



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GLOUCESTER MASSACHUSETTS
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Morning Prayer—the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 15, 2021

“Sing psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs among yourselves,
singing and making melody to the
Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to
God the Father at all times and for
everything in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ.”

Ephesians 5

Please wear a mask inside the church for the safety of yourself and others. In this way you show your loving care for those you worship with. Masked singing is allowed for those who are fully vaccinated. We will also do our best to maintain social distancing. If you're not feeling well please stay home!

Welcome

Be you a regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor, we hope you will enjoy our fellowship! St John's worship, Sunday Adult Forums, and other programs are always open to everyone. Come and check us out! Children are always welcome at worship in St. John's Church!

First time in our Church?

We are delighted that you are here! For some visitors our customs are very familiar, for others they are completely new. If you are among the latter group, RELAX, there is nothing that you can do by accident that will cause offense! Ask an usher, watch your neighbors, go with the flow. Introduce yourself to our Priest and Wardens and sign our guest book.

Restrooms: There are three: one on each level at the far end of the building from our worship space. Exit the door opposite the organ and follow the signs.

Children in Church: 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. Please use the play area at the front of the pews on the right, or the Thompson Room, at any time, no matter what part of the service is going on, if they will help you or your child(ren). The Thompson Room has a table, chairs, couches, carpeted space, and a PA system that will let you hear what is going on in church. Nursing mothers may breastfeed there or in church. Your child's comfort, safety, and well-being are your proper concern, and we support you in fulfilling that obligation

Participating in the Liturgy	<i>The People of God gathered in St. John's Church</i>
Officiant	Rick Britton
Lector	Dori Mottola
Acolyte	Bill Melvin
Ushers	Tom Chmura & Ian Bedford
Musician	Mark Nelson, Music Director & Organist
Altar Guild	
Flower Guild	Fozzie Hill

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Voluntary

Voluntary in C major

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Please stand for the hymn

Hymn 475

God himself is with us

Tysk

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us 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 sing the Venite:

S 35

Daily Morning Prayer II

The Invitatory: Venite



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! _____

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Canticle:

Organ

1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of praise; glo-ry to you.

2. Glo-ry to you for the ra-di-ance of your ho-ly name; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

3. Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty, glo-ry to you.

4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be-tween the Cher-u-bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

5. Glo-ry to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you.

6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

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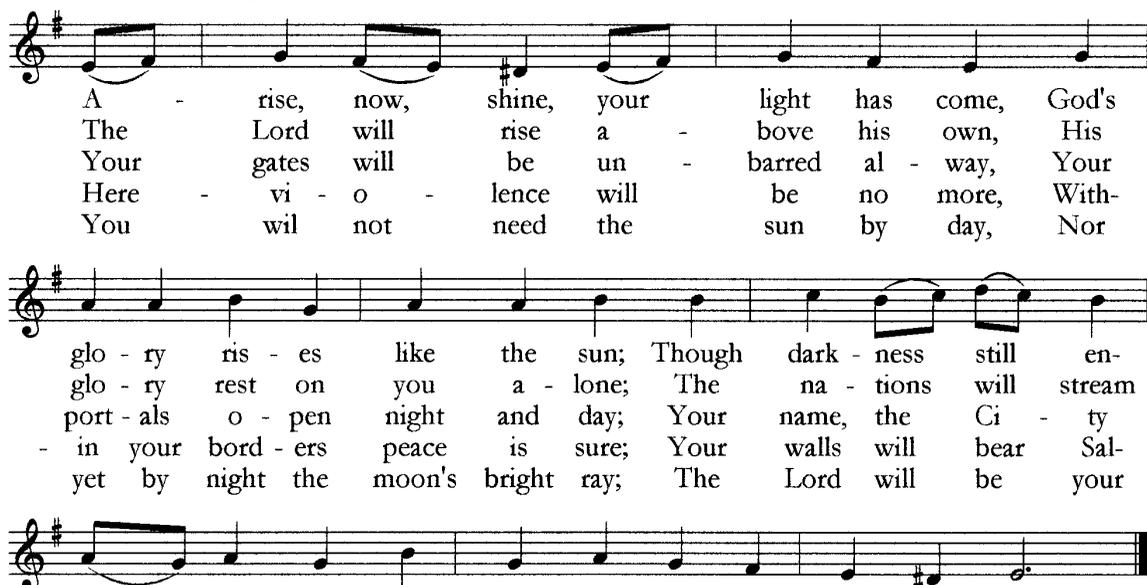
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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Canticle 11: Surge illuminare (metrical setting)



