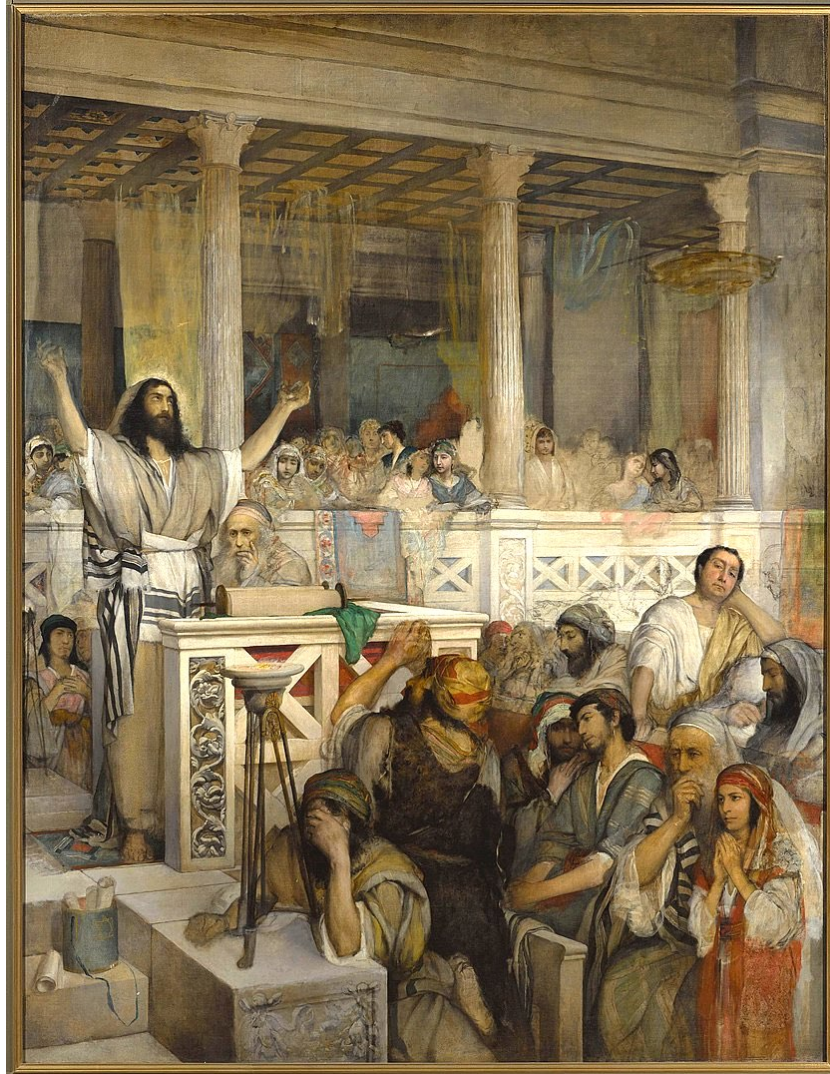


Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 31, 2020



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

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Music Notes

It is the first time we've used the full 16 window potential of the Acapella app choir window on our first hymn: "Joyful, joyful we adore Thee!" You'll note that some of us sing in more than one window ... usually indicating that we're singing different voice parts.

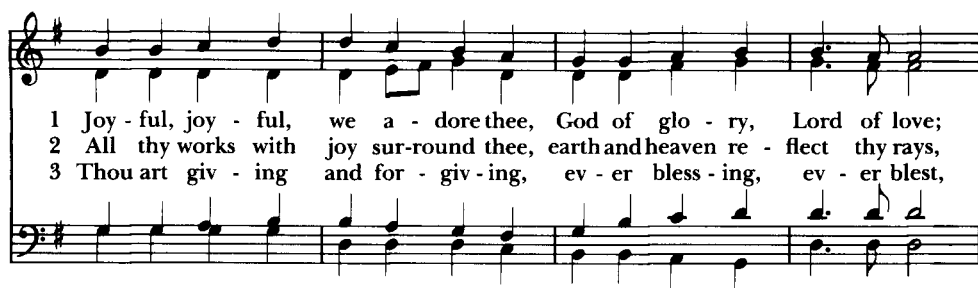
We're also featuring an anthem that we know pretty well, and also love: "There's a wideness in God's mercy." The final hymn is also known as "The Summons." It could have been paired with the readings from the last several weeks ... but we're including it now noting that the text fits in with our focus on the year in review, as well as the Annual Meeting.

