

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH GLOUCESTER MASSACHUSETTS



Late Autumn & Advent Sundays 2021—10:30 am

Welcome

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Please return these to the bins at the entrances through Dec 19.

Please silence pagers and cell phones.

But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him Habakkuk 2:20

Voluntary

*Listed in the **Sunday News**.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living One.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Celebrant reads an opening sentence from Scripture.

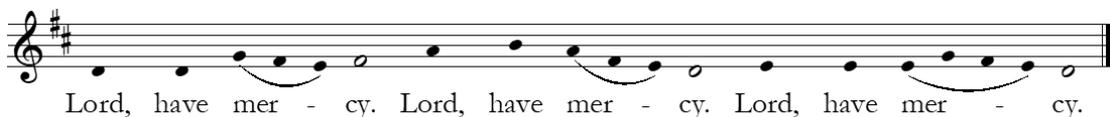
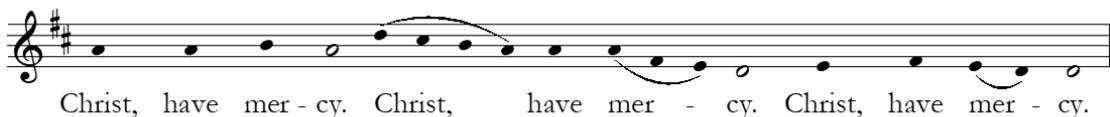
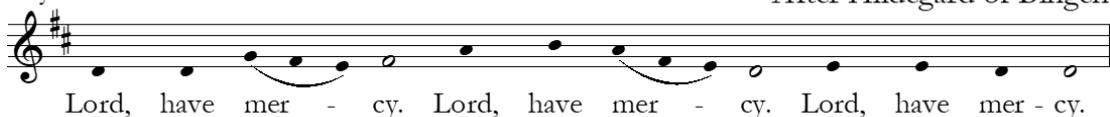
Please be seated.

A period of meditative time is kept. The random bell sounds and Shruti Box will undergird this time. You may wish to hum along matching a pitch or in harmony.

*Then is sung the **Kyrie**, each line sung by a cantor and repeated by all.*

Kyrie WLP842

After Hildegard of Bingen



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Celebrant God is with you
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. *Join in reading the Collect in the **Sunday News**.*

Please be seated for the readings

First Reading

*The readings are listed in the **Sunday News**.*

*Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.***

Psalm or Canticle

*Please join in singing as indicated in the **Sunday News**.*

Second Reading

*Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.***

Anthem or other music

*The music is listed in the **Sunday News**.*

Please stand for the **Alleluia** & the reading of the Gospel

Cantor first, then all. Repeat after verse.



Holy Gospel

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

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

Homily

The Rev. Lise Hildebrand, Interim Priest

*We stand and sing a metrical setting of **The Apostles' Creed:***



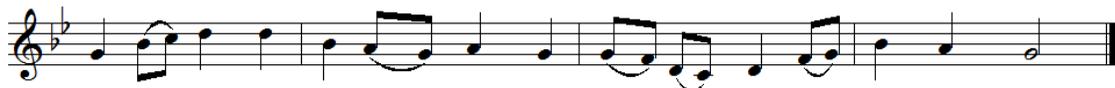
I be-lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,
I be-lieve that Je - sus suf-fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
I be-lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with-in



Ma-ker of the earth and heav-ens, Keep-er of the sky and sea.
tak-en from the cross, was bur-ied True Life there had tru - ly died.
one Church, cath-o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give-ness frees from sin;



I be-lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ
I be-lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave.
in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break-ing of death's chain



Of the Spi - rit and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun-dant life.
then as-cend-ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

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Music: Alexander Johnson's Tennessee Harmony, 1818

Prayers of the People

Adapted from Ormande Plater
<https://www.episcopaldeacons.org/ormande-plater-archive.html>

Celebrant: As we keep awake for the coming of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who prepares a light for our path.

Intercessor: For the peace of the world, and for our unity in Christ.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For *Alan and Gayle* our bishops and all bishops, for the presbyters, for the deacons and all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For the church throughout the world and the faithful in every place.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For the leaders of the nations and all in authority.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For justice, peace, and freedom among peoples of the earth.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For the dying and the dead.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need.

