

# Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

## The Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am March 20, 2022

# LENT

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To participate fully in our worship, you will need this booklet, the **Sunday News** for the Collect and Psalm, and, for the hymns, *The Hymnal 1982* (blue and in the pew racks in front of you) and *Wonder, Love, and Praise* (green paperbound at the pew ends).

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### WELCOME!

Whether you are a regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor, we hope you will enjoy our fellowship! Come and check us out! Children are always welcome at worship in St. John's Church!

**First time in our Church?** Our worship here may seem very familiar, or it may seem bewildering! If the second is true for you, RELAX, there is nothing that you can do by accident that will cause offense! Ask an usher, watch your neighbors, go with the flow. Please fill out a card in the pew to let us know who you are.

**Restrooms** are at the far end of the building from our worship space on three levels. Exit the door opposite the organ and follow the signs.

**Children** of all ages are welcome in church. We want children and parents to enjoy church and we support you in doing what you need to do toward that goal. It's OK for children to sound like children; we won't be offended.

**Access Needs:** If you would find it easier to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please speak to an usher. We have gluten-free wafers available, let the priest know.

**Covid Update: St. John's has taken steps to keep all worshipers safe from Covid. We have installed air purifiers and are keeping people spaced in the pews. We have suspended coffee hour for the near future. Please do your part to keep yourself and others healthy: Keep masked (over mouth and nose) and distanced while inside the building at all times. If you'd like to chat with others, do so in the sanctuary or outside before or following worship. If you should test positive for Covid in the days after attending church, please report this confidentially to Pastor Lise or the church office. Let us continue to be good neighbors and a supportive community.**

Voluntary

*Wer nur den lieben Gott & Erhalt uns, bei mir*

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Hymn 143**

*Erhalt uns, bei mir*

1. The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.
2. Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.
3. So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.
4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
our spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.
5. O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
who art in three-fold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.

*Celebrant* To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

*People* **O my God, in you I trust.**

*Celebrant* You are the God of my salvation;

*People* **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

*Celebrant* In you I hope all the day long.

*People* **O my God, in you I trust**

### **Confession for Lent (Systemic Confession)**

*Celebrant* God, your essence is community: We pray for the eyes to see and the courage to understand that we are not separate and independent, but deeply embedded in and dependent on the systems and communities around us.

*People* **We confess that instead of knowing ourselves to be members of the beautiful, bountiful Creation, ones who rely on her for every breath and every meal, we have become a dominating and abusive partner.**

**We confess that our land and our wealth come from others, and that our riches leave others impoverished.**

We confess that our Church has aligned itself with power and is complicit in slavery, the genocide of indigenous peoples, and continued imbalances in wealth and power.

We confess that our governments do not care adequately for the poor, the homeless, the ill, the addicted, the abused, and immigrants, blaming individuals for systemic failures, and that we do not hold elected officials and ourselves accountable.

We confess that we turn away from you and do not rely on your goodness and mercy to provide for our every need, and so we indulge in worry, competition or anger, even towards our families, friends and co-workers.

*Celebrant:* Have mercy on us, God, and forgive us our failings.  
*All sing the Trisagion softly.*

## S 102

## The Holy Eucharist

### Holy God *Trisagion*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

*Celebrant:* Increase our capacity to see and our ability to accept our place in your world.  
*All repeat the Trisagion above a bit louder.*

*Celebrant:* Give us the grace and courage to use our power and privilege to heal and restore.  
*All repeat the Trisagion above loudly.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray together the Collect of the day.

**Collect:** God, who sends rain and sunshine on oppressed and oppressor alike, help us to truly know which we are, and to use our experience of oppression and our power of privilege to break the bonds of racism that imprison us all, for it is only with your love, forgiveness and justice we can all be whole and free, through Jesus Christ our brother. Amen. (MLH)

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

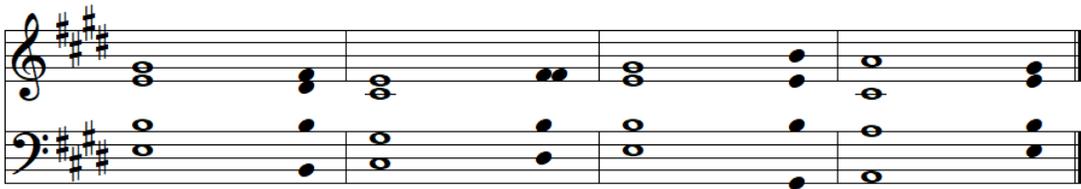
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations."

