

St. John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts

The Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2010



*nurture and  
challenge your  
SPIRIT*

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# WELCOME

We're pleased to welcome you to St. John's Church today.

*Vision: Welcoming and affirming, St. John's is a dynamic evolving spiritual community open to God's grace and human faith.*

*Mission: Our mission is 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.*

Whether you're a regular, or this is your first time,  
we hope you'll feel the warmth of our fellowship.

Please sign our visitor's welcome book near the font.

Hymns are found in the Hymnal in the pew racks,  
or in *Wonder, Love and Praise* at the ends of each pew.

Children who become restless may be taken to the Thompson Room  
where the liturgy can be heard through the sound system.

*As we celebrate the Eucharist,  
please know that everyone is welcome to receive communion.*

We have a variety of programs for members and the community  
and invite you to come and participate.

See the announcement section of this bulletin of this folder for more program details.

## *The Common Cup and the Risk of Infection*

Minimizing the spread of infection is critical to everyone's well being. **Intinction** — dipping the consecrated bread in the wine — increases the risk of infection, while drinking from the properly wiped chalice does not. If you are ill or concerned about the spread of infection, receive communion only with the consecrated bread. To indicate you do not wish to drink from the chalice, cross your arms over your chest. It is important to remember that the fullness of the Sacrament is received in either species.

Cover art: Labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral

*The acclamation "ALLELUIA" is omitted from the liturgy of the Church from Ash Wednesday until the Easter proclamation at the Great Vigil of Easter.*

**8:00 a.m. — Holy Eucharist**

*Please maintain a respectful attitude of silence in the church prior to the start of the Eucharist  
Please silence mobile phones and pagers*

**At the Entrance Rite**

The Penitential Order

Blessed be God who bears our burdens and forgives our sin:  
People **whose loving compassion endures for ever.**  
Priest Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:  
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,  
and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the  
second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two  
commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.  
Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The People may stand or kneel*

*A period of silence is kept, after which is said*

All **Holy God, holy and powerful,  
power without peer,  
you bend to us in weakness;  
emptied, you draw near, and we behold your power.**

*Then is said*

All **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee,  
opposing thy will in our lives.  
We have denied thy goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world thou hast created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in thy love  
and serve only thy will. Amen.**

Priest God of infinite compassion, grant you absolution and remission of all  
your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and  
consolation of God's Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

*After the Absolution, all stand*

### At the Liturgy of the Word

Priest        The Lord is with you.  
People        **And with thy spirit.**  
Priest        Let us pray.

*A period of silent prayer to focus on your particular intentions for the eucharist precedes the*

Collect of the Day        The People respond: **Amen.**

*All sit for the*

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

After the Reading:

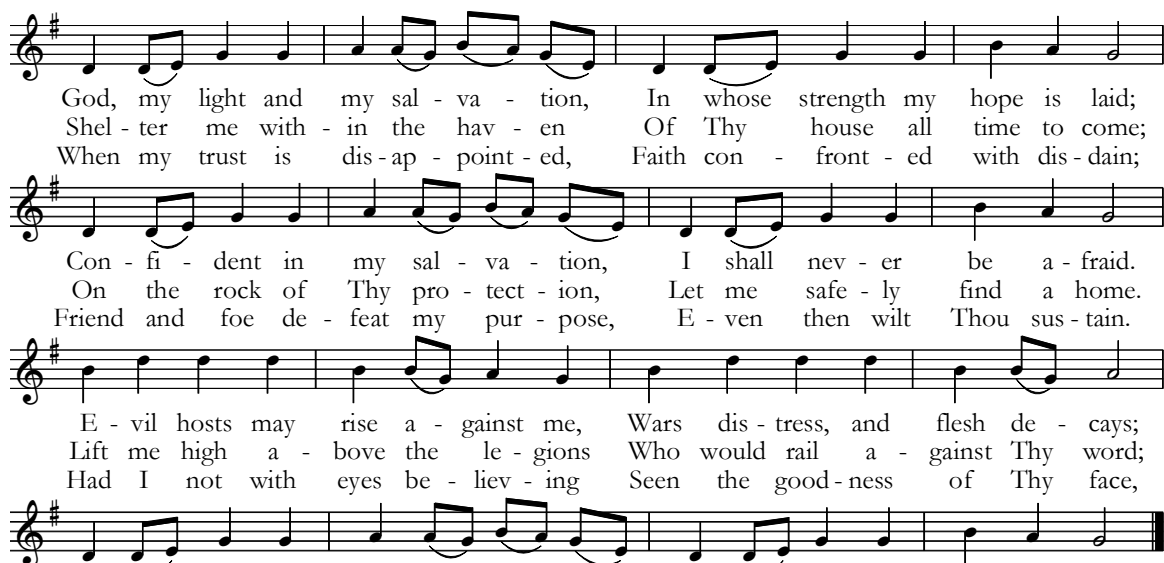
Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of reflective silence follows the reading*

