

Easter 5—May 15, 2022

Saint John's Episcopal Church, Gloucester Massachusetts

With Bishop Gayle Harris

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Karen Kasper & Ellen Sibley, Wardens

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!

First time in our Church? 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.

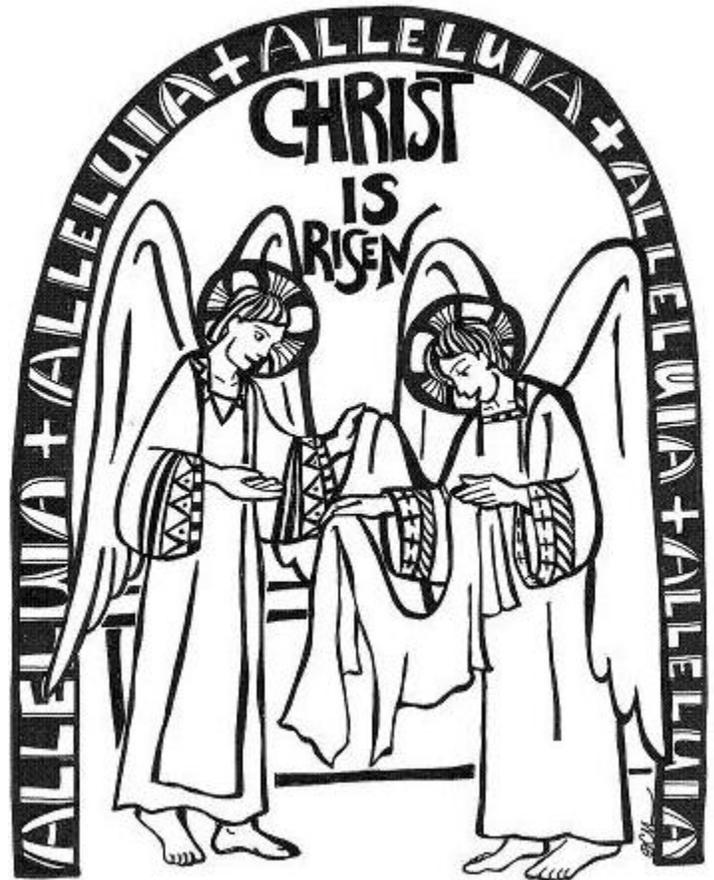
Children of all ages are welcome in church. We want children and parents to enjoy church and we support you in doing what you need to do toward that goal. It's OK for children to sound like children; we won't be offended.

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 if you need one.

Communion: ALL are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. If you would like to receive, come up to the front when directed by an usher, put your hands out, and after you receive the bread, step to one side and eat it. If we use the common cup, you can opt to reverence the chalice instead.

Covid Update: Making indoors is now optional, but still recommended for those at higher risk for serious illness, for the unvaccinated, and for when we sing. We are no longer required to keep distance and are allowed to have coffee hour. But cases are still active, and we urge you to take the precautions that you need. We will continue to use the air purifiers or to have the windows open for good ventilation. Let us continue to be good neighbors and a supportive community.

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).



Please silence pagers and cell phones.

Voluntary

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Hymn 529

McKee

529

The Church's Mission

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

Music: McKee, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

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Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen:
People: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant The Lord be with you*People* And also with you.*Celebrant* Let us pray together the collect of the day:

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation;
 grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
 (NZPB)

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148

*Please join in singing the verses as directed
We observe a breath—pause in the middle of the verse.*

Laudate Dominum



- Cantor 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the / heavens; *—pause—
praise \ the Lord in the heights.
- Organ side 2 Praise the Lord, all you holy / angels; *—pause—
praise the \ Lord, all his host.
- Lectern side 3 Praise the Lord, sun and / moon; *—pause—
praise the Lord, \ all you shining stars.
- Organ side 4 Praise the Lord, heaven of / heavens, *—pause—
and you waters \ above the heavens.
- Lectern side 5 Let them praise the Name of the / Lord; *—pause—
who commanded, and \ they were created.
- Organ side 6 The Lord made them stand fast for ever and / ever; *—pause—
and gave them a law which \ shall not pass away.
- Lectern side 7 Praise the Lord from the / earth, *—pause—
you sea-\ monsters and all deeps;
- Organ side 8 Fire and hail, snow and / fog, *—pause—
tempestuous wind, o-\ beying God's will;
- Lectern side 9 Mountains and all / hills, *—pause—
fruit trees \ and all cedars;
- Organ side 10 Wild beasts and all / cattle, *—pause—
creeping \ things and wing-éd birds;
- Lectern side 11 Kings of the earth and all / peoples, *
princes and all \ rulers of the world;

