

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King
November 22, 2020



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

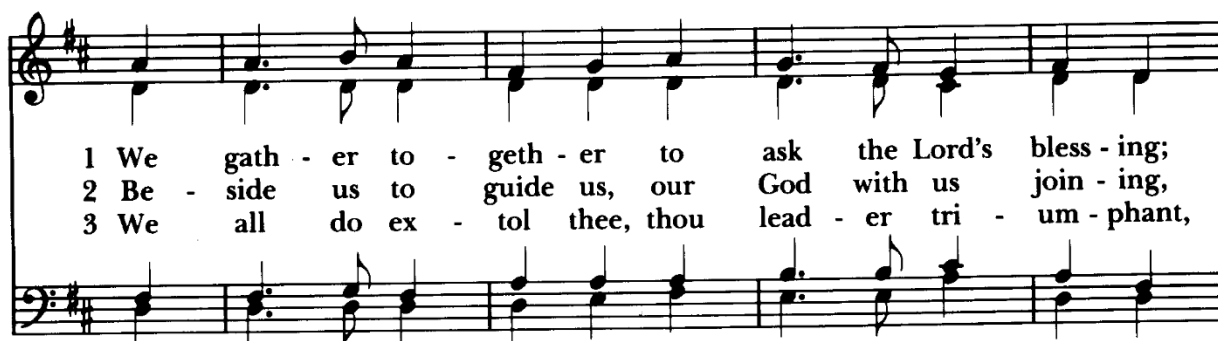
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Music Notes

Interestingly, the lectionary appoints a portion of Psalm 95 for this Sunday ... nearly the same as the Invitatory Psalm that we've sung up until recently. So we'll reprise that familiar tune. Our hymns are well connected with our celebrating Thanksgiving this week, and yet are still reflective of the readings. Organ music is based on the beloved hymn "Now Thank We All Our God." Happy Thanksgiving to all. Advent is just around the corner!

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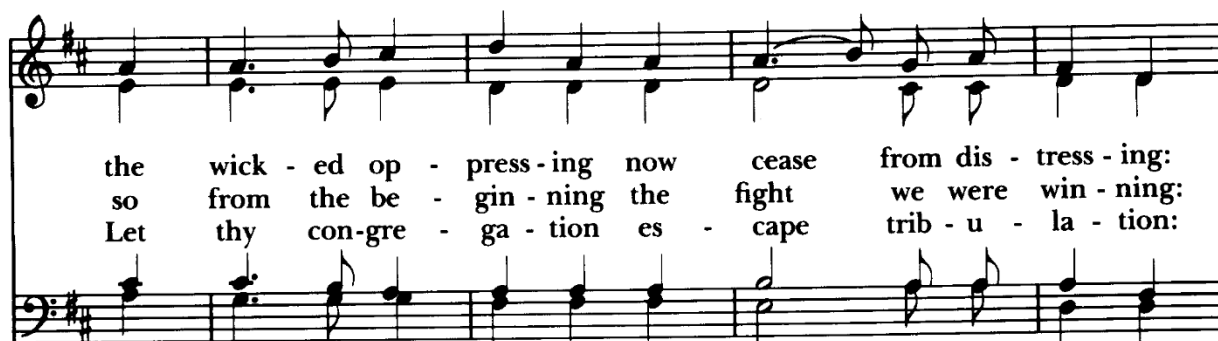
Please join in singing the Hymn