Gradual — A metrical setting of Psalm 27

Holy Manna



God, my light and my sal - va - tion,    In whose strength my hope is laid;  
Shel - ter me with - in the hav - en    Of Thy house all time to come;  
When my trust is dis - ap - point - ed,    Faith con - front - ed with dis - dain;

Con - fi - dent in my sal - va - tion,    I shall nev - er be a - fraid.  
On the rock of Thy pro - tect - ion,    Let me safe - ly find a home.  
Friend and foe de - feat my pur - pose,    E - ven then wilt Thou sus - tain.

E - vil hosts may rise a - gainst me,    Wars dis - tress, and flesh de - cays;  
Lift me high a - bove the le - gions    Who would rail a - gainst Thy word;  
Had I not with eyes be - liev - ing    Seen the good - ness of Thy face,

Yet the cruel - est death i - mag - ined    But be - gins my song of praise.  
O'er the tu - mult of di - vi - sion    Make my cry for peace be heard.  
Ne - ver could I taste Thy plea - sure,    Nor a - wait Thy sav - ing grace.

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Tune: Holy Manna H82 238 melody from The Southern Harmony 1835

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

After the Reading:

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of reflective silence follows the reading*

*Then all stand for the*

Holy Gospel

Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels

Luke 13:31-35

Acclamation before the Gospel: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Acclamation after the Gospel: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Homily

*A period of reflective silence follows the homily*

Dick Simeone

All stand for

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.**

**Who has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Response in the prayers

Leader: . . . we pray to you, O God.  
People: **All thanks and praise to you, O God.**

Conclusion of the prayers

Priest: . . . for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
People: **Amen.**

The Exchange of God's Peace      Response: **And with thy Spirit.**

Parish Notices

**At the Liturgy of Holy Communion**

Offertory Hymn — 142

St. Flavian

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest            The Lord be with you.  
People           **And with thy spirit.**  
Priest           Lift up your hearts.  
People           **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
Priest           Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.  
People           **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty . . . we laud and magnify thy glorious name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts:  
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest**

*The People may stand or kneel*

Priest           All glory be to thee, O Lord our God . . . By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People           **AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer

At the Breaking of the Bread — Wisdom anthem [ based on Wisdom 9 ]

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*Response after receiving the bread and then the wine is Amen.*

*After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the postcommunion rite*

**At the Postcommunion and Going Forth for Ministry**

Postcommunion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

A blessing for Lent

Edward Hays

May you live these Lenten days not in purple penitential denial  
but in the joyfulness of the intimate embrace of your Beloved God.  
May you hear on the Lenten winds your Beloved calling you daily  
to go apart from your routine time to spend desert time with your God.  
Then your heart can freshly be aflame with a lover's delight in your God.  
May you have a blessed and grace filled Lenten season  
so as to be a new person in Christ in alleluia joy on Holy Easter.  
And the blessing of the eternal and everliving God:  
Life-giver, Pain-bearer, and Love-maker,  
sustain, nourish, challenge, and renew you. now and forever.  
People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**Participating in the Liturgy**

