our first canticle is from Ecclesiasticus (AKA Sirach). The Rev. John Hooker writes in the leaders guide to WLP: [This comes] “from the Hebrew tradition of Holy Wisdom, which Greek versions of the texts refer to in the feminine as *Sophia*.” It may sound familiar as it has often been featured in our Advent services. It speaks to both the readings as well as to our present “interesting” times.

Our opening voluntary is by Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck. His principal teacher was one of J. S. Bach’s best students. Many organists trace their teachers back to Bach through this important musician. Actually I could also, but place little store in those endeavors. He was a prolific composer of keyboard, vocal and chamber music. The final voluntary is entitled “Via pacis,” likely in response to the Italian (now international) movement of “The Way of Peace” founded after WWII. It consists of a slowly traveling melody, almost a chant sung on a labyrinth walk.

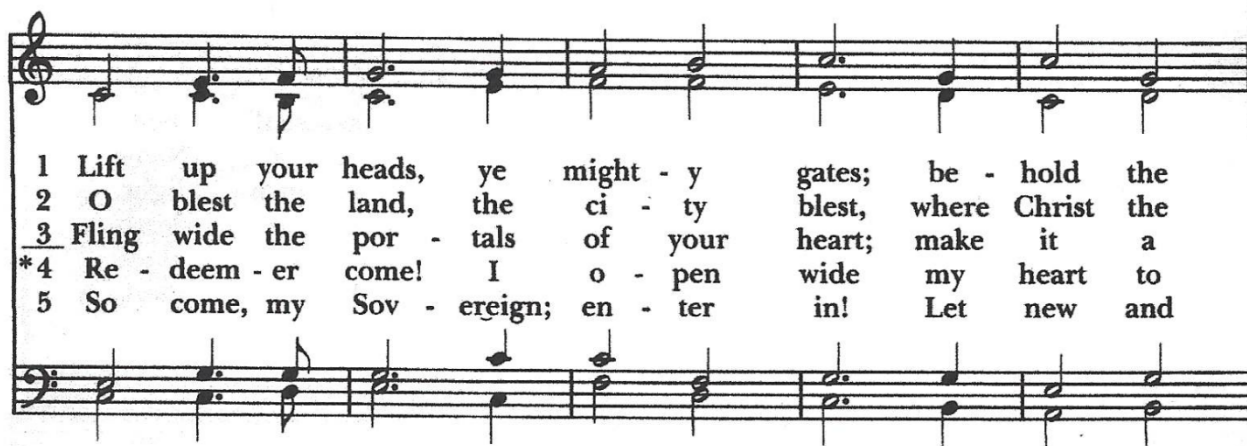
Voluntary

*Prelude in E Minor*

Johann Rinck (1770-1846)

Greeting from Bishop Gates

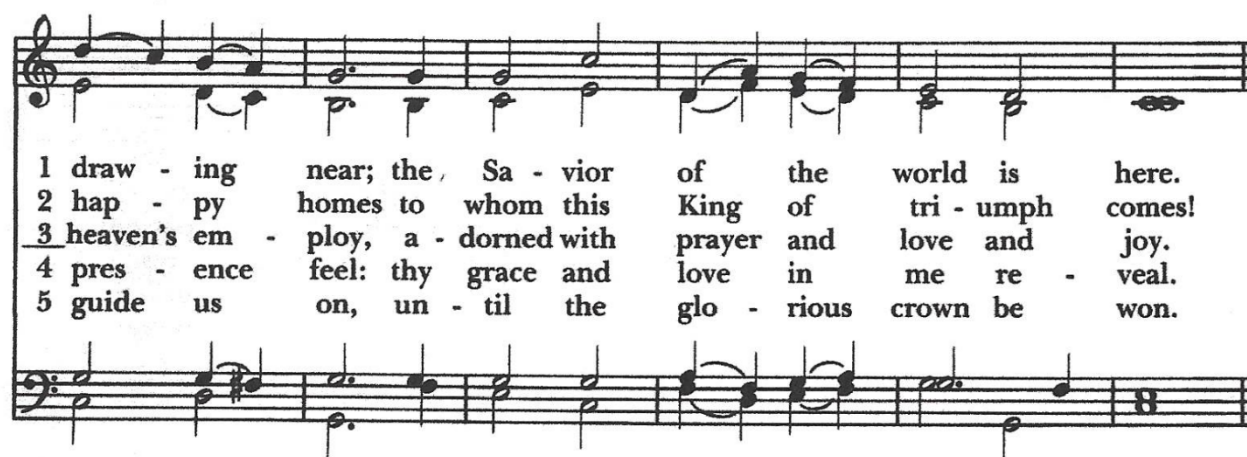
*Please join in singing the hymn*



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
 3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 \*4 Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to  
 5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and



1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
 2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner  
 5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit



1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.  
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmody Evangelica, Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

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*All stand*

*Officiant*      The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.  
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*

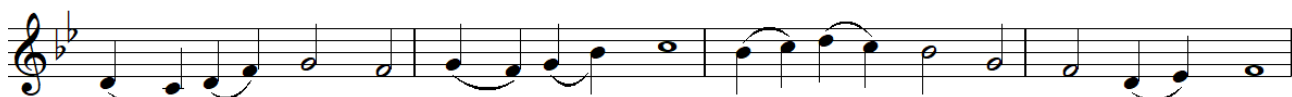
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

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 *Be pleased*, O God, to de-/ liver me; \*  
O LORD, make \ haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogeth-/ er dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw \ back and be  
disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn / back, \*  
be-\ cause they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in / you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever, \ "Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and / needy; \*  
come to me \ speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my de-/ liverer; \*  
O LORD, \ do not tarry.