A - rise, now, shine, your light has come, God's
The Lord will rise a - bove his own, His
Your gates will be un - barred al - way, Your
Here - vi - o - lence will be no more, With-
You wil not need the sun by day, Nor

glo - ry ris - es like the sun; Though dark - ness still en-
glo - ry rest on you a - lone; The na - tions will stream
port - als o - pen night and day; Your name, the Ci - ty
- in your bord - ers peace is sure; Your walls will bear Sal-
yet by night the moon's bright ray; The Lord will be your

- shrouds the land, Deep gloom re - mains on ev - ery hand.
to your light, And kings come to your dawn - ing bright.
of the Lord, Zi - on, on whom his love is poured.
- va - tion's name, Your gates the name of Praise shall claim.
shin - ing light, And God your glo - ry day and night.

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Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, 1545, harm. J. S. Bach

Third Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Please stand for the 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 *Please continue standing or kneel.*

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

**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.**

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For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*We pray for the Church of Southern Africa. (Anglican Cycle of Prayer)
We pray for Parishes of the Neponset River Deanery, Christ Church, Hyde Park
(Boston), Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park (Boston), Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan
(Boston) Church of the Advent, Medfield, and Sextons and Custodians (Diocesan Cycle
of Prayer)*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Gayle our Bishops; and for all
bishops and other ministers, *including our parish leadership in this transitory time;*
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. For all those we name silently or aloud now.

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially *Claire Lu Thomas (Lynn Runnells' sister), Mary McCarl, Susan Richardson, and Lois Ann Johnson*, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin (August 15)

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life BCP p. 99

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.**

The General Thanksgiving

Officiant Let us pray,

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Hymn 593

A metrical setting of the prayer of St. Francis

Dickinson College

Voluntary

Voluntary in d minor

John Stanley (1712-1786)

Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: August 15, 2021

Vestry Notes for August 10, 2021 via Zoom

- The Wardens will be negotiating the terms of the contract with our Interim Priest, the Reverend Lise Hildebrandt over the next several weeks with a starting date in September. The contract, which must be approved by the Diocese, is based on a standard diocesan contract with allowances made for experience and necessary expenses. The contract will be open-ended until a permanent rector is selected. The Reverend Lise Hildebrandt will be with us on August 29th as a supply priest and the Reverend Anne Deneen will be with us again on September 5th also as a supply priest. There will be a baptism on September 5th.
- The Vestry is pleased to announce that the Fall Service Schedule will resume on September 12th, the Sunday following Labor Day. The schedule will include two services, one at 8 o'clock and a sung Eucharist at 10:30 AM.
- The Thrift Shop/Rummage Yard Sale is next weekend, Friday and Saturday August 20 and 21 at the church from 9 to 3. Volunteers are needed for all tasks including bagging, sales, moving and heavy lifting as well as artful display. Donations of clothing and thrift store items are needed and drop offs can be organized through Marge Bishop in the church office.
- Work at the Rectory continues as volunteers work on individual projects. Aiming to rent the Rectory by mid-September is the goal and there are many more projects from which to choose. What special knowledge or talent do you have? Check with Sue Lupo to see how you can help with the to-do list.
- The Search Committee has been stalled due to the illness of our Search Consultant but our Regional Canon, Martha Hubbard, has volunteered to help us with the initiation of the Search Committee. She will be available to assist in September and the Vestry will update the Parish as the process unfolds.
- The Coffee Hour on the Lawn was a success and will continue into the Fall as the weather holds. Lemonade and Cookies will be served after church including on cloudy and overcast days but rain will cancel the festivities. This safer alternative will include tables and chairs which are stored in the back of the church for quick set-up.

LIBRARY NEWS: Saint John's library is now open for business!! The shelves have been dusted, old materials rerouted, and a new section on race and racism has been added to current categories. The new section on race and racism contains numerous titles addressing the issues facing us today, and are quite informative. Also, there are copies of an extensive list of resources (non-fiction and fiction books, websites, films). Please feel free to take a list home with you. Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to browse the titles and borrow anything of interest. Procedures for borrowing books are posted for both the books on racism, (which are a separate check out section), and the other library titles. We hope you enjoy the rejuvenated library. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Connie DeSimone, connied21@comcast.net, or Claudette Chmura, cdmchmura@aol.com.

