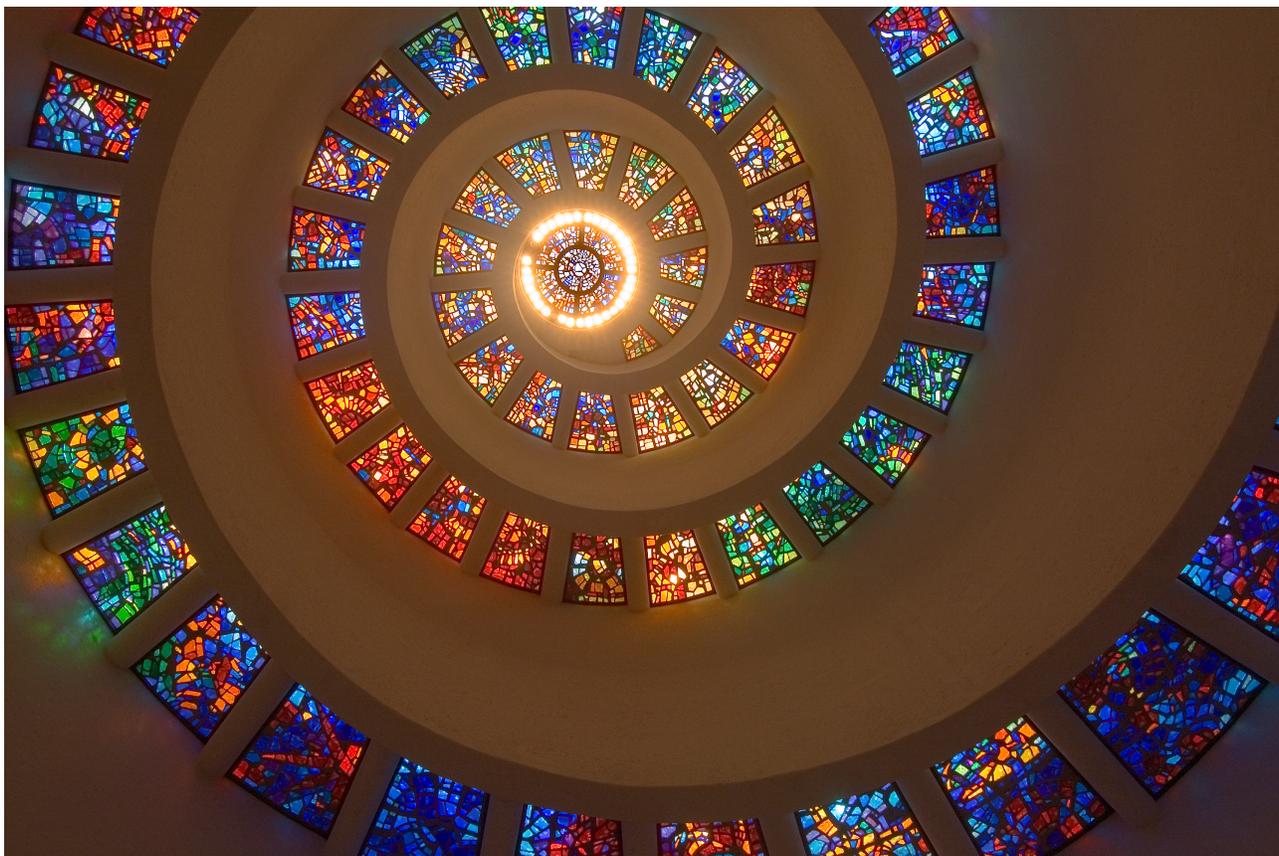


Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2020



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

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Music Notes 🎵

Organ Voluntaries celebrate the 334th birthday of J. S. Bach! I was surprised to understand now for the first time that he was born on March 21, 1685 of the OLD CALENDAR, and that with our “newer” calendar the date would be March 31, 1685. O well, we’ll observe it Sunday anyway! I’ll leave it for you all to go down the old and new calendar rabbit hole!

We’ll hear “When in the hour of utmost need” at the beginning and his Prelude and Fugue in E minor. Many of Bach’s larger works have nicknames, mostly assigned long after he died. The Prelude is “Cathedral” probably named for the spaces for silence in the music which would roll around the arches in a gothic cathedral. The Fugue is “The Nightwatchman,” a job that doesn’t exist any more, unfortunately. This person would walk the streets and shout/sing at the top of each hour and sometimes report the news or sing a song. The fugue subject with a little “mordent” (a wavering sound) on the second and fourth notes perhaps sound like what these folk did!