- Organ side 12 Young men and / maidens, *—*pause*—
old and \ young together.
- Lectern side 13 Let them praise the Name of the / Lord, *—*pause*—
for the name of the Lord only is exalted,
the splendor of the Lord is \ over earth and heaven.
- ALL 14 The Lord has raised up strength for the chosen people
and praise for all loyal / servants, *—*pause*—
the children of Israel, a people who are near to the Lord. \ Hallelujah!

Second Reading

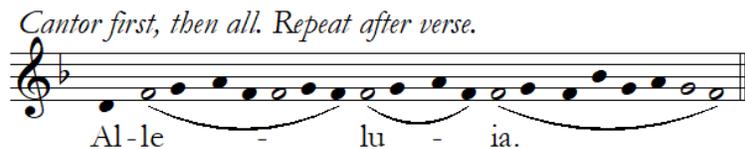
Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

Anthem *Love is Little* Shaker song, arr. Kevin Siegfried

Please stand for the The Great Alleluia S-70. Please turn to face the book of the Gospels for the reading.



Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

Acclamation before the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Acclamation after the Gospel: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Easter Troparion Christ is risen

adapted from Jeremiah Ingalls, 1805

Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death
and on those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Christ is ri - sen from the dead, tramp - ling down death by death and on those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, be - stow - ing life!"

Early American, Adapt. Richard Fabian (b. 1942)

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan

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

Nicene Creed, Hymnal 1982, S105

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Intro We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al - might-y,
ma - ker of hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve in
one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be - got - ten, not
made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther; through him all things were made. For us and for

The musical score for the Nicene Creed is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It features five systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al - might-y, ma - ker of hea - ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un - seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, e - ter - nal - ly be - got - ten of the Fa - ther, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be - got - ten, not made, of one Be - ing with the Fa - ther; through him all things were made. For us and for"

our sal - va-tion he came down from heav-en, by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit
 he be - came in - car - nate from the Vir - gin Ma - ry, and was made man.
 For our sake he was cru - ci - fied un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; he suf - fered death
 and was bur - ied. On the third day he rose a - gain in ac - cord - ance with the Scrip - tures;
 he a - scend - ed in - to hea - ven and is seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther. He will come a -
 - gain in glo - ry to judge the liv - ing and the dead, and his king - dom will have no end.
 We be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spi - rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro - ceeds from the
 Fa - ther and the Son, with the Fa - ther and the Son she is wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied. She has
 spo - ken through the pro - phets. We be - lieve in one ho - ly cath - o - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.
 We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins. We look for the re - sur -
 - rec - tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men.

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Leader: Mighty God, mover of stones, we pray for your Church throughout the world. We pray for your faithful people, for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Alan and Gayle, our bishops, for Pastor Lise, the wardens, vestry and search committee. Keep your Church alive and light, and transform by your loving power what is heavy or dead. Mighty God, mover of stones,
We place our hope in You.

Leader: Mighty God, mover of stones, we pray for those who do not yet know you to be a gracious and loving God, and for those who doubt or have turned away from belief. Work through our stones of despair, so that we may all be drawn into your joy and equipped as your disciples. Mighty God, mover of stones,
We place our hope in You.

Leader: Mighty God, mover of stones, we pray for all who need your resurrecting power in their lives: for those who are sick, injured, or dying, for those in jail, for the poor and unemployed, for those whose lives have been turned upside down by flood, earthquake, or fire, for those who have died and those who mourn. Mighty God, mover of stones,
We place our hope in You.

