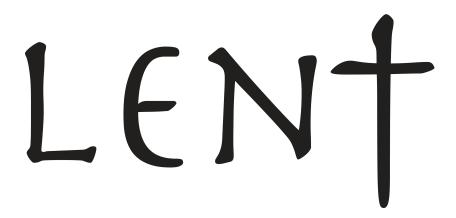
Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

The Second Sunday in Lent

9:30 am March 13, 2022



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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!

<u>First time in our Church?</u> 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 you 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 Deep River Adolphus Hailstork (born 1941) **Hymn 401** *Leoni*

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love; the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed: we bow and bless the sacred Name for ever blest.

2 He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend; we shall, on eagles-wings upborne, to heaven ascend: we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore, and sing the wonders of his grace for evermore.

3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness, triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace; on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains, and, glorious with his saints in light, for ever reigns.

4 The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing, and "Holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King! Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be: eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."

5 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high; "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost" they ever cry; hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise; all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

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

People O my God, in you I trust.

Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People
To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
In you I hope all the day long.
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.

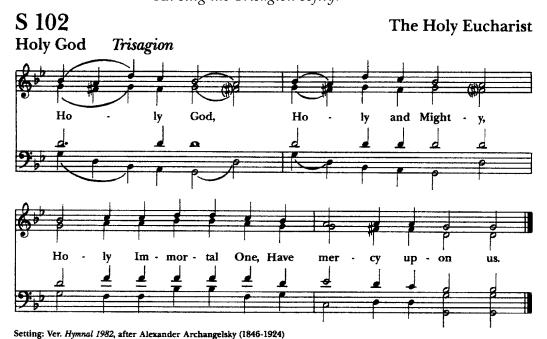
We confess that our land and our wealth come from others, and that our riches leave others impoverished.

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.*



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 And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together the Collect of the day.

Collect: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring us again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

Psalm 27

Please join in singing the verses as directed

Dominus illuminatio



Cantor:

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I | fear? * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I | be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up | my flesh, * it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and | fell.

All:

- 3 Though an army should encamp a-| gainst me, *
 yet my heart shall not be a-| fraid;
 4 And though war should rise up a-| gainst me *
- 4 And though war should rise up a-| gainst me, * yet will I put my | trust in him.

Choir:

- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I | seek; *
 that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my | life;
 6 To behold the fair beauty of the | Lord *
 and seek God in the | temple.
- All: 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my | face." *
 Your face, Lord, will I | seek.
 12 Hide not your face | from me, *
 nor turn away your servant in dis-| pleasure.

Choir: 13 You have been my helper; cast me not a-1 way; * do not forsake me, O God of my sal- | vation.

15 Show me your way, O | Lord; *

lead me on a level path, because of my | enemies.

All: 17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the | Lord * in the land of the | living!

18 O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your | heart; * wait patiently for the | Lord.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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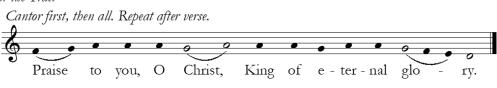
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Please stand for the Tract



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

Luke 13:31-35

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

Sermon

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



Cantor People We believe / in One God, 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

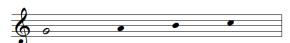
by the power of the / Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the / Virgin Mary, and / was made man.



Cantor:

For our sake he was crucified under / Pontius Pilate;

People he suffered death / and was buried.



Cantor People On the third day he rose again in accordance / with the Scriptures;

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 People We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giv-/ er of life,

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.

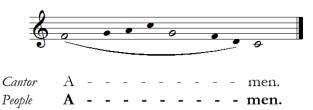


-Cantor

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.