During a sermon now probably 2 months ago I heard Bret quoting a hymn I knew well from my childhood “In the Cross of Christ I Glory, Towering O’er the Wrecks of Time.” Powerful words, but familiar from a tune that was drilled into me during Wednesday evening Lenten services growing up Lutheran in Lutherland (AKA Minnesota, with apologies to the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, and Pennsylvania, among others. I looked it up in our leaflets and realized I’d never programed it. I looked it up in the hymnal and realized there was a second tune. And that tune is by Bruce Neswick, a fellow Lutheran (and acquaintance), but serving nearly his entire career in Episcopal churches (Cathedrals in DC, Atlanta and currently in Portland OR.) This tune was unfamiliar to me but I had heard of its power. The tune is unusual in that it modulates between 2 tonal centers (key signatures). Well, I played it several dozen times (how many times does it take for you to know a tune well enough to love?) It grew on me, and the words became as powerful sung as they were when Bret recited them. I hope you listen to this singing 3 times and on the 4th, you’ll sing along!

Our final hymn is one of the mountain top hymns of this time of the church year, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.” Prolific hymn writer Isaac Watts penned this in 1707. This text remains as Watts left it except for the common omission of the penultimate stanza:

His dying crimson, like a robe
spreads o’er his body on the Tree;
then am I dead to all the globe,
and all the globe is dead to me.

This hymn first appeared in the Episcopal hymnal in 1826! (The earliest hymnals had no tunes, just lyrics!) It was paired with the tune “Rockingham” shortly thereafter. It was originally written to sing metrical Psalms in 1790 (when all church music had to be from the Bible, or a metrical version of a Biblical text). It quickly jumped the pond and was published in Salem Massachusetts in “The Salem Collection of Classical Sacred Music” in 1805.

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Jesus Christ our Lord



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name.
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

All stand

Officiant Jesus said, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

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:

Trisagion

Sung three times.

Music: Marty Wheeler Burnett

Flute

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and might - y,
Ho - ly im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Psalm 51:1-13 Page 656, BCP

Miserere mei, Deus Plainsong Mode 2.1

at the mid-verse () we observe the breath, exhale & inhale (2 beat pause)*

Mark: 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving- / kindness; *—*pause*—
in your great compassion blot out \ my offenses.

Carol: 2 Wash me through and through from my / wickedness *—*pause*—
and cleanse me \ from my sin.

Mark: 3 For I know my trans- / gressions, *—*pause*—
and my sin is e- \ ver before me.

Carol: 4 Against you only have I / sinned *—*pause*—
and done what is evil \ in your sight.

Mark: 5 And so you are justified / when you speak *—*pause*—
and upright \ in your judgment.

Carol: 6 Indeed, I have been wicked / from my birth, *—*pause*—
a sinner from my \ mother's womb.

Mark: 7 For behold, you look for truth deep with- / in me, *—*pause*—
and will make me understand \ wisdom secretly.

Carol: 8 Purge me from my sin, and I / shall be pure; *—*pause*—
wash me, and I shall be \ clean indeed.

Mark: 9 Make me hear of joy and / gladness, *—*pause*—
that the body you have broken \ may rejoice.

Carol: 10 Hide your face from my / sins *—*pause*—
and blot out all \ my iniquities.

Mark: 11 Create in me a clean / heart, O God, *—*pause*—
and renew a right spi-\ rit within me.

Carol: 12 Cast me not away from your / presence *—*pause*—
and take not your holy \ Spirit from me.

ALL: 13 Give me the joy of your saving / help again *—*pause*—
and sustain me with your bount-\ iful Spirit.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

Hebrews 5:5-10

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.

Third Reading

John 12:20-33

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.

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

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ 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.**



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are
 *5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the



1 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 2 fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 3 on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 4 sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 5 wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred



1 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 2 sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 3 stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
 4 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 5 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)
 Music: Tomter, Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

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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.

Please join in singing hymn 474:

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Music: *Rockingham*, from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; harm. Edward Miller (1731-1807) LM

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in E minor BWV 533

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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