

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany



10:30 am Sunday, February 7, 2016

*To participate fully with us, you need this worship book, and the blue Hymnal 1982
in the racks or “Wonder, Love and Praise” at the pew ends.*

Welcome to Saint John's Episcopal Church in Gloucester, Massachusetts

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 Rector and sign our guest book after the service.

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.

Access Needs: If you need help at the step leading up to the altar or would find it easier to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please speak to an usher. Hearing Assistance devices are also available. If you would like to try one out, please speak to an usher.

Nurture and Challenge Your Spirit with us at St. John's!
Our mission in Christ is to nurture and equip members
for spiritual growth and active participation in ministries
of compassion, justice, and peace in the church and beyond.

10:30 am — Sung Eucharist

Please silence pagers and cell phones

Voluntary

Variations on St. Elizabeth

James Woodman (born 1957)

At the Procession—**Hymn 137**

Wareham

Celebrant: Bless - ed be God: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People: And bless-ed be God's king-dom, now and for ev-er. A-men.

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Gloria S278

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

Organ: Glo-ry to God, in the high-est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King. Al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, 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 Fa-ther, re-ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord. you a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo - ry of God, the Fa-ther. A - men.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. —silence—the Collect of the day—**Amen.**

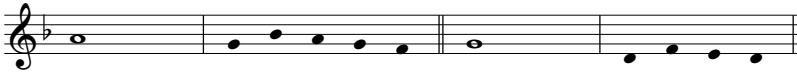
Please be seated for the readings:

First Reading

Response after the Reading: **Thanks be to God.**

Exodus 34:29-35

A period of silent prayer follows the reading



Cantor: 1 The LORD is King; let \ the people tremble; *—*pause*—
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; \ let the earth shake.

Lectern side: 2 The LORD \ is great in Zion; *—*pause*—
he is high a-\ bove all peoples.

Organ side: 3 Let them confess his Name, which \ is great and awesome; *—*pause*—
he is the \ Holy One.

Lectern side: 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have estab-\ lished equity; *—*pause*—
you have executed justice and righteous-\ ness in Jacob."

Organ side: 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down \ before his footstool; *—*pause*—
he is the \ Holy One.

Lectern side: 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call \ upon his Name, *—*pause*—
they called upon the Lord, and he \ answered them.

Organ side: 7 He spoke to them out of the \ pillar of cloud; *—*pause*—
they kept his testimonies and the decree \ that he gave them.

Lectern side: 8 O LORD our God, you an-\ swered them indeed; *—*pause*—
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their \ evil deeds.

ALL: 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon \ his holy hill; *—*pause*—
for the LORD our God is the \ Holy One.

Second Reading *Response after the Reading:* **Thanks be to God.** 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
A period of silent prayer follows the reading

Anthem *O Splendor of God's Glory* Claudio Monteverdi (1567-1643)

O Splendor of God's glory bright, O Thou that bringest light from light,
O Light of Light, light's living spring, O Day, all days illumining.

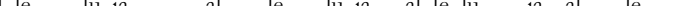
O thou true Son of heavenly love, pour down thy radiance from above;
the Spirit's sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.

All laud to God the Father be; All praise, eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory to the Spirit raise In equal and unending praise. Amen.

Please stand for the Alleluia.

Tone 2, adapt. Marilyn L. Haskel (b. 1945)

Canon first, then ant. Repeat after verse.



Al-le - lu-ia. al - le - lu-ia. al-le-lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

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Acclamation before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector

Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Intro We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y,
ma-ker of hea-ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in
one Lord, Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten, not
made, of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther; through him all things were made. For us and for
our sal-va-tion he came down from heav-en, by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit
he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death
and was bur-ied. On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures;
he a-scend-ed in-to hea-ven and is seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther.

He will come a - gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his king-dom will have no
end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv - er of life, who pro-ceeds from the
Fa-ther and the Son, with the Fa-ther and the Son she is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied. She has
spo-ken through the pro-phets. We be-lieve in one ho-ly cath-o-lic and a-po-sto-lic Church.
We ac-know-ledge one bap-tism for the for-give-ness of sins. We look for the re-sur-
- rec-tion of the dead, and the life of the world to come. A - men. A - men.