First Reading

Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

Please join in singing a metrical setting of Canticle B *Priusquam errarem*.

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22

Wonder, Love, and Praise 906

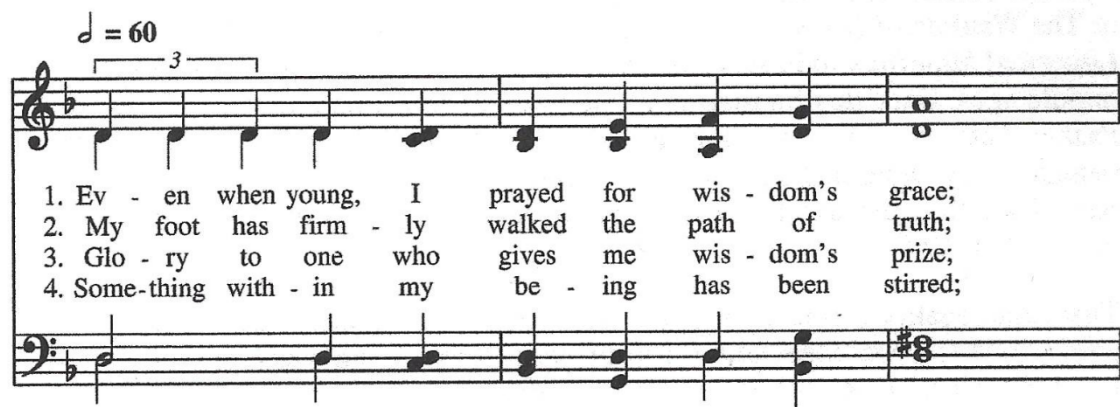
# A Song of Pilgrimage

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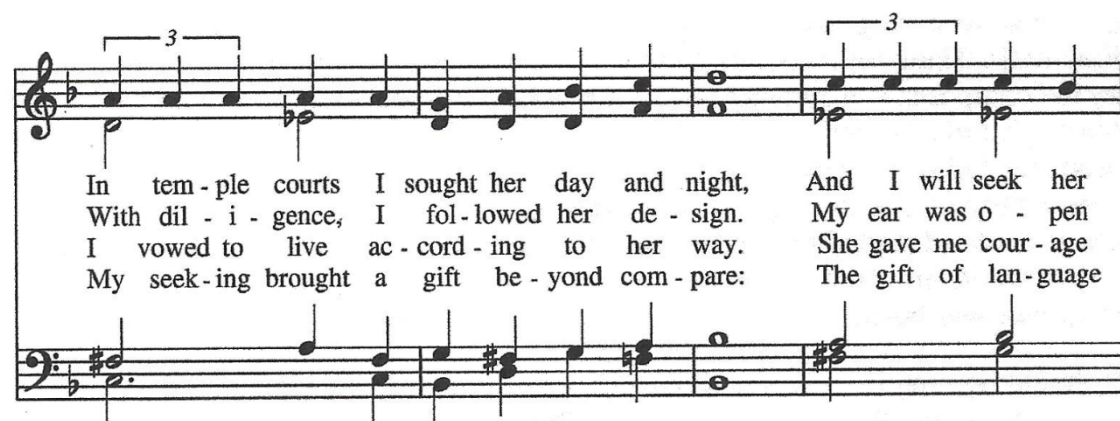
## *Priusquam errarem*

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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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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 25:1-13

Sermon



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*

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of 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:

## WLP 721 "Signs of Endings All around Us

Signs of end - ings all a - round us Dark-ness, death, and win - ter days.  
Can it be that from our end - ings, New be - gin - nings you cre - ate?  
Speak, O God, your Word a - mong us. Bar - ren lives your pres - ence fill.

Shroud our lives in fear and sad - ness, Numb - ing mouths that long to praise.  
Life from death, and from our rend - ings, Realms of whole - ness gen - er - ate?  
Swell our hearts with songs of glad - ness, Ter - rors calm fore - bod - ings still.

Come, O Christ, and dwell a - mong us! Hear our cries, come set us free.  
Take our fears, then Lord and turn them In - to hopes for life a - new.  
Let your prom - ised realm of jus - tice Bloss - om now through - out the earth.

Give us hope, and faith, and glad - ness. Show us what there yet can be.  
Fad - ing light and dy - ing sea - son Sing their Glo - ri - as to you.  
Your do - min - ion bring now near us; We a - wait the sav - ing birth.

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Music: Ton-y-Botel, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

## 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

*Via Pacis*

Norman Warren (born 1934)

**Participating in the Liturgy**

Officiant

*The People of God gathered*

The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector

Preacher

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris

Lector

Claudette Chmura

Singers

Carol McKenzie, Katharine Newhouse, Alex Garcia-Mata, Maggie Marshall, and David Oliver

Organist & Music Director

Mark Nelson

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