



# SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH GLOUCESTER MASSACHUSETTS

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The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 4, 2021

Referencing Today's Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

Freestanding Sculpture by Coley, Nathan, 1967-

Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom

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A short essay on the artistic and spiritual meaning of this artwork is available from The Visual Commentary on Scripture, <https://thevcs.org/open-unexpected/there-will-be-no-miracles-here>.



We welcome our preacher The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan of this Diocese speaking from

historic Old North Church. We continue to draw on our library of music to draw attention to the Bible readings and themes of the day. George Sibley reads the lessons. Rick Britton found some great prayers to read in the BCP. Pages 814-835 are filled with all manner of prayers for nearly every need. We commend this section for your study. The BCP is available online: <https://www.bcponline.org>

Today's video includes the first hymn where all 16 windows of the expanded Acapella app are filled which we did in January. "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee." We updated an earlier version of Hymn 519, "O Beautiful, for spacious Skies." David and I added the bass part just on Friday and realized what a powerful prayer it is for America right at this moment. I hope Katherine Lee Bates words ring out in you in a new and fresh way. Organ

music is by Black composers' settings of spirituals. It seems appropriate that we remember that the US was built in so many ways on the backs of the oppressed.

We expect to return to choral singing in the fall and I'm looking forward to returning Sunday morning Parish Choir singers, perhaps you'd like to join us? I'd love to talk to you about it. Please don't hesitate to give me a buzz or send a message.

This fall marks 20 years since I began directing music here. I'd like to celebrate by commissioning a choir anthem which will enrich what we do. One of the anthems we sing (and heard in this week video at 19:10) is "Beloved, let us love one another" by Michael Sitton. I think we like this because it is so gentle and simple sounding, yet challenging to keep the 2 parts in sync! I'm speaking with Dr. Sitton about him writing another piece not unlike this. His fee is \$2,500 and I hope you'll join 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.

Looking way ahead, please save the date: March 13, 2022, for an organ concert by David Briggs. David is currently artist in residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. He's also been organ scholar at King's College in Cambridge as well as Music Director at Gloucester Cathedral! He spent part of the covid lockdown in Ipswich regularly practicing on the Fisk, opus 62 at Ascension. Check out to his YouTube channel: <https://tinyurl.com/briggs-organ>

I know that in this post pandemic time along with an interim period we'll be looking at new opportunities for worship, singing, fellowship and even food! We're working on developing a Second Sunday of the month "Choral Compline" at 7 pm, including the not unfamiliar service and adding some more advanced choral music for some of us who would like to have more challenging fare than Sunday morning. This would consist of some of the Sunday morning choir, other friends, and perhaps you, if you're looking for a challenge!

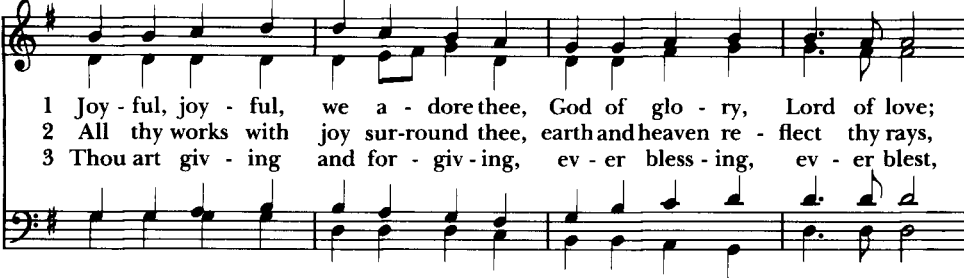
Finally, thanks are due, to Bret for setting a great example of video, and for encouraging me to take it up, to Jim LaBelle who helped out enormously at Christmas time, to the Wardens and Vestry for approving a computer capable of doing the work, all who sang (especially my long-suffering spouse), played, read, and prepared for these videos, and for all who provided feedback and encouragement.