People: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

Intercessor: For all other needs or thanksgivings, that we name silently or aloud.

Intercessor: Joining our voices with Saint John, the Blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant: O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you for ever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

All: **Merciful God, we have sinned
in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done
and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance:
we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry.
We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory sentence

Hymn

Listed in the Sunday News & hymnboard.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP p. 369

Please join in the response in Bold type.

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus Hymnal S124

David Hurd

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en 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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And so, Father/Mother God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

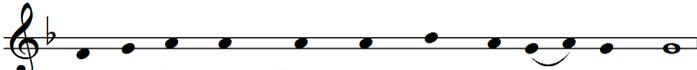
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

God of our Ancestors; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel; God and Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let

the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

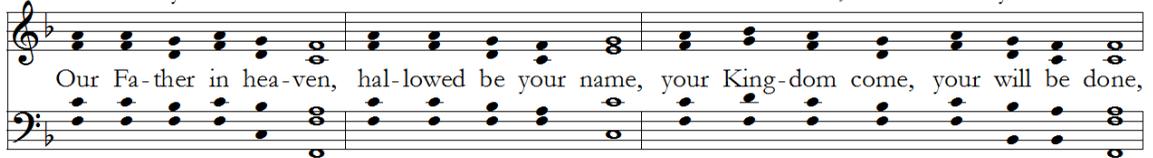
Accept these prayers and praises, Holy One, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**



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

The Lord's Prayer S148

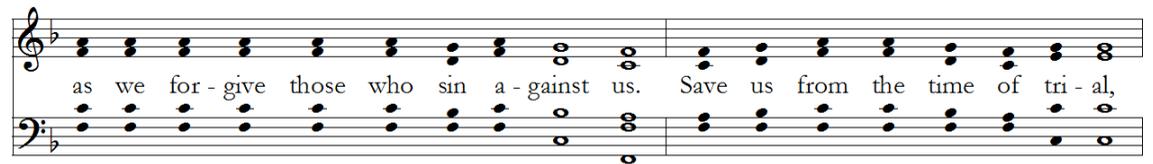
Ambrosian Chant, harmonized by Mark Howe



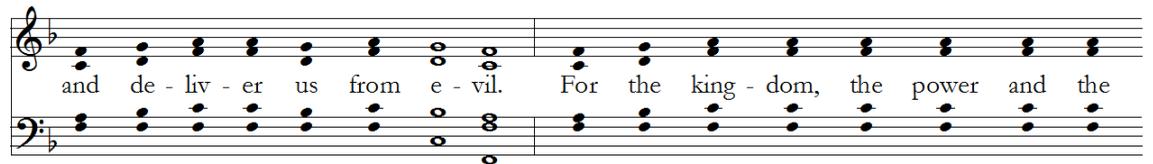
Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your King-dom come, your will be done,



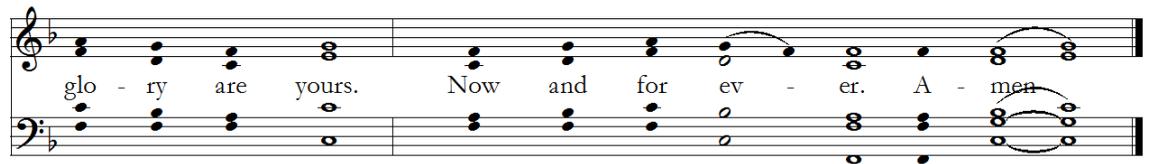
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins,



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 Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The tempo/style is marked 'Cantor or Choir'. The lyrics are: 'My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them. My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.' The score includes first and second endings, with 'All' markings indicating where the choir or cantor should enter. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Setting: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion music.

Hymn

Listed in the Sunday News & hymnboard.

Final Prayer: Loving God,
 we give you thanks
 for restoring us in your image
 and nourishing us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
 Now send us forth
 a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
 that we may proclaim your love to the world
 and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.

The Dismissal *Celebrant* Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.
People **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Voluntary

Listed in the Sunday News.

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