

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2020



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

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Music Notes ♪

Hymn 152, “Kind Maker of the World, O Hear” is a Latin office hymn ascribed to Gregory the Great (540-604), the namesake for “Gregorian Chant.” It is likely a poem from perhaps the 7th century. The words first appeared in the Hymnal 1940 along with the same tune “*A la venue de Noël*.” One notices that this tune is actually a French Christmas song! The tune is documented in French royal music books from the late 1400s. It was popular enough to invite variations by organists from the 18th century and continuing through the 20th century. The tune is included in Charpentier’s great *Messe de minuit pour Noël*. Being in a minor key, it is at odds with our Victorian Christmas (lullaby) ideal. The Hymnal 1982 Companion states: “Here the dark modal quality of the tune is in keeping with the deeply penitential nature of the text.”

Hymn 436 “Lift up your heads, Ye Mighty Gates” seems like an unusual choice for Lent, yet it is a faithful commentary on the Gospel reading: John 2:13-22.

Our choir check in this past Thursday included participating with the Royal School of Church Music in England in their weekly recorded Compline. The service was shared to 2 singers, that works within the context of online singing. It also included a small choir who sang several short pieces by Tallis, which we had copies and could sing along! You can see this here: https://youtu.be/N_Es5oLu7kI. We had several guests and you too can join us by contacting me: mark@stjohnsgloucester.org

Voluntary

Flute Piece

Thomas Thorley (18th Century)

Please join in singing hymn 436:

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty 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 - dornd 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.

LM

All stand

Officiant I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him,
“Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.”

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Officiant 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 Invitatory and Psalter — *All stand*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your 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 the invitatory hymn:

Trisagion

Sung three times.

Music: Marty Wheeler Burnett

Flute

Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and might - y,

Ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Psalm 19 Page 602, BCP

Caeli enarrant Plainsong Mode 2.1

at the mid-verse () we observe the breath, exhale & inhale (2 beat pause)*

Mark: 1 The heavens declare the glory of / God, *—pause—
and the firmament \ shows his handiwork.

Carol: 2 One day tells its tale to an-/ other, *—pause—
and one night imparts knowledge \ to another.

Mark: 3 Although they have no words or / language, *—pause—
and their voices \ are not heard,

Carol: 4 Their sound has gone out in-/ to all lands, *—pause—
and their message to the ends \ of the world.

Mark: 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion / for the sun; *—pause—
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to \ run its course.

Carol: 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of / it again; *—pause—
nothing is hidden from its \ burning heat.

Mark: 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and re-/ vives the soul; *—pause—
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom \ to the innocent.

Carol: 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and re-/ joice the heart; *—pause—
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light \ to the eyes.

Mark: 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for / ever; *—pause—
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous \ altogether.

- Carol:* 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than / much fine gold, *—*pause*—
sweeter far than honey, than honey \ in the comb.
- Mark:* 11 By them also is your servant en-/ lightened, *—*pause*—
and in keeping them there is \ great reward.
- Carol:* 12 Who can tell how often he of-/ fends? *—*pause*—
cleanse me from my \ secret faults.
- Mark:* 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion / over me; *—*pause*—
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a \ great offense.
- Carol:* 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable / in your sight, *—*pause*—
O LORD, my strength and \ my redeemer.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Canticle 9: a metrical setting

First Song of Isaiah (12:2-6)

Torah Song



Sure - ly God is my sal - va-tion, I will trust and shall not fear.
Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's wells and spring.
Tell the na-tions of God's glo - ry, make this known in all the earth.



God the Lord is strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
Sing your thanks to God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
Praise the Lord, the God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.



Shout a - loud and sing for joy, O daugh - ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

You Are Beloved (Canticle N)

Ana Hernandez

Musical score for "You Are Beloved (Canticle N)" by Ana Hernandez. The score consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are integrated into the musical lines. The first section of lyrics is:

You are be - love-ed, be - loved of God for God is Love.
You are loved for God is love. God is love.
You are be - loved for God is love. You are be - loved of God.

Continuation of the musical score. The lyrics are:

So let us love one an - oth-er for God is love.
So let us love, for God is love, for God is love.
So let us love one an - oth-er for God is love.
You are be - loved for God is love, for God is love.

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Third Reading

John 2:13-22

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 also with you.**

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. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

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

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

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

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

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your 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 your Holy Spirit.**

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with
our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Please join in singing hymn 152:

1 Kind Ma - ker of the world, O hear the fer - vent
 2 Each heart is man - i - fest to thee; thou know - est
3 Spare us, O Lord, who now con - fess our sins and
 4 Give us the dis - ci - pline that springs from ab - sti -
 5 Grant, O thou bless - ed Trin - i - ty; grant, O un -

1 prayer, with man - y_a tear poured forth by all the
 2 our in - fir - mi - ty; now we re - pent, and
3 all our wick - ed - ness, and, for the glo - ry
 4 nence in out - ward things with in - ward fast - ing,
 5 chang - ing U - ni - ty; that this our fast of

1 pen - i - tent who keep this ho - ly fast of Lent!
 2 seek thy face; grant un - to us thy par - doning grace.
3 of thy Name, our weak-en ed souls to health re - claim.
 4 so that we in heart and soul may dwell with thee.
 5 for - ty days may work our pro - fit and thy praise!

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); ver. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.
 Music: *A la venue de Noël*, melody from *Fleurs des noëls*, 1535

LM

Voluntary

Voluntary in B Flat

Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

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