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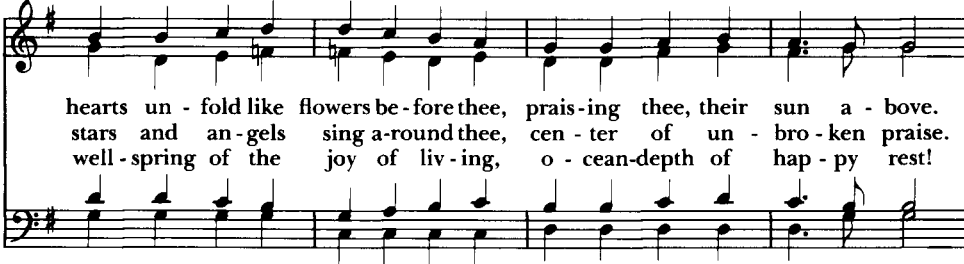
Voluntary

*Deep River*

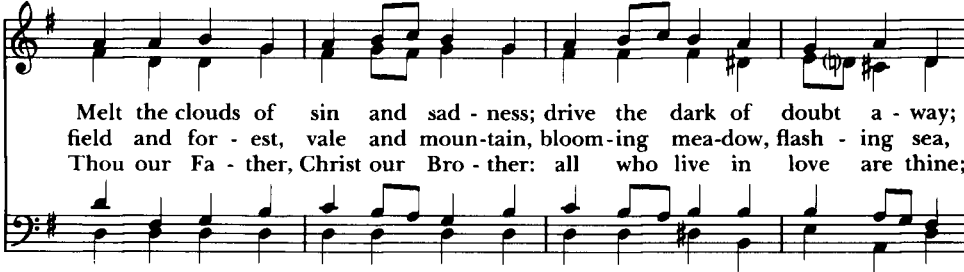
Adolphus Hailstork



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)

Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

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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:

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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! —

Setting: Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

## **Psalm 48** *Magnus Dominus*

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be / praised; \*  
in the city of our God \ is his holy hill.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of / Zion, \*  
the very center of the world and the city \ of the great King.

3 God is in her / citadels; \*  
he is known to be \ her sure refuge.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth as-/ sembled \*  
and marched \ forward together.

5 They looked and were as-/ tounded; \*  
they retreated and \ fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them / there; \*  
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the \ east wind shatters them.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city / of our God; \*  
God has established \ her for ever.

8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kind-/ ness, O God, \*  
in the midst \ of your temple.

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God, reaches to the world's / end; \*  
your right hand is \ full of justice.

10 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Ju-/ dah rejoice, \*  
because \ of your judgments.

11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round a-/ bout her; \*  
count the num-\ ber of her towers.

12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her / strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those \ who come after.

13 This God is our God for ever and / ever; \*  
he shall be our \ guide for evermore.

## **2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel

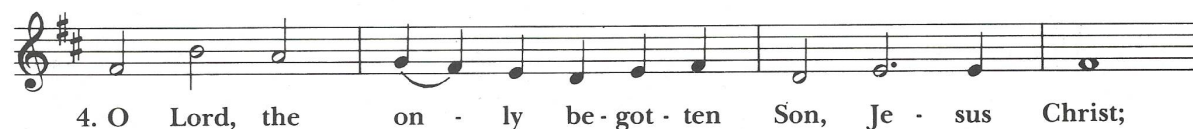
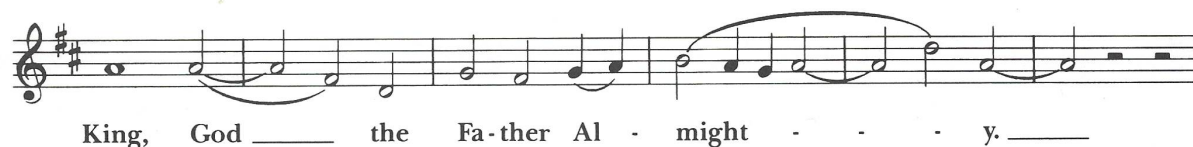
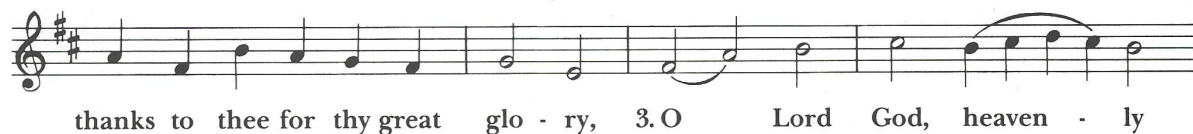
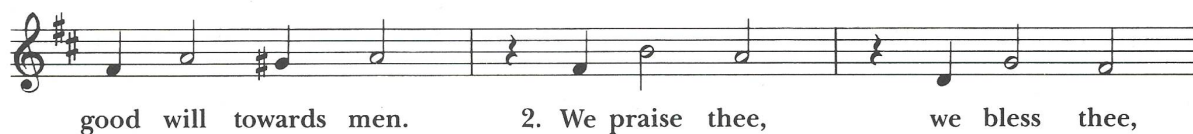
came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