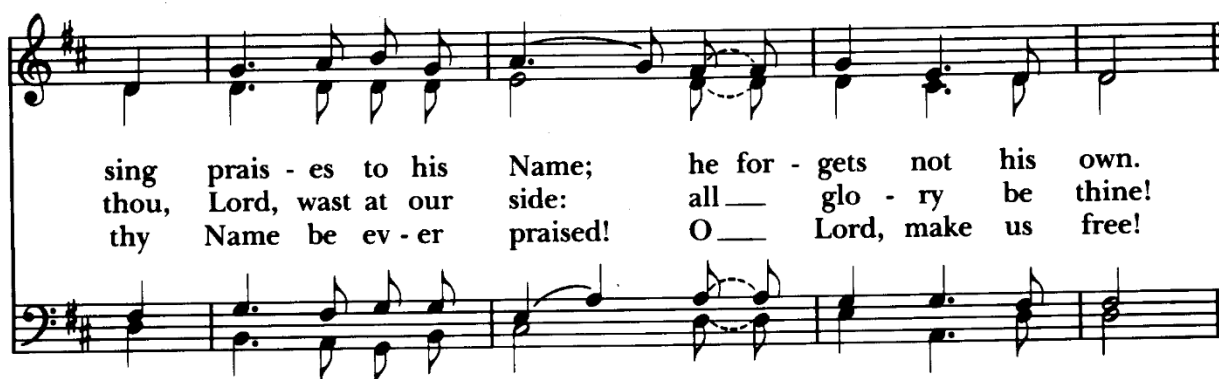
1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,



he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.



the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all — glo - ry be thine!
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O — Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Music: Kremser, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

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All stand

Officiant Thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy, "I dwell in the high and holy place and also with the one who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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. Alleluia.**

Please join in singing a metrical setting of the Invitatory Jubilate (Psalm 100):

Jubilate: O Be Joyful in the Lord



O be joy - ful in the Lord! Sing be - fore him, all the earth!
Know ye that the Lord is King! All his works his wis - dom prove!
En - ter now his ho - ly gate: Let our bur - dened hearts be still;
For the Lord our God is kind, and his love shall con - stant be;



Praise him with a glad ac - cord And with lives of no - blest worth.
By his might the hea - vens ring; in his love we live and move.
In the sa - cred si - lence wait, as we seek to know his will.
In his will our peace we find; in his ser - vice, li - ber - ty.



Through - out ev' - ry land, hum - bly now be - fore him stand!
By him we are made, so we trust him un - a - fraid.
Let our lives ex - press our a - bun - dant thank - ful - ness;
Yea, his law is sure; in his light we walk se - cure;



Raise your voice and re - joice in the bount - y of his hand.
Stand - ing fast to the last, by his hand our lives are stayed.
All our days, all our ways, shall our Fa - ther's love con - fess.
Ev - er - more, as of yore, shall his change - less truth en - dure.

Words: Paraphrase of Psalm 100, Curtis Beach (1914-1993)

Music: FINLAY Harold W. Friedell (1905-1953)

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Psalm 95

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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, _____



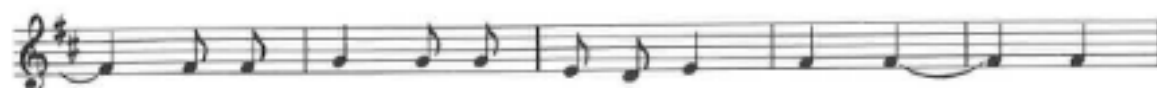
_____ and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. _____ 3. For the



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



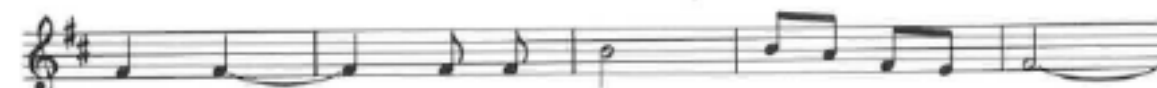
mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



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



he is our God, — and we are the peo - ple 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)

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Please join in singing a metrical setting of Canticle B *Prinsquam errarem*:

Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16, 20b-22

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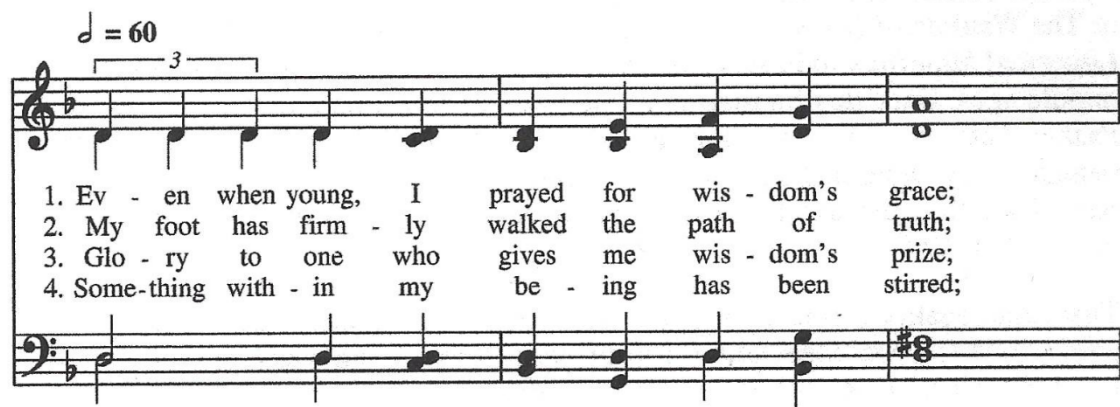
A Song of Pilgrimage

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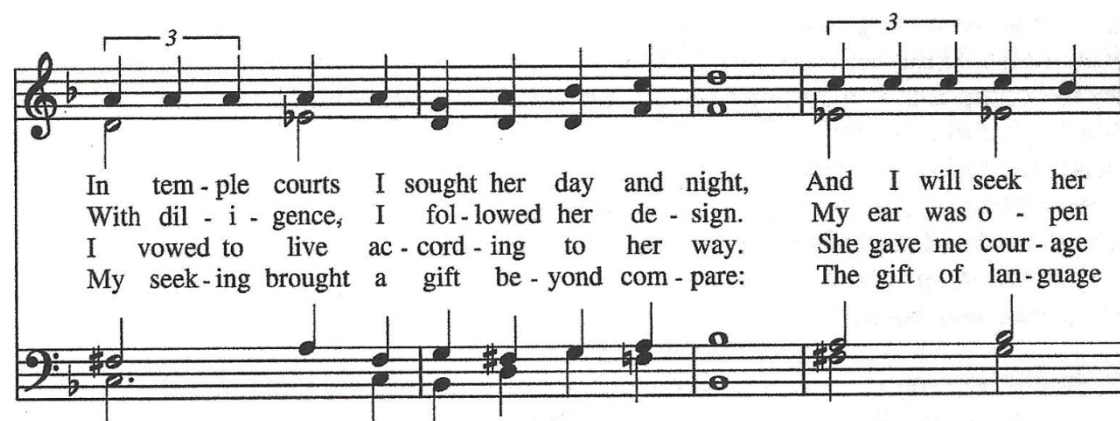
Priusquam errarem

Canticle B (metrical paraphrase)


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1. Ev - en when young, I prayed for wis - dom's grace;
 2. My foot has firm - ly walked the path of truth;
 3. Glo - ry to one who gives me wis - dom's prize;
 4. Some-thing with - in my be - ing has been stirred;



In tem - ple courts I sought her day and night, And I will seek her
 With dil - i - gence, I fol - lowed her de - sign. My ear was o - pen
 I vowed to live ac - cord - ing to her way. She gave me cour - age
 My seek - ing brought a gift be - yond com - pare: The gift of lan - guage



to the ver - y end; she is my heart's de - light.
 to re - ceive her words; Now wis - dom's skill is mine.
 from the ve - ry start; She will not let me stray.
 loosed my halt - ing tongue; God's praise is now my prayer.

Words: Patricia B. Clark (b. 1938)

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Music: *Diligence*, Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

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Please join in singing Canticle 6, *Gloria in excelsis*:

Gloria S202

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Glo-ry be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee,
 we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great
 glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al-might-y.
 O Lord, the on-ly-be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
 Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. Thou that tak-est a-
 way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that sit-test at the right hand of God the
 Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou
 on-ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of God the
 Fa-ther. A-men.

Third Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Please join in singing the Apostles' Creed:

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please join in singing:

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

Words: Martin Rinckart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.

Music: *Nun danket alle Gott*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662);

harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

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.**

Participating in the Liturgy	<i>The People of God gathered</i>
Officiant & Preacher	The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector
Lector	Doug Parsons
Singers	Carol McKenzie, Katharine Newhouse, Alex Garcia-Mata, Maggie Marshall, Chuck Everett, and David Oliver.
Organist & Music Director	Mark Nelson

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