Leader: Mighty God, mover of stones, we pray for your beloved Creation, for all creatures and intertwined eco-systems. In the face of dwindling resources, mounting pollution, and wild climate changes--seemingly insurmountable problems--help us to place these boulders in your hands, that you may transform them and us into a new creation. Mighty God, mover of stones,
We place our hope in You.

Leader: Mighty God, mover of stones, we invite prayers of petition or thanksgiving at this time. (silence for spoken and silent petitions). Mighty God, mover of stones,
We place our hope in You.

Celebrant: Mighty God, mover of stones, you change the impossible and transform barren rock into fertile soil. We thank you for your resurrected Son, Jesus, who promises to be with us to the end of the ages. We give up all our stones into your tender care and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.** *We offer a sign of peace to those nearby.*

Parish notices & announcements

At the Offertory: **Offertory Hymn 754** in *Wonder, Love, and Praise*

Heywood's Home

1. When from bond - age
 2. When our God names
 3. Through all stag - es
 4. We must not lose
 5. See the prize our

we are sum - moned out of dark - ness in - to light, we must
 us a peo - ple, Je - sus leads us by the hand through a
 of the jour - ney Christ is with us, night and day, with com -
 sight of Je - sus, who ac - cept - ed pain and loss, who, for
 God has prom - ised: end - less life with Christ our Lord. Now we

go in hope and pa - tience, walk by faith and not by sight.
 lone - ly, bar - ren de - sert to a great and glo - rious land.
 pas - sion for our weak - ness ev' - ry step a - long the way. Let us
 joy of love un - meas - ured, dared em - brace the shame - ful cross.
 fix our eyes on Je - sus, walk by faith in Je - sus' word.

throw off all that hin - ders; let us run the race to win! Let us

has - ten to our home - land and, re - joic - ing, en - ter in. in.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 3, Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises as we shout with joy:

The Holy Eucharist II
 Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*

S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant: Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent

. . . And so, remembering all that was done for us . . . and presenting to you these gifts
 your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:
Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

. . . Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship
 you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and forever! AMEN.

As our Sa-viour Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer S148

Ambrosian Chant, harmonized by Mark Howe

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your King-dom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,
 as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,

and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power and the glo - ry are yours. Now and for ev - er. A - men

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The bread is broken.

Fraction Anthem WLP 877

Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Women: The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, is the com - mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ.

All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Men: One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, though man - y we share one bread.

All: The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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You are welcome at our altar. On receiving communion, see statement on inside front cover.

Communion Hymn 324

Picardy



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the



mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,



Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"



our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829-1885)

Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860 87. 87. 87

Postcommunion Prayer

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is Risen:

People: **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia**

Easter Blessing

Brigid of Gael

Let us arise today
Through a mighty strength:
God's power to guide us,
God's might to uphold us,
God's eyes to watch over us;
God's ear to hear us,
God's word to give us speech,
God's hand to guard us,
God's way to lie before us,
God's shield to shelter us,
God's host to secure us.
And may the triune God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit
bless us this day and in the days to come. **Amen.**

At the procession: **Final Hymn 657**

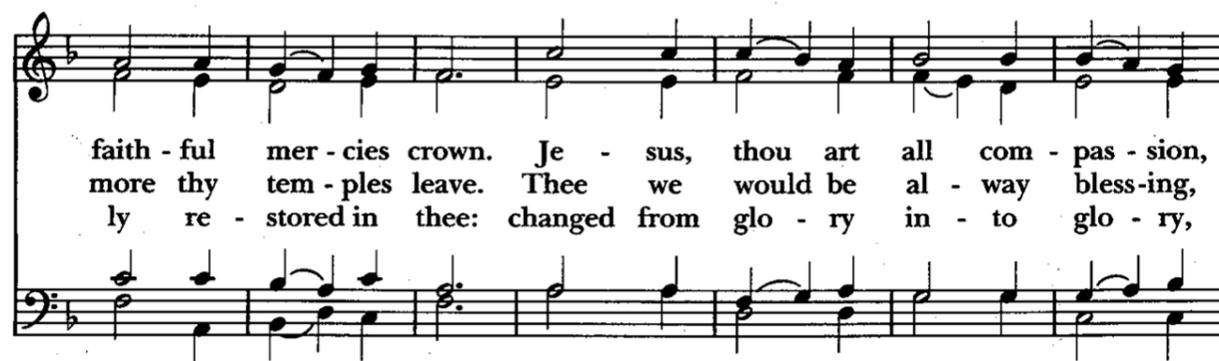
Hyfrydol



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - mighty to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

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The Dismissal S175 Response:

Thanks be to God. Al-le-lu - ia. al-le - lu - ia.