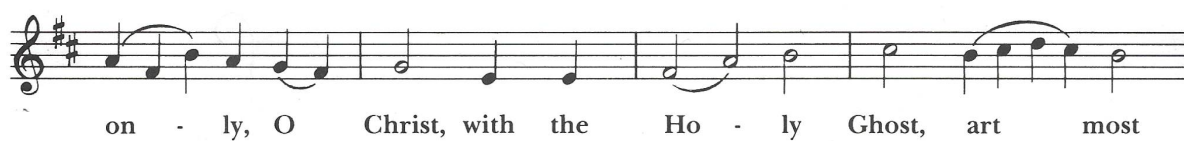
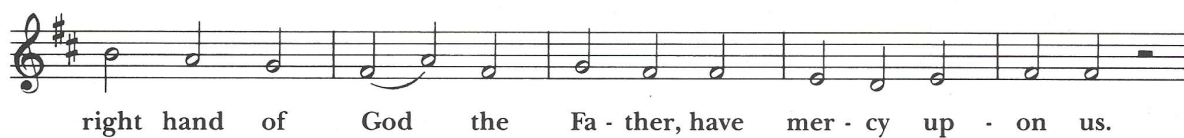
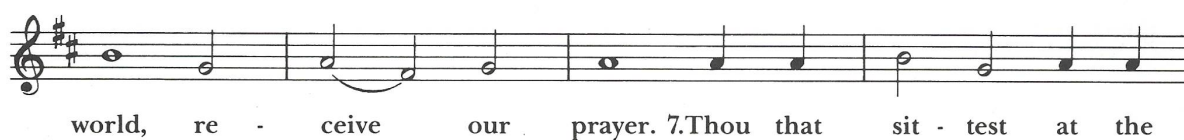
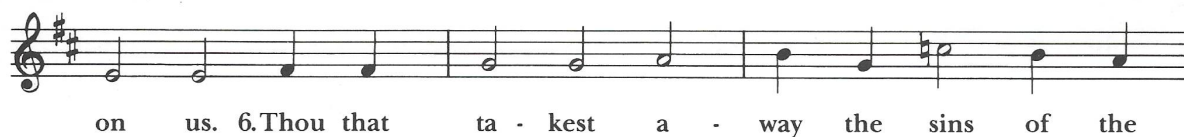
David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

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## Canticle 6

Glory be to God *Gloria in excelsis*





Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

## **2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Canticle N (I John 4:7-8, 10-11, 12b)

*Music by Michael Sitton*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.  
Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.  
In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us  
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
we ought also to love one another.  
For if we love one another, God abides in us,  
and God's love will be perfected in us.

## **Mark 6:1-13**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no

money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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.