Voluntary

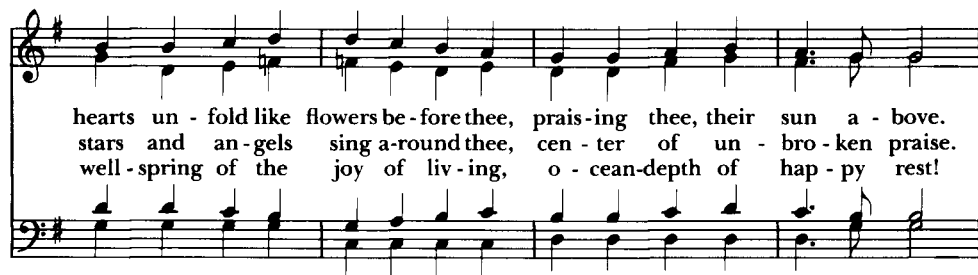
Nun freut euch lieben Christen g'mein

Ernst Pepping
(1934-2003)

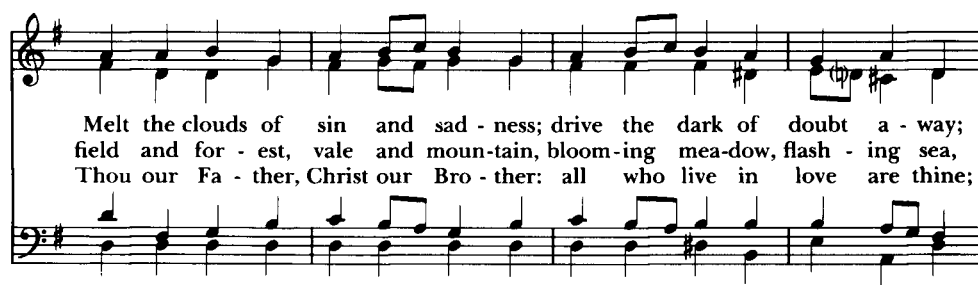
Please join in singing hymn 376:



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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All stand

Officiant

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

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.**

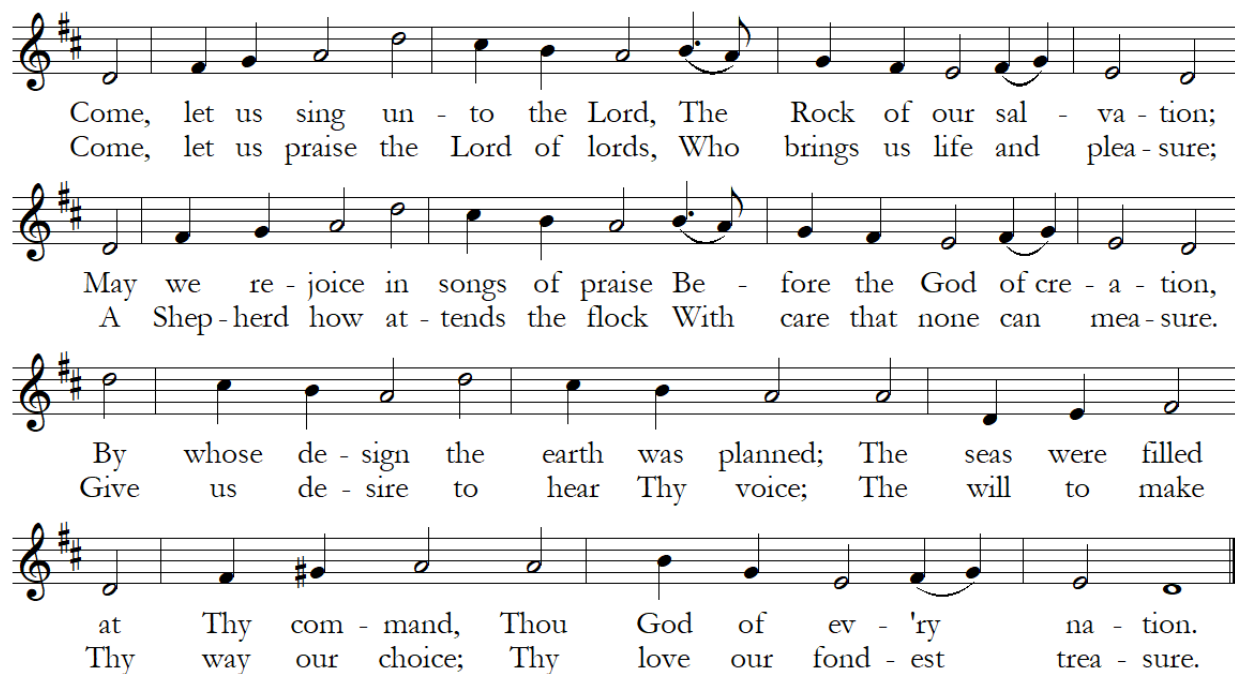
The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

