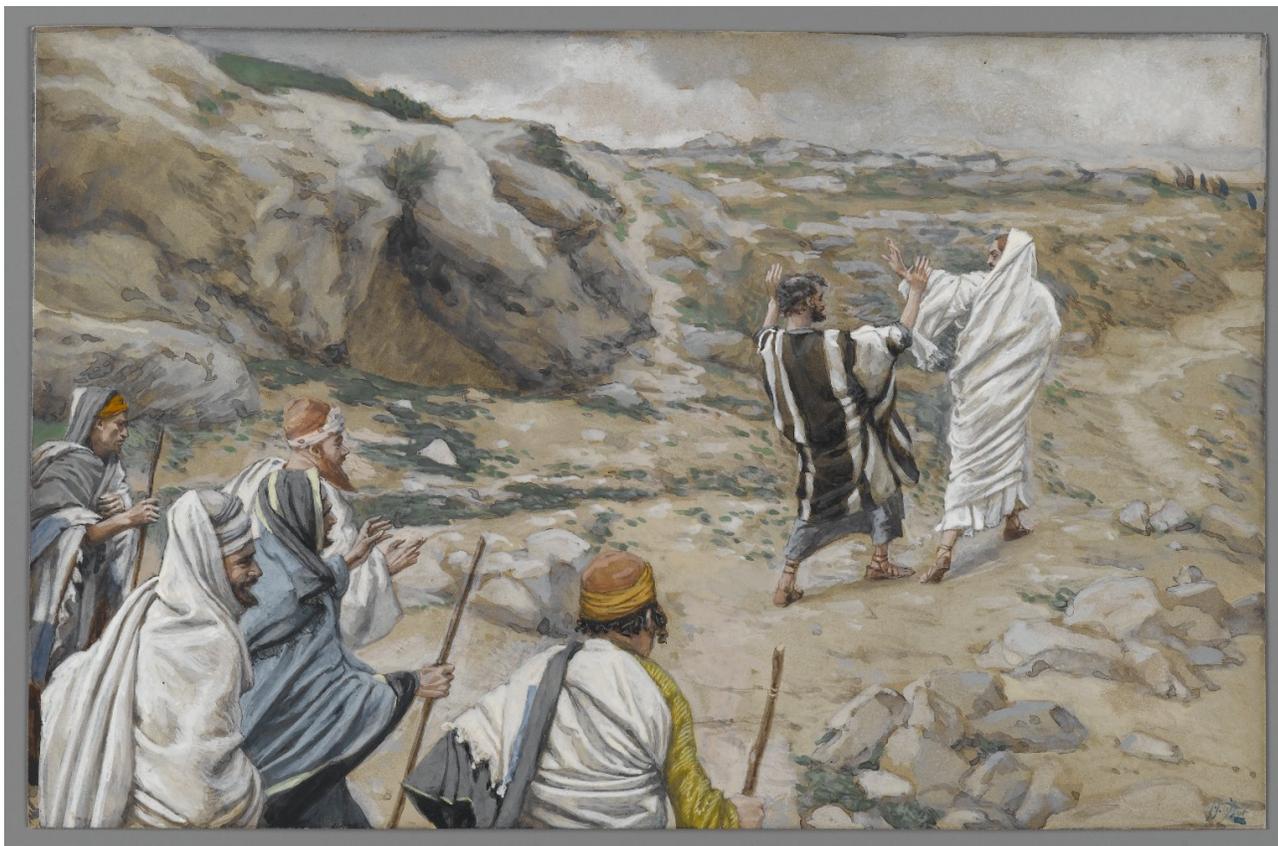


Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020



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

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Music Notes 🎵

We welcome back music well known to our congregation, the Gloria from David Hurd's New Plainsong Mass, S277 in a new recording by our singers. Also familiar is the Wisdom Anthem by yours truly with the wonderful words from Proverbs 9. Hymn 707 opens the liturgy, "Take my life, and let it be consecrated" a wonderful hymn with a perfect tune. Frances Ridley Havergal penned these words in February 1874 after a visit to Arely House in Worcestershire, England in December of the previous year. She wrote:

There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for, some converted by not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer, 'Lord, give me all this house.' And He just did. Before I left the house everyone had got a blessing ... The last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration, and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in heart, one after another, till they finished, 'ever, only, all for Thee.'

