

Prelude:

“Song”

Ned Rorem

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn #670 (Blue Hymnal 1982) “Lord for ever at thy side”

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise #S236 (Blue Hymnal 1982) A Song of Praise (*Benedictus es, Domine*)

Celebrant God is with you

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray together the collect of the day:

**Jesus our Lord, you have taught us that judgement begins at the house of God;
save us from our self-satisfaction, rigidity and corruption,**

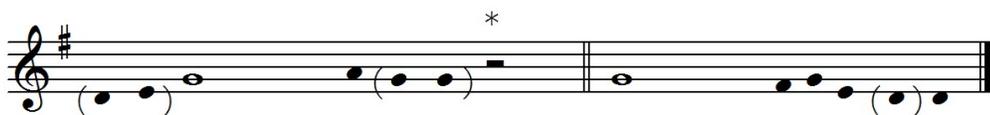
so that we may stand ready to do your will; for the glory of your holy name. Amen. (NZPB)

First Reading: Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God
and there is no other.
And my people shall never again be put to shame.
Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.
Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 65:5-14

5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our sal-/vation, * (pause)
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas \ that are far away.

6 You make fast the mountains by your / power; *
(pause)--they are gird-\ ed about with might.

7 You still the roaring of the / seas, *(pause)
the roaring of their waves, and the \ clamor of the peoples.

8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous / signs; *(pause)
you make the dawn and the \ dusk to sing for joy.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very / plenteous; *(pause)
the river of \ God is full of water.

10 You prepare the / grain, *(pause)
for so you pro-\ vide for the earth.

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the / ridges; *(pause)-- with heavy rain you soften the \ ground
and bless its increase.

12 You crown the year with your / goodness* (pause)--and your paths \ overflow with plenty.

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for / grazing, *(p)--and the \ hills be clothed with joy.

(All) 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with / grain; *
(p)--let them \ shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

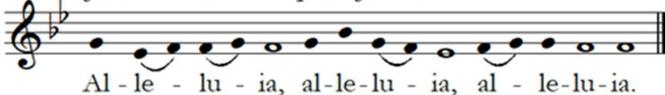
At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Music Alleluia

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

Cantor first, then ALL. Repeat after verse.



Gospel: 18:9-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke: **Glory to you, Lord Christ!**
Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

Sermon or Reflection Time

The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt

Offertory Hymn # 314 (Blue 1982 Hymnal), "Humbly I adore thee"

Communion Music

"Serenade"

Ned Rorem

Final Hymn #885 (Green WLP Hymnal), "Let all creation"

Postlude

"In Nomine Domini"

Ned Rorem

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Note on the organ music: All of the organ music this morning was written by American composer Ned Rorem, born on October 23, 1923, and celebrating his 99th birthday today. Happy Birthday, Ned, and thank you for your significant contributions to the corpus of organ repertoire.

Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: Oct 23, 2022

Zoom Coffee Hour, aka "Reliable Joy" Sunday at 12:30 pm. Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

Thanks to the Search Committee!! Today we'll honor the Search Committee, which has finished their task of making the parish profile. Stay after worship for a special coffee hour for them.

All Saints' Sunday is Nov. 6th. This year, we will remember those who have died in the last year AND those who have died during the pandemic and have not had a funeral or memorial service (or not one that you could attend). Please write down who these people are, and whether you'd be willing to say 1-2 sentences about the loved ones who have not been remembered in our "memorial service" that day. Or contact Marge in the office or at marge@stjohnsgloucester.org.

Diocesan Convention is this coming Friday and Saturday in Danvers. Please pray for our delegates (Gwen Kopka, Geoff Pope, Pastor Lise) and a successful convention.

Pledge Drive Continues . . . and you have three tasks. 1) Figure out how to use your \$10 to do good/bring joy into the world. In homes of 2+ members, if you want a \$10 of your own, ask Marge or Lise. 2) Sign up for a pledge potluck dinner—Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 6 pm, Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 12 noon, both in the parish hall. There will also be a virtual gathering sponsored by Reliable Joy. 3) PLEDGE! Join the vestry (100% participation!) in making your pledge of financial support to St. John's for 2023.

Reconciliation or Anti-Racism? Webinar (Helping Churches Answer the Biblical Call to Racial Justice) through Seminary Now and Christianity Today. This Thursday, October 26 at 1 pm ET. Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/43spz3sd>.

Next Vestry Meeting Nov. 15. Note new date. 7 pm, in person and Zoom.

Pledge Drive Kickoff! 1) Pick up your pledge card and “challenge money” TODAY in church. You are being given \$10 per household to do some creative good, to spark thoughts about how small things can have a big impact. 2) We will be holding small group Zoom “dinner gatherings” between Nov. 2 and Nov. 12 to share stories and ideas for the \$10 challenge and the future of St. John’s. Sign up information next week. Or offer to be a facilitator or tech host. In person lunch on Saturday, Nov. 5th in the parish hall. Stay tuned. Contact Katharine Newhouse at katharine.mcn@gmail.com.

St. John's Village Fair: Only 5 weeks left till our Fair on Saturday November 19th from 9am-2pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted this Sunday for ways you can help. This week we're asking you to clean out your un-used jewelry for our fabulous Jewelry tables. People wait patiently outside for the doors to open, and head straight to the Jewelry. So help us by donating yours! Thanks so much.

Climate Impacts on the Good Harbor Beach Ecosystem: A webinar this Wednesday, October 26 from 6:30 – 8:30. Register at <https://bit.ly/3RBEa3v>. From Town Green, a Cape Ann climate organization.

Ways to Give to St. John’s: Did you know, that in addition to giving to St. John’s through cash or check in worship, you can set up a recurring contribution through PayPal or a bank card, or give through the St. John’s website? Go to <https://www.stjohnsgloucester.org/giving> for these options or reach out to Elizabeth for help elizabeth@stjohnsgloucester.org. You can also give by using this QR Code to access PayPal or pay by credit card.



The 20th Sunday after Pentecost — October 23, 2022

9:30am

Participating in the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher
Lector
LEM
Acolyte
Ushers
Musicians
Altar Guild
Flower Guild

The People of God gathered in St. John’s Church
The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Rick Britton
Karen Kasper
Geoff Pope
Ian Bedford
The Congregation, the Choir, Eileen Hunt, Organist
Karen Kasper and Melanie Murray-Brown
Dee Dee Bedford

Action Shelter Sandwiches were provided by Peter and Patricia Anders this weekend.

Please sign up for future dates including flowers and lamp, Action Sandwiches and coffee hour. Sign ups are on the kiosk in the parish hall.

St. John's Intercession List: Sereda Feener, Alex, Lynn Runnells, Alex Furth, Simeon Teitelbaum, Miriam Teitelbaum, Pandora Gorman, Elizabeth Whitney Fagan, Debra Ketchopulos, Rita Peritore, Jim and Mary Drogan, the Baxter Family, Deneice, Len Berry, Ellen, Ginga Graves and Patrick DeMuller, Wayne Martin, Hope Newhouse, Jackson, Bo Goldman, Nate Mook, Lily Newhouse, Ace Newhouse, Cecily Merrill, Ernie Runnells, Marjorie Fergusson, Sarah Hackett, Jack Ketchopulos, Jacqueline Vannah, Laurie Brown, the Featherstone family, DeeDee Bedford, Pat Earle, Michael Rocha, Liana and Joe Webb, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming.

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VESTRY: 2023: Katharine Newhouse, Jane Ward

2024: Doug Parsons, Janet Knott, Melanie Murray-Brown

2025: Steve Jencks, Dori Mottola