Voluntary

“Ticklin’ toes” from *Three Little Dances*

Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Saint John’s Church NEWS AND NOTES: May 15, 2022

Music Today: The choir sings a favorite anthem “Love is Little,” one of the Shaker Songs arranged by Kevin Siegfried. The Shakers were founded in England in 1747 and made their way to the US in the 1780s. Their beliefs, egalitarian structure, and charismatic worship flowered a rich communal lifestyle. Their common name comes from the song and dance tradition, unique at that time. **Organ Music Today:** We will hear organ music by Florence Price, an African American composer, organist, pianist and music teacher. Born in Little Rock, educated at New England Conservatory, she was active in Chicago from 1927 until her death in 1943. She was the first woman of color who was recognized as a symphonic composer with her 4 symphonies performed by major American orchestras. She left over 300 works in all performing genres. We will hear several of her short works for both piano and organ.

Summer Worship Schedule Starts May 29: On May 29, St. John's will have one service at 9 am, which will continue through Labor Day weekend. Following the service on the 29th, in lieu of a closing voluntary, Mark will provide his popular Memorial Day sing along.

Visioning Task Force: A call for one or two more members. The vestry is commissioning a “visioning task force” to gather information and explore new ways for St. John’s to minister in Cape Ann in the 2020’s. The task force will commit to one of two 6-month programs that emphasize listening in the community, thinking outside the box, and discerning the Spirit’s movement to a new vision and presence for St. John’s. Are you interested? Contact Pastor Lise or the wardens ASAP!

Zoom Coffee Hour, aka “Reliable Joy,” WILL NOT MEET TODAY, but will resume next Sunday at 12:30 pm. Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

Open Door Special Food Drive Update: Thanks to all who brought in food and personal care items for the Open Door Food Pantry! Items were delivered to the pantry on Wednesday and weighed in at **277** pounds!

The Bishop is HERE! We are delighted to welcome Bishop Gayle Harris to our 10:30 service today. Following the service, she will host an “open forum” during our expanded coffee hour and then meet with the vestry and search committee. Please come and give her a warm welcome! Bring any questions you have for her.

I’M A GOOD PERSON! ISN’T THAT ENOUGH? Race & Racism Workshop, TODAY, May 15, 2-5, Church of St. Andrew, 135 Lafayette Street, Marblehead, Mass. Featuring Debby Irving, racial justice educator & author of Waking Up White. Workshop designed to support white-bodied people in making a key paradigm shift: from trying to “fix” and “help” Black and brown-bodied people, to acknowledging internalized views of white superiority and understanding how such views perpetuate racism at all levels. **FREE.** More information & registration: www.standrewsmhd.org/racismworkshop

Creation Retreat at Eastern Point June 2nd: CACC Interfaith Climate Justice Retreat "Befriending Earth, Befriending Each Other" is Thursday, June 2, 2022 10 am - 5 pm at the Eastern Point Retreat House (Gloucester). On Cape Ann, faith communities are addressing the climate crisis through prayer, education, and local action. By coming together for a day of spiritual practice and sharing, we will commit to greater care and healing of Cape Ann and the world. We will inspire each other to take even more powerful action with others. We are looking for at least one more person to attend with Pastor Lise and a parishioner from St. John’s. Cost is \$60 per person and includes lunch. Talk to Pastor Lise ASAP if you are interested and she will register the group.

Special Gathering to Honor Mark Nelson, Friday, June 3, 6:00 pm. Mark Nelson is retiring! Please celebrate with us for a joyful gathering with food, drink, music and sharing in the sanctuary to honor Mark (and David, too!). Please RSVP (and or sign up to bring food) at your earliest convenience by emailing Marge at marge@stjohnsgloucester.org or call the office at 978-283-1708.

