

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020



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

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Music Notes ♪

This Sunday we offer Hymn 573 "Father Eternal, Ruler of Creation," moving words for this time, yet related to the Gospel of the day. Outside the Anglican Tradition but perhaps familiar to many of us we also sing "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" from the tent meeting tradition of the late 19th century. And a bonus this week, we will sing "I Sought the Lord" (Hymn 689) Related to the 2nd reading a very introspective and deeply moving text and tune as well.

We continue to have outdoor rehearsal for the kids on Thursdays. They are also using the Acapella app and I hope to feature them soon. The Parish Choir continues to meet via Zoom and are concluding our time with singing Compline. We hope to invite you to experience Compline with us in November.

We're looking at some community engagement this Advent and Christmas and invite your favorite (or compelling) poetry, readings and/or music. We're imagining a short (~10 minute) video coming out often featuring all of our favorite stories and music.

A final invitation, if you would like to try singing in the weekly hymn recordings please let me know. We know that singing is something that so many of us want to do, and those of us who sing immensely enjoy it. We do have a roving iPad for those who don't have an Apple device (required for the app).

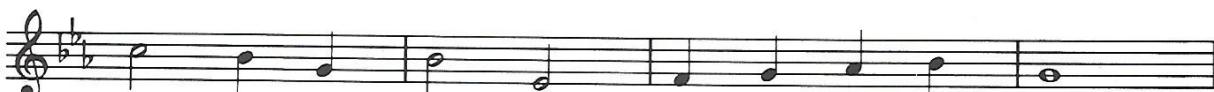
Voluntary

"Prayer" *Quoting Adoro Devote Hymn 314* John Leavitt (born 1956)

Please join in singing Stanzas 1, 2 & 5



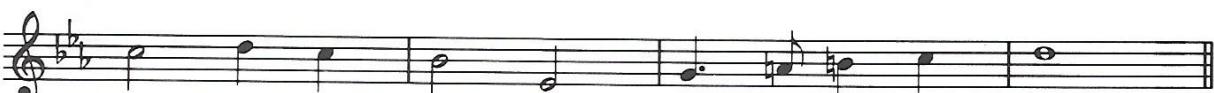
1 Fa - ther e - ter - nal, Ru - ler of cre - a - tion,
 2 Rac - es and peo - ples, lo, we stand di - vid - ed,
 3 En - vious of heart, blind - eyed, with tongues con - found - ed,
 4 Lust of pos - ses - sion work - eth des - o - la - tions;
 5 How shall we love thee, ho - ly hid - den Be - ing,



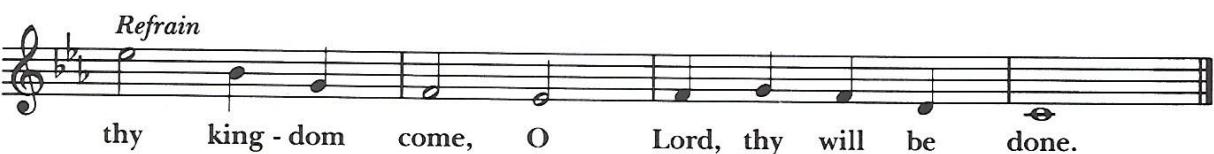
1 Spi - rit of life, which moved ere form was made,
 2 and, shar - ing not our griefs, no joy can share;
 3 na - tion by na - tion still goes un - for - given,
 4 there is no meek - ness in the powers of earth;
 5 if we love not the world which thou hast made?



1 through the thick dark - ness cov - ering ev - ery na - tion,
 2 by wars and tu - mults love is mocked, de - rid - ed;
 3 in wrath and fear, by jea - lous - ies sur - round - ed,
 4 led by no star, the ru - lers of the na - tions
 5 Bind us in thine own love for bet - ter see - ing



1 light to our blind - ness, O be thou our aid:
 2 his sav - ing cross no na - tion yet will bear:
 3 build - ing proud towers which shall not reach to heaven:
 4 still fail to bring us to the bliss - ful birth:
 5 thy Word made flesh, and in a man - ger laid:



Words: Laurence Housman (1865-1959), alt.
 Music: Langham, Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943)

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All stand

Officiant Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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.**

Please join in singing a metrical setting of the *Jubilate*:

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 * 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - - er more.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;
 harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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Robert Knox Kennedy (b. 1945)

1 Sing to the LORD a | new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole | earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and bless his | Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from | day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the | nations *
and his wonders among all | peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be | praised; *
he is more to be feared than all | gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but | idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the | heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his | presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his | sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the | peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and | power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his | Name; *
bring offerings and come into his | courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of | holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be- | fore him.

10 Sing to the LORD a | new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole | earth.

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Please join in singing a metrical setting of the Magnificat:

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!

Un - num - bered blessings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); based on *The Song of Mary*

Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Glory To God In The Highest

The Sewanee Service, Rite II
Malcolm Archer

A musical score for 'Glory To God In The Highest' in G minor. The score consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The second staff starts with a half note. The third staff begins with a quarter note. The fourth staff starts with a half note. The fifth staff begins with a quarter note. The sixth staff starts with a half note. The seventh staff begins with a quarter note. The eighth staff starts with a half note. The ninth staff begins with a quarter note. The tenth staff ends with a half note.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God, and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen, Amen.

Third Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

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 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, show thy mercy upon us;

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

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

R. For only in thee can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

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

V. Let thy way be known upon earth;

R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect 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:

1 I sought the Lord, and after-ward I knew he I
 2 Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine en-fold; I
 3 I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole of

moved my soul to seek him, seek - ing me; it was not
 walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea; 'twas not so
 love is but my an - swer, Lord, to thee; for thou wert

I that found, O Sa - vior true; no, I was found of thee.
 much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.
 long be - fore - hand with my soul, al - ways thou lov - edst me.

Words: Anon., *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1904
 Music: *Faith*, J. Harold Moyer (b. 1927)

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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:

Hymn: Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

Thompson



Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing for you and for me;
Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for you and for me?
Oh, for the won - der - ful love He has pro - mised, Pro - mised for you and for me!



See, on the por - tals He's wait-ing and watch-ing, Watch-ing for you and for me.
Why should we lin - ger and heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me?
Though we have sinned, He has mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me.



Come home, come home, You who are wear - y, come home;
(Come home, come home.)



Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!



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Voluntary

"Joyous Day"

John Leavitt (born 1956)

Participating in the Liturgy

Officiant & Preacher

Lector

Singers

Organist & Music Director

The People of God gathered

The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector

Patrick DeMuller

Carol McKenzie, Katharine Newhouse, Alex Garcia-Mata, Maggie Marshall, and David Oliver

Mark Nelson

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