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

Officiant and People

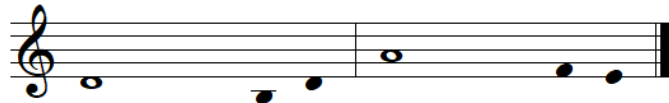
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**



Come, let us sing un - to the Lord, The Rock of our sal - va - tion;
 Come, let us praise the Lord of lords, Who brings us life and plea - sure;
 May we re - joice in songs of praise Be - fore the God of cre - a - tion,
 A Shep - herd how at - tends the flock With care that none can mea - sure.
 By whose de - sign the earth was planned; The seas were filled
 Give us de - sire to hear Thy voice; The will to make
 at Thy com - mand, Thou God of ev - 'ry na - tion.
 Thy way our choice; Thy love our fond - est trea - sure.

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 Music: melody from "Une pastourelle gentille," 1529 H82 408

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi* Musical setting by Mark Nelson



- 1 Hal-\ le-/ lujah, hal-\ le-\ lujah!
 I will give thanks to the LORD with \ my / whole heart, *
 in the assembly of the upright, in the con-\ greg-\ ation.
- 2 Great are the deeds of \ the / LORD! *
 they are studied by all who delight \ in \ them.
- 3 His work is full of majesty \ and / splendor, *
 and his righteousness endures \ for \ ever.
- 4 He makes his marvelous works to be \ re-/ membered; *
 the LORD is gracious and full of \ com-\ passion.
- 5 He gives food to those \ who / fear him; *
 he is ever mindful of \ his \ covenant.
- 6 He has shown his people the power of \ his / works *
 in giving them the lands of \ the \ nations.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithfulness \ and / justice; *
 all his commandments \ are \ sure.

8 They stand fast for ever \ and / ever, *
because they are done in truth \ and e-\ quity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant \ for / ever; *
holy and awesome is \ his \ Name.

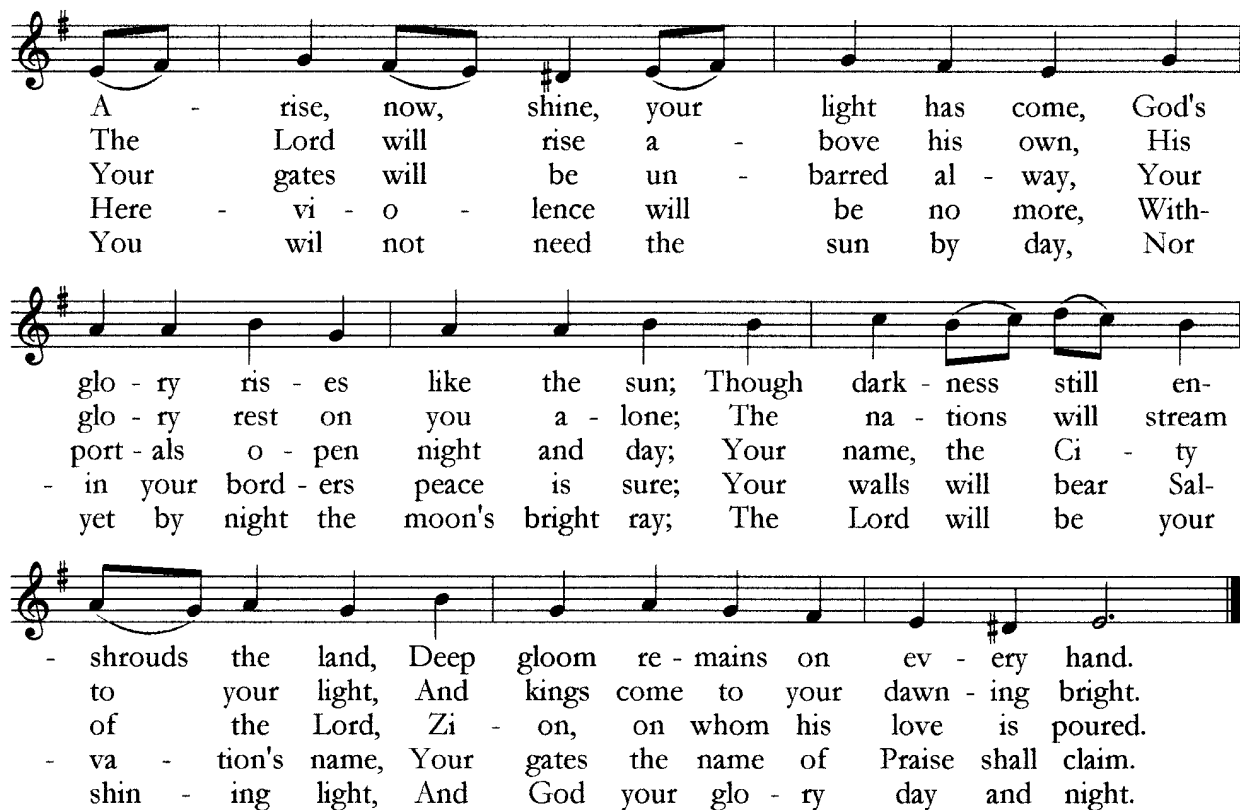
10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning \ of / wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures \ for \ ever.

