

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

The First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am March 6, 2022

LENT

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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!

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.

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 your 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
Hymn 150

Little Partita on *Aus der Tiefe*

James Woodman (born 1957)
Aus der Tiefe

1. Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.
2. Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?
3. Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint or fall!
4. So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.
5. Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan 1822-1870

Music Martin Herbst, 1654-1681

Celebrant To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
People **O my God, in you I trust.**
Celebrant You are the God of my salvation;
People **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
Celebrant In you I hope all the day long.
People **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.

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The Holy Eucharist

Holy God *Trisagion*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

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

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together the Collect of the day.

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91:1-2,9-16

Please join in singing the verses as directed

Qui habitat



- Cantor: 1 You who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High, *
abide under the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
2 You shall say to the Lord, "You are my refuge and my | stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my | trust."
- All: 9 **Because you have made the Lord your | refuge, ***
and the Most High your habit- | ation,
10 **There shall no evil happen | to you, ***
neither shall any plague come near your | dwelling.
- Cantor: 11 For God shall give his angels charge | over you, *
to keep you in all your | ways.
12 They shall bear you in their | hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a | stone.
- All: 13 **You shall tread upon the lion and | adder; ***
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your | feet.
14 **Because they are bound to me in love, therefore will I de- | liver them; ***
I will protect them, because they know my | Name.
15 **They shall call upon me, and I will | answer them; ***
I am with them in trouble; I will rescue them and bring them to | honor.
16 **With long life will I satis- | fy them, ***
and show them my | salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Anthem

Listed in the Sunday News

Anthem

A Canon with words by Rumi

Dale Zola

Come, come whoever you are, worshipper, wanderer, lover of leaving.
Ours is not a caravan of despair. Though you have broken your vows
a thousand times come, come again come.

Please stand for the Tract

Cantor first, then all. Repeat after verse.



Holy Gospel

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

Luke 4:1-13

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

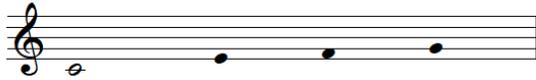
Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ***

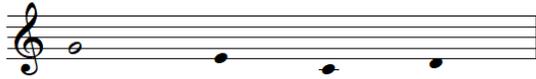
Sermon

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest

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



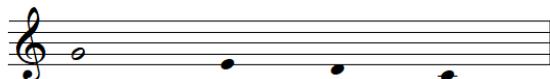
Cantor We believe / in One God,
People **the Father, / the Almighty,**
maker of / heav'n and earth,
of all that is, seen / and unseen.



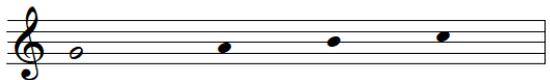
Cantor We believe in one Lord, / Jesus Christ,
People **the only Son of God, eternally begotten / of the Father,**
God from God, / Light from Light,
true God from true God, begot- / ten, not made,
of one Being / with the Father.
Through him all / things were made.



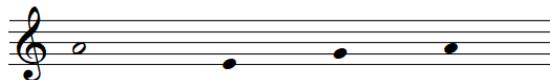
Cantor For us and for our salvation he came / down from heaven:
People **by the power of the / Holy Spirit**
he became incarnate from the / Virgin Mary,
and / was made man.



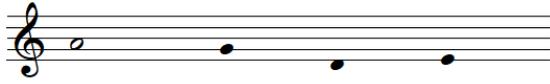
Cantor For our sake he was crucified under / Pontius Pilate;
People **he suffered death / and was buried.**



Cantor On the third day he rose again in accordance / with the Scriptures;
People **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 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giv- / er of life,
People **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.



Cantor A - - - - - men.

