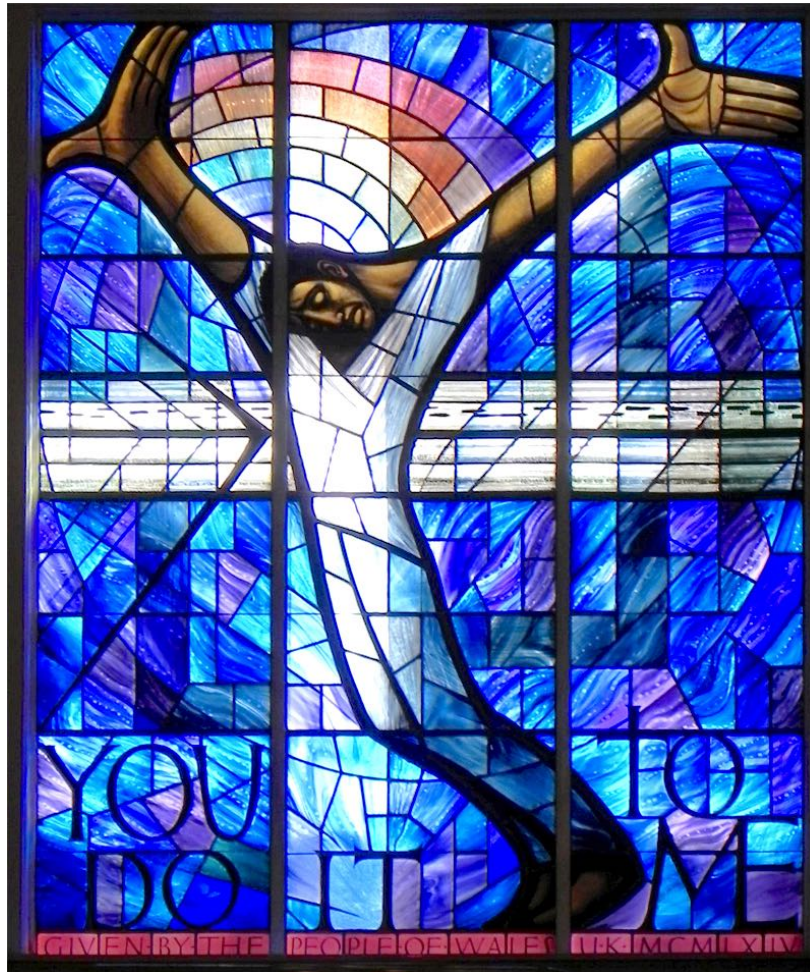


Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Second Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2020



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

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Music Notes 🎵

Our Opening Hymn is #147, a Latin office hymn first found in tenth century manuscripts, but may be much older. The colorfully named tune “Bourbon” is from the Shapenote tradition first appearing in 1814. It is a pentatonic tune, meaning that all the melody notes are comprised by a five note scale consisting of Doh, Reh, Mi, Soh, Lah. This scale may be very old, and close to our original creation as demonstrated in my often referenced video of Bobby McFerrin “The Power of the Pentatonic Scale,” easily found on YouTube.

The final Hymn “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” is a newer exploration in Lenten imagery. Hymnary.org succinctly describes the author: “After a brief, arduous battle with liver cancer, Canadian Sylvia Dunstan died in 1993 at the age of 38. For thirteen years, Dunstan had served the United Church of Canada as a parish minister and prison chaplain. She is remembered by those who knew her for her passion for those in need, her gift of writing, and her love of liturgy.” This hymn has been published in a number of mainline hymnals since its writing.

Our choir check in this past Thursday attracted 14 people “live on Zoom” and you can listen anytime here: <https://youtu.be/HCQ6RSTmoLA>. You can also request an invitation to join us by sending me a request: mark@stjohnsgloucester.org

Voluntary

“Solemn”

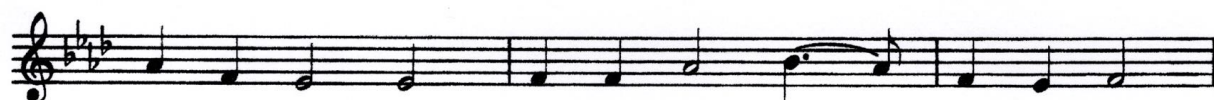
Please join in singing hymn 147:



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
 4 your own im - age were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heav - en - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt.

Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

LM

All stand

Officiant Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

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

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The word 'Flute' is written below the staff. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y,' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.' are written below the staff.

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Mark: 30 They shall come and make known to a people / yet unborn * —*pause*—
the saving deeds \ that he has done.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

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

Romans 4:13-25

You Are Beloved (Canticle N)

Ana Hernandez

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.

So let us love one an-oth-er 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

Mark 8:31-38

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

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of Ash Wednesday

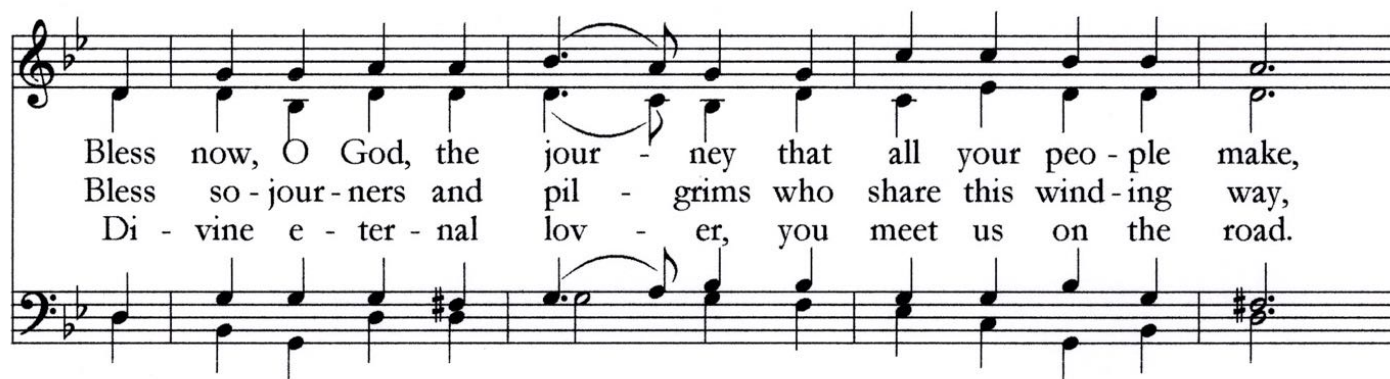
Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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

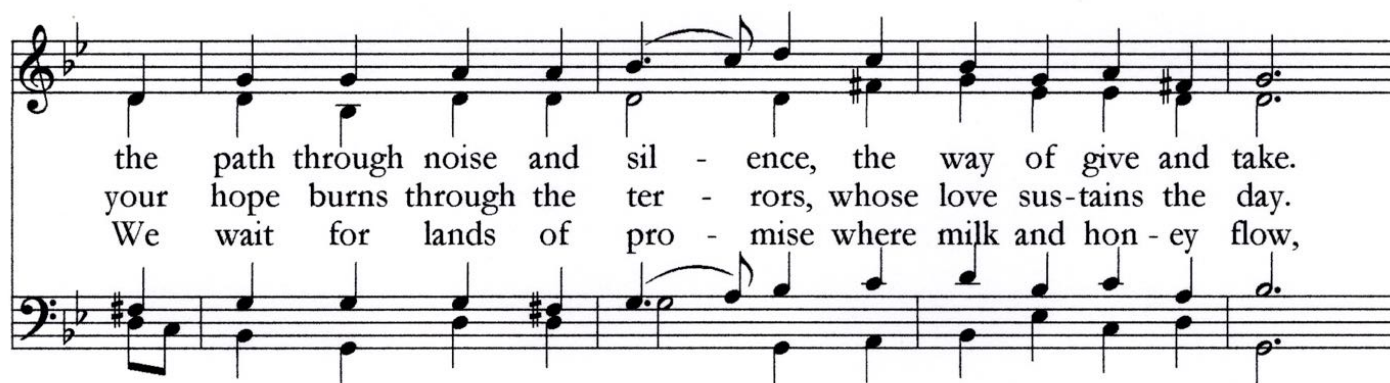
Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor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

Please join in singing:

Llangloffan




Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
Bless so - jour - ners and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way,
Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and sil - ence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, whose love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of pro - mise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our co - ven - ant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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.

Voluntary

“Singing”

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