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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 495

In Babilone

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

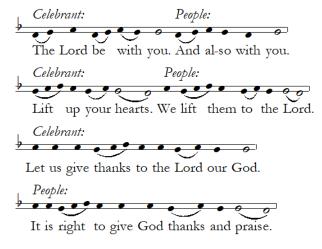
2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

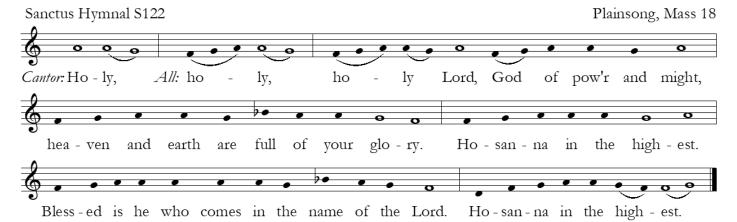
4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer p. 367



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:



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

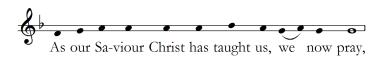
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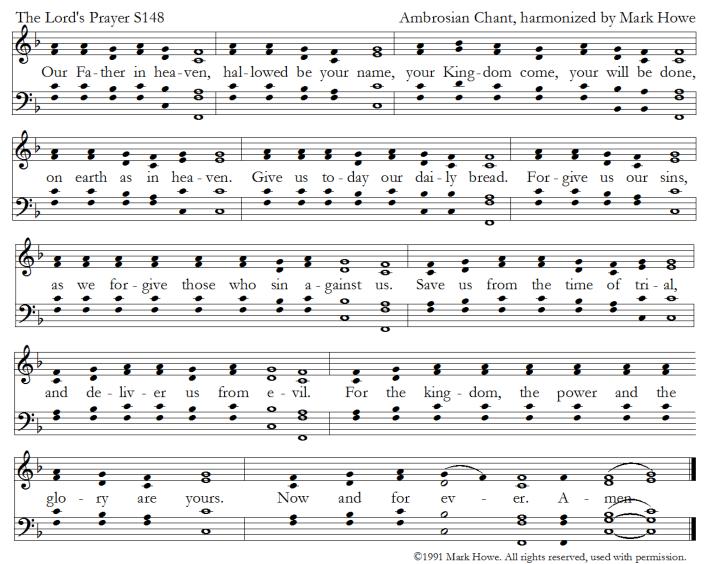
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

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.





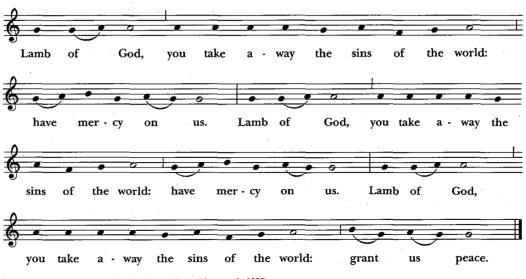
The bread is broken.

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The Holy Eucharist II

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



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

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.**

Final Hymn 337

Unde et memores

1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree, and having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee that only offering perfect in thine eyes, clear,

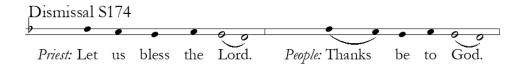
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.

2 Look Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; look not on our misusings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim: for lo! between our sins and their reward we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.

3 And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal!
From tainting mischief keep them pure and

and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.

4 And so we come: O draw us to thy feet, most patient Savior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so awesome and so sweet, deliver us from every touch of ill: in thine own service make us glad and free, and grant us never more to part from thee.



Voluntary

Myroslav Skoryk, arr. Dimmock

Nurture and Challenge Your Spirit with us at St. John's.

Melody

Our mission in Christ is to nurture and equip members for spiritual growth and active participation in ministries of compassion, justice, and peace in the church and beyond.

Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: March 13, 2022

Music Today: The closing voluntary is a famous tune in the Ukraine. It was specially arranged for organ by Jonathan Dimmock, organist of the San Francisco Symphony. The Parish Choir sings a hymn that is intended to dialogue with today's Gospel reading: Luke 13:31-35. The words are by Douglas Cowling, a church musician and theologian from Toronto who wrote extensively when email list serves on a wide variety of topics. He sadly died several years ago. I had a lively dialogue with him and he inspired me to search out new and interesting sources of music. He paired this text with "The Eighth Tune" which Vaughan Williams made well known with the "Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis." Here is the text:

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Easter flower envelopes are in the pews and in the office. Please return by April 11.