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Prayers *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect (respond): **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form III BCP p. 387

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution. The Peace is then exchanged

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.** *We greet each other in the name of Christ.*


At the Liturgy of Holy Communion

At the Offertory—Hymn 133

Elmhurst


The Great Thanksgiving


Eucharistic Prayer A, Book of Common Prayer p. 361

Celebrant: *People:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Celebrant: *People:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *The proper preface is sung.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

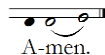
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*At the acclamation in the Eucharistic prayer:*Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***At the conclusion of the Eucharistic prayer*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



A-men.

The Lord's Prayer S148

Ambrosian Chant, harmonized by Mark Howe

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your King-dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread.
For - give us our sins, as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For the king - dom, the power and the
glo - ry are yours. Now and for ev - er. A - men

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The Breaking of the Bread: *The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then is sung:*

Fraction Anthem, S161

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Please join in singing the communion music on the next 2 pages.

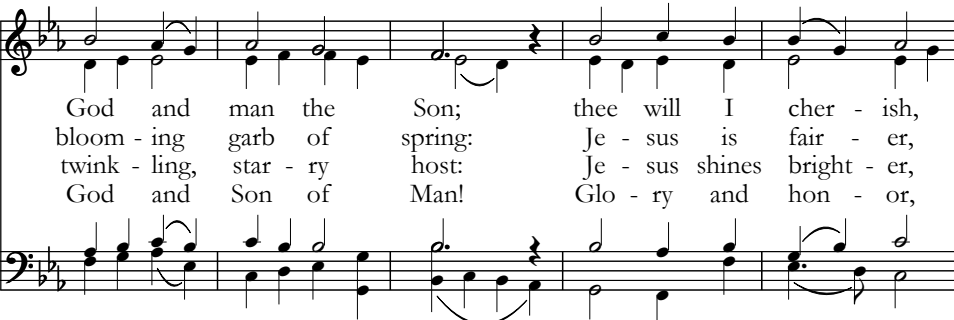
Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told;
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spok - en, that for truth I hold.
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274) 1-3 Hymnal 1940, 4 Hymnal 1982
Music: French church melody, Mode 5, Processionale 1697

RECEIVING COMMUNION: The altar in our church belongs to God. All are welcome and encouraged to come forward during the distribution of Holy Communion. To receive Communion, stand or kneel at the rail, stand against the plaster wall inside the rail, or notify an usher that you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat. After you receive Communion at (or inside) the rail, please remain in place until the Chalcist says, "Go in peace." The response after receiving each kind (Bread and Wine) is "Amen," or you may remain silent. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please cross your arms over your chest before the Bread comes by. We do not practice "intinction," that is, dipping Bread in Wine. If you do not wish to drink from the chalice, please cross your arms over your chest so the chalcist knows this. Receiving the Sacrament in either kind alone constitutes a full and valid Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; simply ask the person distributing the Bread. Saint John's is committed to achieving the full inclusion of all people in Christ's Body, the Church. Please feel free to ask our Rector if you have any questions.



Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the
 Beau - ti - ful Sa - vior, Lord - of the na - tions, Son of -



God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



thee will I hon - or, thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 Praise, a - dor - a - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Words: German composite Music: from Schleisiche volkslieder 1742

After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the post-Communion rite

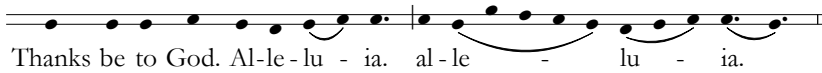
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you
People **And also with you.**

The Priest blesses the people. The people say: Amen.

At the Procession — **Hymn 129**
Dismissal S175

Mowsley



Voluntary

“Gigue” Fugue in C

Dietrich Buxtehude (c.1637-1707)

If you leave during the Music, please do so quietly so as not to disturb those who remain to listen.

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