People **A - - - - - men.**

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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

At the Offertory:

Hymn: When We are Tested

Slane



When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone, fam - ished for
 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief, plead - ing for
 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls, trad - ing the
 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night, sort - ing and



bread when the world of - fers stone, nour - ish us, God, by your
 paths marked by cer - tain be - lief, lift us to love you be-
 truth for the power to con - trol, teach us to wor - ship and
 sift - ing the wrong from the right, Sav - ior, sur - round us with



word and your way, food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
 - yond sign and test, trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
 praise on - ly you, seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
 cir - cles of care, an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

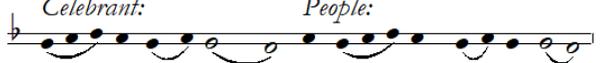
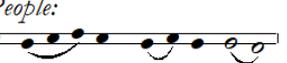
Words: Ruth Duck (born 1947)
 Music: Irish Traditional

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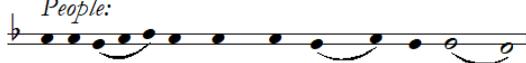
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B, Book of Common Prayer p. 367

Celebrant:  *People:* 
 The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant:  *People:* 
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: 
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 
 It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

Cantor: Ho - ly, All: ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

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

At the acclamation in the prayer:

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.

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.

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The Holy Eucharist II

Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.**

Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.

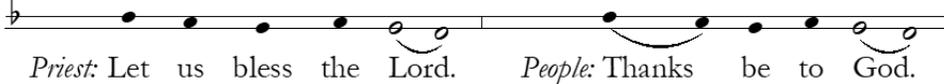
The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be
in your own image we were made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you forever live,
in love and unity and peace.

Dismissal S174



Voluntary

Prayer for Ukraine & The Ukrainian National Anthem

Lysenko & Verbytsky

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

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 6, 2022

Music Today: Last Sunday I appended the Ukrainian National Anthem to the closing voluntary, unannounced. Many of my colleagues did this as well, and this has also happened at concert halls and other music venues all over the world. I'll do this again today, this time preceded with "Prayer for Ukraine." The American Guild of Organists (AGO) has urged its members to program music of women writers and composers. We're doing this almost every Sunday. Today features two. The choir anthem is a canon (aka round) by the singer/songwriter Dale Zola. <https://dalezola.com/> She has a whole collection of songs on her website and one can find recordings of many there and on YouTube. Ruth Duck, writer of the Offertory Hymn, was born in 1947 and is a leading UCC theologian and has written more than 150 hymns. She is one of my favorite writers. Check out her story: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruth_C._Duck.

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

Vestry Anti-Bias Training today at 1 pm. As part of the transition process, both vestry and search committee receive anti-bias training, to develop skills to identify and overcome implicit (unconscious) bias.

Vestry Meeting this Tuesday, March 8, at 7 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

Second Annual Cape Ann Museum COVID Memorial, this Thursday, March 10. The Cape Ann Museum will be hosting a COVID memorial on its downtown campus, 27 Pleasant Street, Gloucester, from 6-8 pm on March 10. This program is free and open to the public, reservations are required. It will also be live-streamed on Facebook and Vimeo. Details here: <https://tinyurl.com/cam-covid-mem2>

"Reconciliation: Putting a Burden Down": A Lenten Quiet Day led by the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, on Saturday, March 19, 9:30 a.m.-noon, on Zoom. No cost. All are welcome. Through brief presentations and conversation, as well as silent prayer and guided meditation, this online Lenten retreat will give space to explore and to pray about the places in our lives where God may be inviting us to let go our burdens of resentment, guilt or shame. Register HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/lent-quiet>.

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 from March 8-15. Pastor Lise will be traveling to see family during the coming week. The Rev. Janie Donohue will preach and celebrate worship at St. John's next Sunday (the 13th). In case of pastoral emergencies, please contact Ellen Sibley (978-290-2115) or Karen Kasper (978-302-7814).

David Briggs plays our Fisk organ next 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.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Next Saturday, March 12: "Spring Ahead!" Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday night.

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Participating in the Liturgy	<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Reader	Hunter Ward
Acolyte	Geoff Pope
LEM	Carolyn Stewart
Usher	Tom Chmura
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 Jason Merced given by Jean Dyett.

St. John's Intercession List: 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 jmgorga@yahoo.com

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

Food Bank: donations of any items are welcome as long as they have not expired



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