Zoom Coffee Hour, aka "Reliable Joy," TODAY, Sundays at noon. Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

REGAL RUMMAGE Two-for-One Sale Continues! Two-for-one sale runs until mid-March (or stock runs out)! The Thrift Shop & Regal Rummage will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10-2.

The Souper Bowl of Caring: St. John's raised \$1100, which will go to the Open Door Food Pantry. Thanks to all for your generous donations!

Pastor Lise on vacation through March 8-15. Many thanks to the Rev. Janie Donahue for preaching and celebrating at St. John's today! In case of pastoral emergences, please contact Ellen Sibley (978-290-2115) or Karen Kasper (978-302-7814).

David Briggs plays our Fisk organ TODAY (Sunday), March 13 at 4 pm. Briggs (david-briggs.org) is an international concert organist and will offer a varied program including works by Bach. Briggs is currently Artist in Residence at the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine in NYC. Born in England, he was the organ scholar at King's College in Cambridge and the organist of Gloucester Cathedral. Our organ was installed in 1989 and several stops added in 1997, thus this will mark the 25th anniversary of its completion. Tickets for this will be available in advance \$20/15. Masks will be required as well as proof of vaccination, as normal for concert venues currently.

Worship Options: We will continue to worship in one service of Eucharist **at 9:30 am until Palm Sunday,** open to in-person worshippers and also livestreamed on Facebook. The YouTube link for the service and written sermon will be sent out on Tuesday. Coffee hour is currently suspended.

Vestry Notes for March 8th, 2022 via Zoom

- The roof of the sanctuary was damaged in the major wind/snowstorm in February and needs to be replaced as the remaining shingles are old and brittle. The repair needs to be completed immediately before the roof leaks and the work is planned for April. The Vestry approved the project and has turned to the Finance Committee to develop alternatives for financing.
- Both the Vestry and the Search Committee have completed the first part of Bias Awareness training. The training is to ensure that our search for a new rector and the transition will be as inclusive and diverse as possible.
- The latest COVID advice from the Diocese permits coffee hours with careful attention to the serving of food and drink. The Vestry will host an "enhanced" coffee hour on April 3rd, the Sunday before Palm Sunday after the single service at 9:30am.
- The Vestry will complete the Safe Church Training Program of the Diocese by the end of June to bring the parish into compliance with the required policies. The Vestry training, part of an ongoing Diocesan program, has been completed in the past by prior Vestry members and consists of six modules to be completed online.
- Sarah Larsen's son, Nate Mook, is feeding refugees hot meals in and around Ukraine. Please keep Nate and his colleagues in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days. (Nate is CEO of World Central Kitchen www.wck.org.)

Karen Kasper sent this in: **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT** (in the words of Pope Francis)

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in GOD

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

The Second Sunday in Lent—March 13, 2022

Participating in the Liturgy The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Janie Donohue, Guest Priest

Reader Faith Berry Acolyte Bill Melvin

LEM Claudette Chmura

Usher Dani Stotzer

Musicians The Parish Choir

Mark Nelson, Music Director & Organist

Altar Guild Karen Kasper & Melanie Murray-Brown

Flower Guild Mark Nelson

The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Mary Russo given by Jean Dyett.

St. John's Intercession List: Lily Newhouse, Ace Newhouse, Don Cole, Charlie Bishop, Rosemary Sullivan, Cecily Merrill, Ernie Runnells, Barker family, Baxter family, Marjorie Fergusson, Sarah Hackett, Jack Ketchopulos, Jacqueline Vannah, Laurie Brown, the Featherstone family, Audrey Gordon Goldman, DeeDee Bedford, Pat Earle, Michael Rocha, Liana and Joe Webb, Lynn Runnells, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Gene Cadman, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Sereda Feener, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Mary McIntyre, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming.Contact prayer list manager: Joan Gorga 978-283-5926 or imgorga@yahoo.com

2022 sign-ups for Lamp/Flowers are in the parish hall.

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