At the end of August, **Nancy Harrison** is moving to a beautiful, new Assisted Living facility near her son in Princeton, NJ. We want to show how much we'll miss her at the Coffee Hour after the service on Sunday, August 29. If you have a story or a picture of Nancy, please email it to Dori.

SJC ANNUAL YARD SALE is happening next weekend! Mark your calendars for Friday, August 20 and Saturday, August 21 from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day. Tell you friends, tell your doctor, tell your pet sitter! **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please call or text Dori at 978-985-6964 to help. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and **WE CAN'T DO IT ALONE!** It takes the SJC village!

BAGS NEEDED!! If you shop at Target, Panera, Marshalls or Home Goods, they give you your merchandise in a paper bag with a handle. Please save those or any handled bags for the Thrift Shop! Give them to Dori or leave with Marge. (Bags without handles will be recycled.) Thanks!

MUSIC NOTES

Organ music today is by English composer, violinist, and organist John Stanley. Stanley was nearly completely blinded as a child but continued musical studies with Maurice Greene, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. He was diligent in his studies playing the organ in prestigious churches before graduating from Oxford at the age of 17! He went on to play at the Temple Church in London where he attracted the attention of George Frideric Handel whom he succeeded as a patron of the Foundling Hospital where he continued to conduct "Messiah" (for whom it was written and premiered) yearly as a fundraiser, after Handel's death. He became Master of the King's Band (of musicians) and wrote birthday odes for the King. He died in 1786, 74 years old.

We're about halfway to our goal of \$2,500 to commission an anthem by Michael Sitton to be premiered during Advent this year. Thank you for joining me in helping to make this happen. You can contribute to the project by sending a check to the office with "Anthem Commission" in the memo line. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE: March 13, 2022 for an organ recital by British organist and composer David Briggs. He is also artist in residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Check out to his YouTube channel: tinyurl.com/briggs-organ

Wednesday morning Men's Bible Group is back on in the Thompson Room. Come join us at 7am. Coffee provided.

Music on Meetinghouse Green, Summer Music Festival 2021 is HAPPENING! The free outdoor concerts are live on the Green at the corner of Middle and Church Street on Friday evenings at 6pm. Join us for the festival's sixth season of great music, raising funds for Cape Ann non-profits via free-will offerings, and delicious food available from local vendors. For more information including a schedule of performers check gloucestermeetinghouse.org/.

2021 sign-ups for Lamp/Flowers are in the parish hall.

St. John's Intercession List: Dede Souza, Norm Barr, Jacqueline Vannah, Howie Kasper, Laurie Brown, the Featherstone family, the Newhouse family, Anne and Katie Dailey, JP Ware, the Brody family, Audrey Gordon Goldman, Mr. and Mrs. LS St. Cloud, Amanda March, Fr. Brad and his wife Mary Jo Purdom, Lori Gordon, Audrey, Tatiana and Christopher Truitt, DeeDee Bedford, Katie Perry, Pat Earle, Gabby Marhoffer, Katherine Ceglarski, Michael Rocha, Liana Webb, Ernie Runnells, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Dan Dobbins, Gene Cadman, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Doug Fifield, Peter, Sheila Jones, Sereda Feener, Bette Mae Baxter, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Mary McIntyre, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, Beni Rose, John Fleming.

Contact prayer list manager: Joan Gorga 978-283-5926 or jmgorga@yahoo.com

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Food Bank for next week: **Tuna**

Coffee Hour; *Please sign up for future dates.*

Action Shelter Sandwiches are provided by Dori Mottola

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sundays	EUCCHARIST: 9 am <i>Summer Schedule</i> Program Year: 8 & 10:30 (<i>Sept. 12, 2021 to May 22, 2022</i>)
Mondays	9 am Ms. Fixits
Wednesdays	7 am Men's Bible Reflection 9am Thrift/Regal Rummage until 1pm 7 pm Fish City AA
Thursdays	1pm Women's Cursillo Reunion Group (1 st and 3 rd Thursdays) 4:30-5:45 Choir School <i>on holiday 'til Sept 9</i> 7-8 Parish Choir <i>on holiday 'til Sept 9</i> 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm AA
Saturdays	9am Thrift/Regal Rummage until 1pm 7pm Big Book AA



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Clerk: Joan Gorga

Treasurer: Sue Lupo, Assistant Treasurer: Geoff Pope

VESTRY

2022 – Patricia Anders, DeeDee Bedford, Errol Smikle

2023 – Katharine Newhouse, Jane Ward, Carol Ann Zapustas

2024 – Doug Parsons, Janet Knott