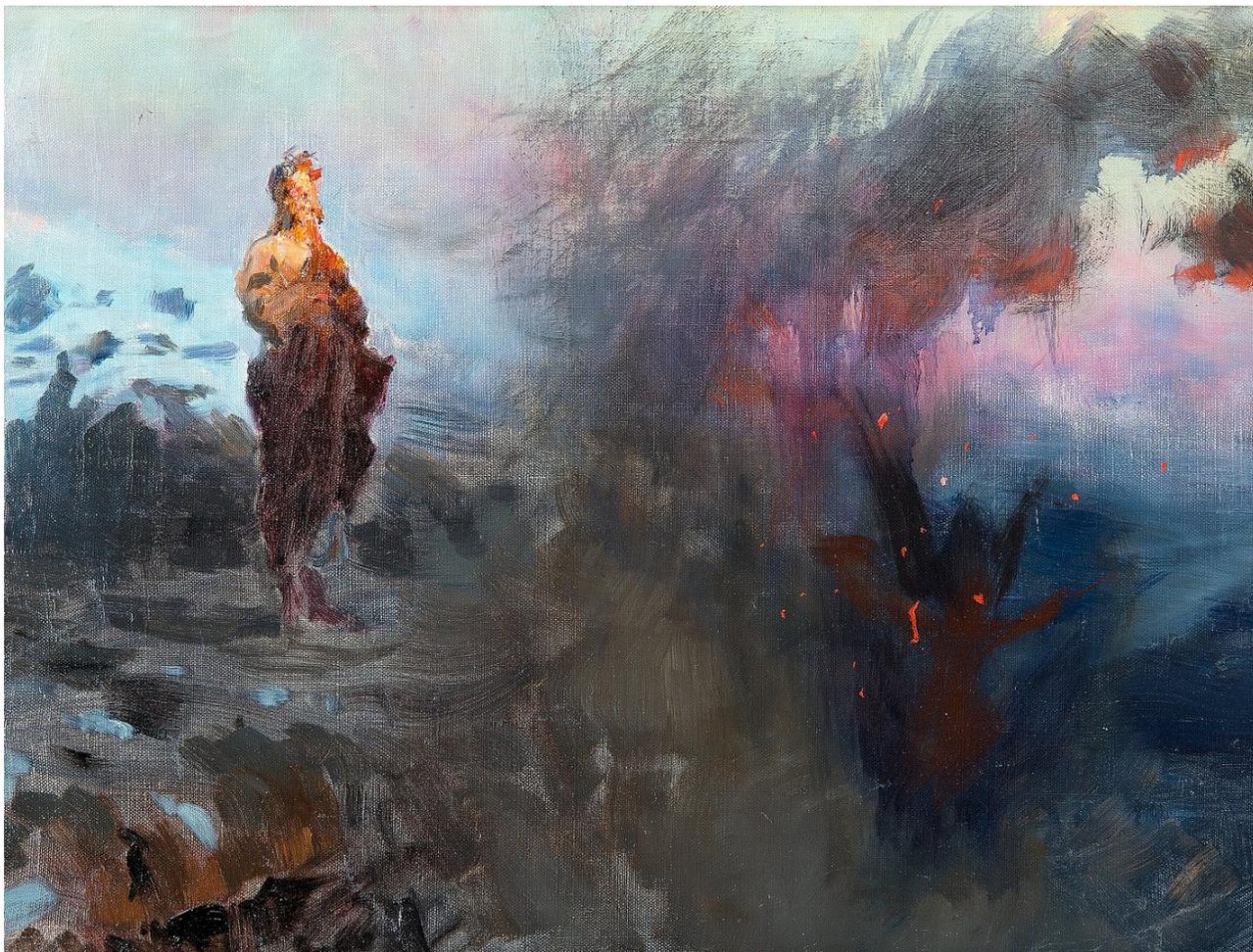


Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The First Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2020



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

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Music Notes 🎵

Our first hymn is 150 “Forty Days and Forty Nights” sets the stage for Lent. SSJE organist and composer James Woodman set this hymn as a “Partita,” 4 short meditations on this same tune which really mark the important journey we begin, this year even more focused on our isolation, brokenness, as well as hopeful. I have chosen to feature these settings to frame our worship today.

For Lent we’ll feature a new Trisagion by Marty Wheeler Burnett, the new Church Music professor at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). The Trisagion is an ancient text which literally means “Thrice Holy” and is repeated 3 times. With a simple flute and bell accompaniment I hope you will sing along.

We’ll sing a metrical setting of Canticle 9, the First Song of Isaiah, from Isaiah 12:2-6. Zebulon Highben (who also gets a prize for a great name) adapted the words to one of my favorite hymns in the hymnal, #536 “Open your ears, O faithful people,” AKA: Torah Song. This is fun to sing. And you can dance too, no one (outside of your household) will see you!

Ana Hernandez composed a “meditation,” a paraphrase of Canticle N, “A Song of God’s Love.” The text from 1 John 4:7-11: ”Beloved, let us love one another...” Her setting gently allows us to sing along with new layers adding depth. Check out her website for more music: anahernandez.com.

“When we are tested” by Ruth Duck is our final hymn. It was written to reference Luke 4:1-11, the Gospel for Lent 1C. Although this year’s Gospel reading doesn’t get into the details of Satan’s testing of Jesus so much, this hymn text does seem to comment upon some of the current testing we’ve been living with for the past year. Ruth Duck is a UCC ordained pastor and holds a MA from Notre Dame. For years she was professor of Worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston Illinois.

The Choir is singing together Compline via Zoom on Thursday nights during Lent; Perhaps you’d like to join us, just send a note to Mark (mark@stjohnsgloucester.org) and he’ll include you in the Thursday invite. You can listen to the most recent Compline here: <https://youtu.be/lb2kdYqv1SI>

Voluntary

Hymn 150 Partita, I & II

James Woodman

Please join in singing hymn 150:

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870), alt.

Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.;
 harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

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All stand

Officiant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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 the invitatory hymn:

7 Gracious and upright is the / Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners \ in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing / right *
and teaches his way \ to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and / faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant \ and his testimonies.

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Canticle 9: a metrical setting

First Song of Isaiah (12:2-6)

Torah Song



Sure - ly God is my sal - va - tion, I will trust and shall not fear.
Thus with joy you shall draw wa - ter from sal - va - tion's wells and spring.
Tell the na - tions of God's glo - ry, make this known in all the earth.



God the Lord is strong and might - y, my sal - va - tion true.
Sing your thanks to God Al - might - y for these won - drous deeds.
Praise the Lord, the God of Is - rael, call up - on God's name.



Shout a - loud and sing for joy, O daugh - ter Zi - on!



Great in your midst is the Lord, the Ho - ly One!

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:18-22

You Are Beloved (Canticle N)

Ana Hernandez

First system of musical notation for 'You Are Beloved'. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) with lyrics: 'You are be-love-ed, be-loved of God for God is Love.' The middle staff has lyrics: 'You are loved for God is love. God is Love.' The bottom staff has lyrics: 'You are be-loved for God is love. You are be-loved of God.' The music is in a major key with three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the bottom staff.

Second system of musical notation for 'You Are Beloved'. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a grand staff with lyrics: 'So let us love one an-oth-er for God is love.' The middle staff has lyrics: 'So let us love, for God is love, for God is love.' The bottom staff has lyrics: 'So let us love one an-oth-er for God is love.' The music continues in the same key and time signature as the first system, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Third Reading

Mark 1:9-15

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 God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect of Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee; for the honor of thy Name. **Amen.**

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 General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of
grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. 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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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