



SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH GLOUCESTER MASSACHUSETTS

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The Third Sunday After Pentecost June 13, 2021

This week we welcome guest speaker and parishioner Sarah Larson. She writes: Sarah Larson keeps showing up, like a bad penny. First a member of St. John's from 2012, to 2014, she moved back to Northern Virginia for knee surgery. Then back to Cape Ann and St. John's in 2016, only to return to Virginia in 2017 to care for her 90+ parents for almost 4 years. They died within months of each other in 2019 and 2020 and Sarah has been hanging out in Hartford CT, trying to get back to Gloucester. Thanks to the vaccine, Sarah was able to find a roommate and will be moving back permanently at the end of July. She credits singing online with the St. John's choir and Thursday night Choir Zoom for keeping her at least marginally sane during lockdown.

We had our final chorister in person rehearsal of this academic year this past Thursday. We managed to get one more song recorded! You'll hear it following Sarah's talk. Our opening hymn, #525, is the very first Acapella App hymn we produced, with Carol McKenzie supplying the soprano voice and David Oliver and I supplying the rest of the voices. Thanks to Paul McGeary for reading lessons. I hope and pray that our COVID numbers continue to decline and that by the fall we may return to something resembling normality, at least, music wise.

Upcoming, tomorrow I will be attending a virtual conference for the Association of Anglican Musicians (AAM) and the final Evensong can be viewed by anyone at 4:45 pm here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LKW9qew6uwM> I hope you can join us. Several weeks ago all 12 Episcopal Cathedrals joined for a virtual concert on Trinity Sunday. There is a little something for everyone! I hope you'll give a listen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCtsSgnn6BU>

Please join friends for a virtual coffee hour today at noon.

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Voluntary

Flute Piece

Thomas Thorley (18th Century)

Hymn 525 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Chur - ch's one found - a - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word:
her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by he - re - sies dis - tressed;
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for e - ver - more;
and myst - ic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is one.

from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Officiant 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 you 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.**

Invitatory Canticle:

Invitatory Psalm 95 (metrical setting)

Mit freuden zart

Come, let us sing un - to the Lord, The Rock of our sal - va - tion;
Come, let us praise the Lord of lords, Who brings us life and plea - sure;

May we re - joice in songs of praise Be - fore the God of cre - a - tion,
A Shep - herd how at - tends the flock With care that none can mea - sure.

By whose de - sign the earth was planned; The seas were filled
Give us de - desire to hear Thy voice; The will to make

at Thy com - mand, Thou God of ev - 'ry na - tion.
Thy way our choice; Thy love our fond - est trea - sure.

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Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 *Bonum est confiteri*

Chant S18

John Stainer
(1840-1901)



- 1 It is a good thing to give | thanks • to the | Lord, *
and to sing praises | to your | Name, O | Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness | early • in the | morning *
and of your | faithful-• ness | in the | night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and | on the | lyre, *
and to the | melod-• y | of the | harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your | acts, O | Lord; *
and I shout for joy be- | cause • of the | works • of your | hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish | like a | palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad | like a | cedar • of | Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the | house • of the | Lord *
shall flourish | in the | courts • of our | God;
- 13 They shall still bear | fruit in | old age; *
they | shall be | green and | succulent;
- 14 That they may show how | upright • the | Lord is, *
my Rock, in | whom there | is no | fault.

Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeath of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not

see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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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Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commanding ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Glory To God In The Highest

The Sewanee Service, Rite II

Malcolm Archer

A musical score for 'Glory To God In The Highest' in G major, 2/4 time. The score consists of ten staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are:

Glo ry to God in the high est, and peace to his peo ple on
earth. Lord God, heaven ly King, al migh ty God and
Fath er, we wor ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo ry.

The second staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are:

Lord Je sus Christ, on ly Son of the Fath er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a way the sin of the world: have mer cy on us; you are
seat ed at the right hand of the Fath er: re ceive our

The third staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are:

prayer. For you a lone are the Ho ly One,
you a lone are the Lord, you a lone are the Most High,

The fourth staff begins with a forte dynamic. The lyrics are:

Je sus Christ, with the Ho ly Spi rit, in the glo ry of God the
Fath er. A men, A men.

Reading: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

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. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

The Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Mission

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

A Faith Statement from parishioner Sarah Larson

Anthem by the Choristers

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Prayers for our parish family and friends:

Helen and Jim Featherstone, 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, Steven Antonelli, Liana Webb, Ernie Runnels, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Dan Dobbins, Gene Cadman, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Doug Fifield, Peter, Sheila Jones, Mayhew family, Sereda Feener, Bette Mae Baxter, Emelia Currier, Patricia Hodgdon, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Mary McIntyre, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, Beni Rose, John Fleming.

Mary McCarl, wife of Hank McCarl has died. Abby Browne, wife of Al Browne Jr. has died. May their souls, and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

A collect for the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; 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.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
 o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
 with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.



Voluntary

Digitate

Andrew Moore

The Acapella App Choir

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