Collections for Ukrainian Crisis: Please consider making a donation to the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund of Episcopal Relief & Development THIS week. Our Bishops urge all congregations to support the fund. Fund information is HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/ukraine-diomass>.

Action Lunches Starting Up Again: There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please join us in this important ministry. You can make the lunches in your own home. For questions contact Carolyn at 978-314-1381 or carolynstewart314@gmail.com.

Vestry Notes for May 10, 2022 via Zoom

- The Vestry has set up the summer schedule of services. The summer schedule at St. John’s, a single service at 9AM, will begin on May 29th the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend and run through September 4th the Sunday of Labor Day weekend.
- Mark’s Retirement Party will be Friday Evening June 3rd and will include friends from St. John’s past and present as well as his friends from the Organ community. Our gift to Mark will be a “purse”, a monetary gift to use as he wishes. To contribute to the gift please drop off your donation at the office. If you use a check please make it out to St. John’s Church and note in the memo line “For Mark”. If you want to contribute food or drink to share at the party please email Marge or call the office at 978-283-1708.
- The Food drive for the Open Door was very successful. The food we collected will fill several cars and will be delivered to the Open Door this week. Look for some photos and media stories about the drive in the coming days. Thanks to all who donated and thanks to Claudette for her leadership on this important project.
- Bishop Gayle Harris will be with us at 10:30AM this Sunday May 15th for the service, the Coffee Hour and a joint meeting of the Vestry and the Search Committee. During the Coffee Hour, the Bishop will host an “open forum” with parishioners. Donations of food to make it a special occasion are welcome. Setting up the Parish Hall for the meeting will take place on Sunday morning starting at 9:30AM. To help with set up, call or email Pastor Lise at lise@stjohnsgloucester.org or 351-217-9209.
- Mark Nelson’s last Sunday as Music director will be June 12th and a special coffee hour is planned.
- Pastor Lise will be taking some days off and will not be available from May 23rd through June 1st. Sunday services on May 29th will be led by the Reverend Janie Donohue.

- The Wardens and Pastor Lise are in the process of hiring a Music Director for the summer and will in the next few days post the position of Interim Music Director. The Interim Music Director will be with St. John's at least until a new Rector arrives.
- The Vestry met with the Rev. Martha Hubbard, Regional Canon, to talk about forming a visioning task force to explore how St. John's might redevelop its mission in the larger community. Canon Martha explained the needed paradigm shift--from "building-centered ministry" (get people HERE) to going into the community, seeing what God is doing there, and connect/collaborate with it with our unique gifts as a faith community. Three people have already been identified for this team, and they will be choosing among two programs to support the process over the next 6 or 7 months. If others are interested, contact Pastor Lise.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 15, 2022

Participating in the Liturgy	<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Celebrant & Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan
Bishop's Chaplain	The Rev. Pete Jeffrey, Deacon
Host	The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Lector	Rick Britton
Acolyte	Bill Melvin
LEM	Claudette Chmura
Usher	Tom Chmura
Musicians	The Parish Choir, Mark Nelson, Music Director & Organist
Altar Guild	Karen Kasper & Melanie Murray-Brown
Flower Guild	Carolyn Stewart

Coffee Hour today is hosted by Carolyn Stewart, Dori Mottola, Karen Kasper and Ellen Sibley.

Action Shelter Sandwiches were provided by Dori Mottola and Chuck Everett this weekend. Need folks for June 4.

Please sign up for future dates including flower and lamp, Action Sandwiches and coffee hour. Sign ups are on the kiosk in the parish hall.

St. John's Intercession List: Hope Newhouse, Bo Goldman, Nate Mook, Steve Jencks, Lily Newhouse, Ace Newhouse, Don Cole, Charlie Bishop, Rosemary Sullivan, Cecily Merrill, Ernie Runnells, Barker family, Baxter family, Marjorie Fergusson, Sarah Hackett, Jack Ketchopoulos, 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, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Sereda Feener, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming. Contact prayer list manager: Joan Gorga 978-283-5926 or jmgorga@yahoo.com



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2023 – Katharine Newhouse, Jane Ward, Carol Ann Zapustas

2024 – Doug Parsons, Janet Knott, Melanie Murray-Brown

2025 – Steve Jencks, Dori Mottola