*A period of silent prayer follows the reading*  
*Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.***



Choir: 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I | seek you; \*  
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
 as in a barren and dry land where there is no | water.  
 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy | place, \*  
 that I might behold your power and your | glory.

All: 3 **For your loving-kindness is better than life it- | self; \***  
**my lips shall give you | praise.**  
 4 **So will I bless you as long as I | live \***  
**and lift up my hands in your | Name.**

Choir: 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and | fatness, \*  
 and my mouth praises you with joyful | lips,  
 6 When I remember you upon my | bed, \*  
 and meditate on you in the night | watches.

All: 7 **For you have been my | helper, \***  
**and under the shadow of your wings I will re- | joice.**  
 8 **My soul clings to | you; \***  
**your right hand holds me | fast.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*A period of silent prayer follows the reading*  
*Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.***

*Please stand for the Tract*

*Cantor first, then all. Repeat after verse.*



## Holy Gospel

*Acclamation before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Acclamation after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## Sermon

The Rev. Janie Donohue, Guest Priest

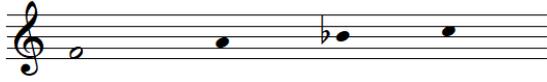
*After a period of reflective silence following the sermon we stand and sing The Nicene Creed*



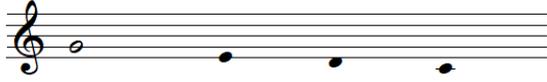
*Cantor* We believe / in One God,  
*People* **the Father, / the Almighty,**  
**maker of / heav'n and earth,**  
**of all that is, seen / and unseen.**



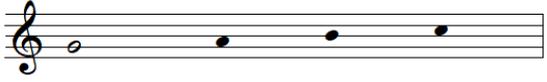
*Cantor* We believe in one Lord, / Jesus Christ,  
*People* **the only Son of God, eternally begotten / of the Father,**  
**God from God, / Light from Light,**  
**true God from true God, begot- / ten, not made,**  
**of one Being / with the Father.**  
**Through him all / things were made.**



*Cantor* For us and for our salvation he came / down from heaven:  
*People* **by the power of the / Holy Spirit**  
**he became incarnate from the / Virgin Mary,**  
**and / was made man.**



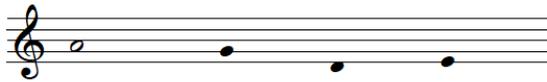
*Cantor* For our sake he was crucified under / Pontius Pilate;  
*People* **he suffered death / and was buried.**



*Cantor* On the third day he rose again in accordance / with the Scriptures;  
*People* **he ascended / into heaven**  
**and is seated at the right hand / of the Father.**  
**He will come again in glory to judge the living / and the dead,**  
**and his kingdom will / have no end.**



*Cantor* We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giv- / er of life,  
*People* **who proceeds from the Father / and the Son.**  
**With the Father and the Son he is wor- / shipped and glorified.**  
**He has spoken / through the Prophets.**



*Cantor* We believe in one holy catholic and apos- / tolic Church.  
*People* **We acknowledge one baptism for the forgive- / ness of sins.**  
**We look for the resurrection / of the dead,**  
**and the life of the / world to come.**



*Cantor* A - - - - - men.  
*People* **A - - - - - men.**

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**Prayers of the People**

Form II, BCP, p 385, adapted

Please offer your prayers after each petition, either silently or aloud.

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.** *We share a sign of peace with those around us.*

Announcements

**Offertory Hymn**

# Christ Is the Life



1 Christ is the life of all that is, God's pure cre - a - tive  
 2 Christ is the death of all that is; a broad and beck - 'ning  
 3 Christ is the death of all that is, a bright, con - sum - ing  
 4 Christ is the life of all that is, Be - gin - ning and the