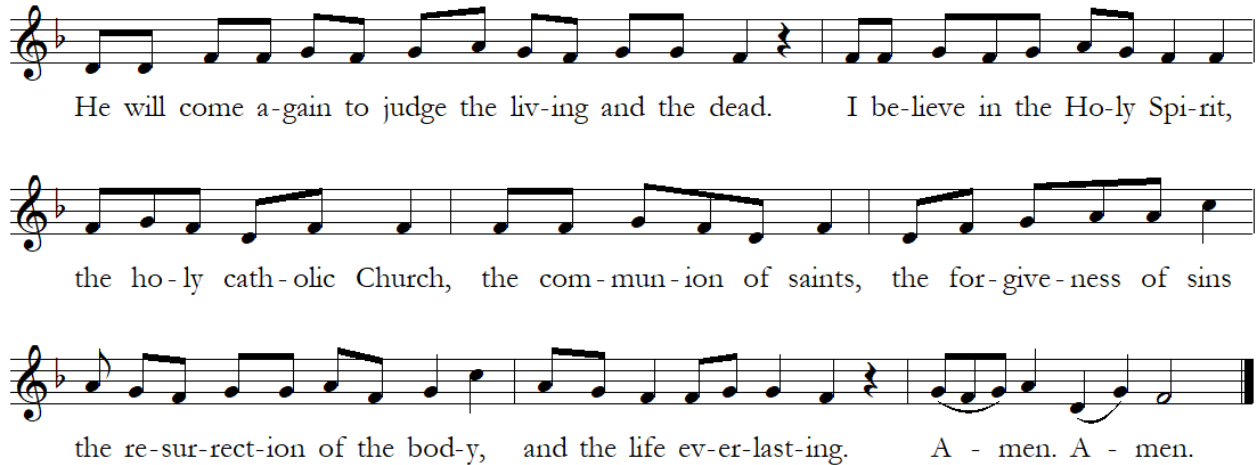
He suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, was cru - ci - fied, died, and was bur - ied.



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.



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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 Officiant then says the following Collects*

*The Collect of the Day*

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Independence Day *July 4*

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

'There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea. 'There's a kindness in His justice, which is more than liberty. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind. And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. But we make his love too narrow, by false limits of our own, and we magnify His strictness with a zeal he will not own.

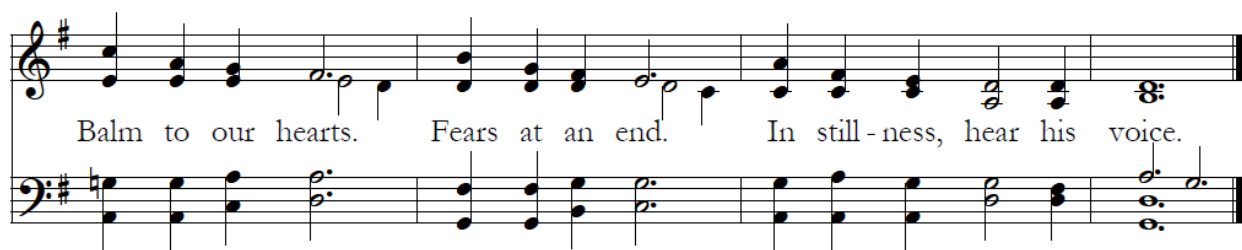
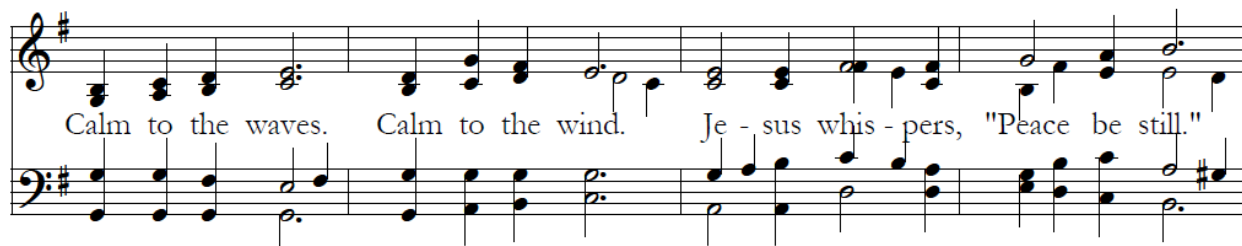
There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; 'There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head. There is grace enough for thousands. Of new worlds as great as this; 'There is room for fresh creations In that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple, We should take him at his word; And our lives would be all gladness In the joy of Christ our Lord.

Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan

### "Calm to the Waves"



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#### 14. For the Unity of the Church

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify *thee*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### 39. For those who Influence Public Opinion

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for our parish family and friends:

Howie, Liana, Laurie, the Featherstone family, the Newhouse family, Anne and Katie, JP, the Brody family, Audrey, Mr. and Mrs. St. Cloud, Amanda, Brad and Mary, Lori Gordon, Audrey, Tatiana and Christopher, DeeDee, Katie, Pat, Gabby, Katherine,

Michael, Steven, Ernie, Laura, Becki, Dan, Gene, Anne, Linda, Malcolm, Doug, Peter, Sheila, the Mayhew family, Sereda, Bette Mae, Emelia, Patricia, Danny, Patricia, Meghan, David, Connor, Mary, Patti, Margie, Beni, and John.

Our beloved dead, from the last 15 months:

Jim Mills  
Mary K. Ward  
Timmie Cullen  
Eugene Roberts  
Susan Richardson  
Pat Lopes  
Janie Brown  
Mary McCarl  
Pat Lambert  
Abby Browne  
Alberta Trefry  
Ira Gorman  
James Fergusson  
David Newhouse  
Merry Madeline Metzler.  
Megan Bradley Ford.  
Stanley Zapustas  
Gail Newman  
Alan Eugley

May their souls, and the souls of all faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.**

*68. After Worship*

Grant, we beseech *thee*, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through *thy* grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honor and praise of *thy* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

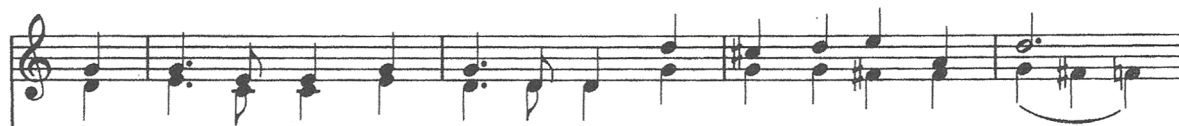
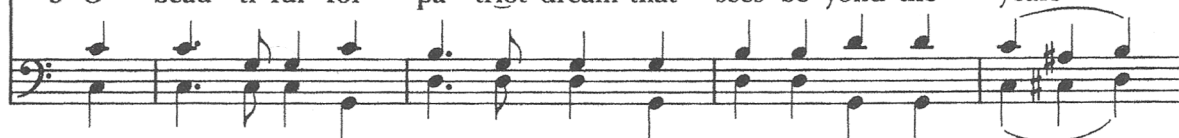
Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**


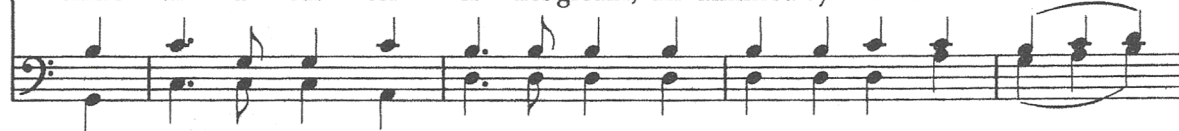
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
**Amen.**





1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years




for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.



Voluntary

Spiritual "Round the Mountain"

Noel Da Costa

### The Acapella App Choir

Astrid af Klinteberg  
Sue Lupo  
Gwen Kopka  
Rick Britton  
Mark Nelson  
Carol McKenzie  
Katharine Newhouse  
Sarah Larson  
Chuck Everett  
Marge Bishop  
Maggie Marshall  
Anne Bourne  
Alex Garcia-Mata  
David Oliver



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### **VESTRY**

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2023 – Katharine Newhouse, Jane Ward, Carol Ann Zapustas

2024 – Doug Parsons, Janet Knott