Hal-\ le-/ lujah, hal-\ le-\ lujah!

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Canticle 11: Surge illuminare (metrical setting)



A - rise, now, shine, your light has come, God's
The Lord will rise a - bove his own, His
Your gates will be un - barred al - way, Your
Here - vi - o - lence will be no more, With-
You wil not need the sun by day, Nor
glo - ry ris - es like the sun; Though dark - ness still en-
glo - ry rest on you a - lone; The na - tions will stream
port - als o - pen night and day; Your name, the Ci - ty
- in your bord - ers peace is sure; Your walls will bear Sal-
yet by night the moon's bright ray; The Lord will be your
- shrouds the land, Deep gloom re - mains on ev - ery hand.
to your light, And kings come to your dawn - ing bright.
of the Lord, Zi - on, on whom his love is poured.
- va - tion's name, Your gates the name of Praise shall claim.
shin - ing light, And God your glo - ry day and night.

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Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, 1545, harm. J. S. Bach

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Glo - ry to God, in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, hea - ven - ly King. Al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, We wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord.

you a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God, the Fa - ther. A - men.

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Third Reading

Mark 1:21-28

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, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth:
Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

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

Please join in singing:

Anthem

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in His justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow,
by false limits of our own,
and we magnify His strictness
with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands.
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

A General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that thou hast done for us. We thank thee for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank thee for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank thee for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank thee also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on thee alone.

Above all, we thank thee for thy Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of thy kingdom.

Grant us the gift of thy Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to thee in all things. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee, and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world 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 Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Please join in singing the closing hymn:

Hymn: "Will you come and follow me?"

Tune: Kelvingrove



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



1. Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
2. Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
3. Will you set the pris - 'ner free and nev - er be the same?
4. Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
5. Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



1. Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
2. Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
3. Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
4. Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
5. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



1. Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
3. And ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Words: John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Music: Scottish Trad., Arr. John L. Bell

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Joyous Day

John Leavitt

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The Rev. Bret Bowie Hays, Rector

Wardens: Karen Kasper & Ellen Sibley

Mark Edward Nelson, Music Director

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Marge Bishop, Church Assistant

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Alex Garcia-Mata
David Oliver

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Katharine Newhouse
Sarah Larson
Chuck Everett

The 159th Annual Meeting of Saint John's Church Gloucester, Massachusetts The Rev. Bret B. Hays, Rector, presiding

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – The Rev. Bret Hays – 2 min.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 158th Annual Meeting – Joan Gorga, Clerk – 3 min.
3. Report of the Nominating Committee – Karen Kasper, Warden and Committee Member – 5 min.
 - 3a. Presentation of the Committee's slate
 - Wardens: Karen Kasper and Ellen Sibley
 - Vestry: Janet Knott and Doug Parsons (one position vacant)
 - Treasurer: Sue Lupo
 - Clerk: Joan Gorga
 - Diocesan Delegates: Gwen Kopka and Geoff Pope
 - Diocesan Alternates: Bill Melvin and Ellen Sibley
 - Deanery Delegates: Rick Britton and Lynn Runnells
 - 3b. Nominations from the floor
4. Receipt of Committee/Guild Reports – as printed in the Annual Report – 10 min.
 - Questions and Discussion
5. Receipt of Financial Reports – Sue Lupo, Treasurer – 15 min.
 - 5a. Treasurer's Report
 - 5b. 2021 Budget
 - 5c. Questions and Discussion
6. Anti-Racism Programming Overview – Rick Britton, Claudette Chmura, and Connie DeSimone – 10 min.
7. Strategic Planning Overview – The Rev. Bret Hays – 10 min.
8. Other Business and General Discussion – 10 min.
9. Acknowledgements – 5 min.
 - 9a. Acknowledgement of Staff and Volunteers – The Rev. Bret Hays
 - 9b. Acknowledgement of departing Vestry members – Karen Kasper and Ellen Sibley, Wardens
10. Adjournment and Closing Prayer – The Rev. Bret Hays – 2 min.