Word, whose pow'r be - yond and through all space the  
 tomb, who wel - comes us from well - worn ways to  
 fire, whose flames re - quire our pri - or self as  
 End; cre - a - tive force, most peace - ful death, trans -



worlds to Be - ing stirred. Christ is the life be - yond all  
 dark - ness of the womb. Christ is the death, the sink - ing  
 kin - dling for the pyre. Christ is the death of dust - y  
 form - ing burn - ing brand. Christ is the life, in whose wise



time, cre - a - tion's birth and breath, whose la - bor  
 down past all de - sire and fear, whose prom - ise  
 days of un - cre - a - tive strife, for out from  
 love cre - a - tion lives and dies and thus for -

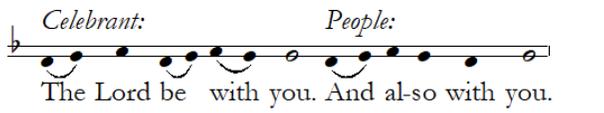


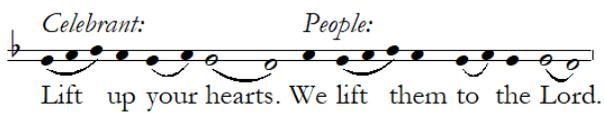
brings all things to be and brings all things to death.  
 in the gen - tle dark bids new - ness to ap - pear.  
 fire we tread up - on the thresh - old of new life.  
 ev - er - more shall bless the Source, the liv - ing Christ.

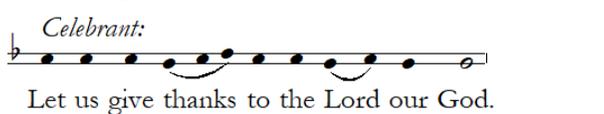
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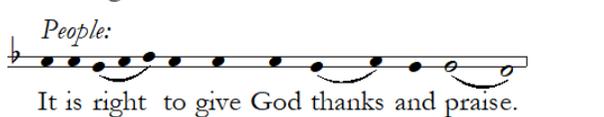
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**The Great Thanksgiving** *Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer p. 367*

*Celebrant:*                      *People:*  
  
 The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Celebrant:*                      *People:*  
  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

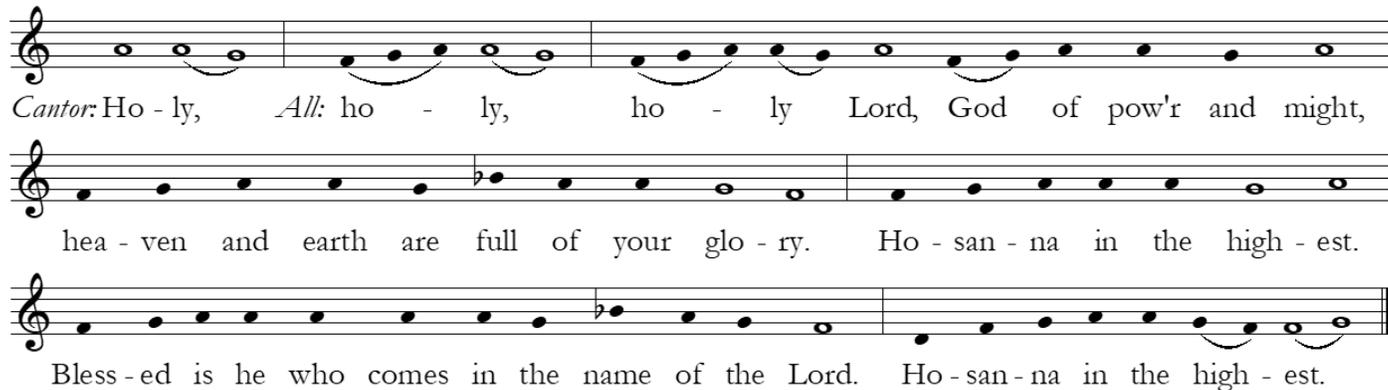
*Celebrant:*  
  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:*  
  
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus Hymnal S122

Plainsong, Mass 18



*Cantor:* Ho - ly,      *All:* ho - ly,      ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us ...

*At the acclamation in the prayer:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



A-men.

As our Sa-viour Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer S148

Ambrosian Chant, harmonized by Mark Howe

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

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The bread is broken.

# S 160

## The Holy Eucharist II

### Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

*During Communion Mark will be playing Bach's setting of Hymn 634,  
if there's time, please join the choir in singing the hymn.*

#### *At the Postcommunion and Going Forth for Ministry*

**Eternal God, heavenly Mother and Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing** The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**





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