We'll finish off with an old Swedish hymn (which we've sung several times in the past) "Day by Day." Wikipedia includes this summary:

Day by Day is a Christian hymn written in 1865 by Lina Sandell several years after she had witnessed the tragic drowning death of her father. Sandell-Berg was a prolific Swedish hymn writer. Two of her hymns, "Day By Day" and "Children of the Heavenly Father" are widely known in the U.S. "Day by Day" started appearing in American hymnals in the latter half of the 1920s, and its popularity has increased since then. The hymn's tune was composed in 1872 by Oscar Ahnfelt. The hymn's Swedish name is "Blott en Dag," its first three words in Swedish. The words mean "just one day" or "just another day."

Voluntary

Largo from "Xerxes"

George Frideric Handel
(1685-1757)

Please join in singing

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt.
 Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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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.**

Then follows the Invitatory Psalm Venite Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13

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Daily Morning Prayer II

The Invitatory: Venite



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; _____ let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -



va - tion. _____ 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing, _____



_____ and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. _____ 3. For the



Lord is a great God, _____ and a great King a - bove all



gods. _____ 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth, _____



— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The



sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have



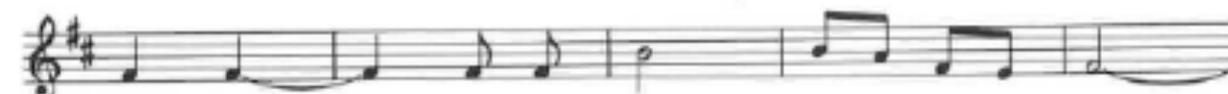
mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



knee, — and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For



he is our God, — and we are the people of his



pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —



— Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! —

Setting: Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

Organ 1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-ters; you are wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you.

2. Glo-ry to you for the ra-di-ance of your ho-ly name; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

3. Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to you.

4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be-tween the Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

5. Glo-ry to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you.

6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

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Please be seated.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

*A period of silent prayer follows the reading.**Please stand to sing the canticle:*

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

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

Wisdom Anthem, text from Proverbs 9

Like Chant, but with real silences at the rests.

♩ = 80
Sops first, then All: Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing.

This system shows the beginning of the piece. It features a piano accompaniment with a tempo marking of quarter note = 80. The vocal line starts with a Soprano part, followed by the rest of the ensemble. The lyrics are "Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing." The music is in a minor key with a 4/4 time signature.

Choir: Wis - dom has built her a house, she has set her ta - ble.

This system continues the piano accompaniment and the vocal line. The lyrics are "Wis - dom has built her a house, she has set her ta - ble." The piano part provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines in both hands.

All: Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing.

This system shows the vocal line for the "All" part. The lyrics are "Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing." The piano accompaniment continues to support the vocal melody.

Choir: She calls, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed."

This system features the vocal line for the Chorus. The lyrics are "She calls, 'Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.'" The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent harmonic and rhythmic pattern.

All: Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing. Live.

ritard (breath)

This system concludes the piece. The vocal line for "All" is shown with the lyrics "Live, and walk in the way of un - der - stand - ing. Live." The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. Performance instructions include "ritard" and "(breath)" above the final vocal notes.

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.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Amen.

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Voluntary

Psalm 19

Benedeto Marcello
(1686-1739)

Participating in the Liturgy

Officiant & Preacher

Lectors

Singers

Organist & Music Director

The People of God gathered

The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector

Mark and Melanie Murray-Brown

Carol McKenzie, Katharine Newhouse, Alex Garcia-
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