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

Presiding

Lyn Brakeman

Lector

Adele Q. Ervin

Eucharistic Minister/Intercessor

Rick Britton

Acolyte

Norm Barr

Usher

Sereda Feener

**Preparing for the Liturgy**

Altar Guild

Mary McCarl, Janet Williams

Bread bakers

Kim Prentice, Janet Williams

**FOOD BANK ITEM FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Cereal**

**10:30 a.m. — Sung Eucharist**

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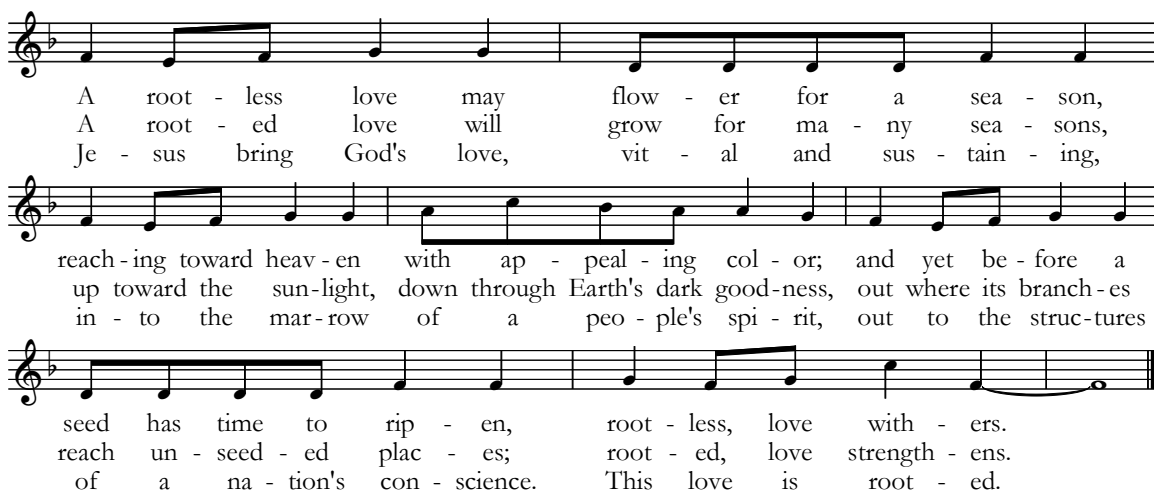
*The opening Voluntary is omitted in Lent*

**At the Entrance Rite**

*The hymn is introduced, the people stand*

Hymn

Bickford



A root - less love may flow - er for a sea - son,  
A root - ed love will grow for ma - ny sea - sons,  
Je - sus bring God's love, vit - al and sus - tain - ing,  
reach - ing toward heav - en with ap - peal - ing col - or; and yet be - fore a  
up toward the sun - light, down through Earth's dark good - ness, out where its branch - es  
in - to the mar - row of a peo - ple's spi - rit, out to the struc - tures  
seed has time to rip - en, root - less, love with - ers.  
reach un - seed - ed plac - es; root - ed, love strength - ens.  
of a na - tion's con - science. This love is root - ed.

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*The hymn ended the intentions for the eucharist are given, after which the Priest says*

People Blessed be God who bears our burdens and forgives our sin:  
Priest **whose loving compassion endures for ever.**  
Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:  
The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with  
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all  
your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.  
There is no other commandment greater than these."  
Let us confess our sin against God, self, and neighbor.

*The People may stand or kneel  
Silence is kept, then is sung*

Trisagion

Charles Rus  
(born 1960)

*Sung thrice*



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

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All **God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Priest God of infinite compassion, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

*After the absolution, all stand*

### **At the Liturgy of the Word**

Priest God is with you  
People **And also with you.**  
Priest Let us pray.

*A period of silent prayer to focus on your particular intentions for the eucharist precedes the*

Collect of the Day The People respond: **Amen.**

*All sit for the*

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

After the Reading:

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of reflective silence follows the reading*

Gradual Psalm 27

Plainsong mode 2-1

We'll sing psalms in Lent Antiphonally, that is, alternating between Men and Women (as indicated).  
at the mid-verse (\*) we observe the breath, exhale & inhale (2 beat pause)



Cantor: *God is* my light and my salvation; whom then / shall I fear? \* (Pause)

Men: God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I / be afraid?

Women: And though war should rise up a-/ gainst me, \* (Pause)  
yet will I put my / trust in God.

Men: One thing have I asked of you O God; one / thing I seek; \* (Pause)  
that I may dwell in your house all the days / of my life,

Women: To behold your fair beauty, O / God, \* (Pause)  
and to seek you / in your temple.

Men: Even now you lift / up my head \* (Pause)  
above my enemies / round about me.

Women: Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great / gladness; \* (Pause)  
I will sing and make mu-/ sic to you.

Men: Harken to my voice O most High, / when I call; \* (Pause)  
have mercy on me and / answer me.

Women: You speak in my heart and say, / "Seek my face." \* (Pause)  
Your face O God / will I seek.

Men: You have been my helper; cast me / not away; \* (Pause)  
do not forsake me O God of / my salvation.

ALL: O tarry and await God's pleasure; be strong and let your heart take / comfort; \* (Pause)  
wait patient-/ ly for God.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

After the Reading:

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*A period of reflective silence follows the reading*

Sequence Anthem

*Just as I am*

Charles Rus

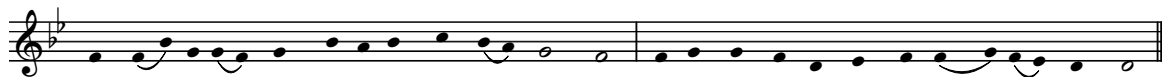


*After the anthem, all stand for the*

Tract — *Your merciful promise*

Plainsong Mode 3

*Cantor first, then all. Repeat after verse.*



Your mer-ci-ful prom-ise is be-yond all mea-sure; it sur-pas-ses all that our minds can fath-om.

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Gospel

*Please turn to face the Book of the Gospels*

Luke 13:31-35

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

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

Homily

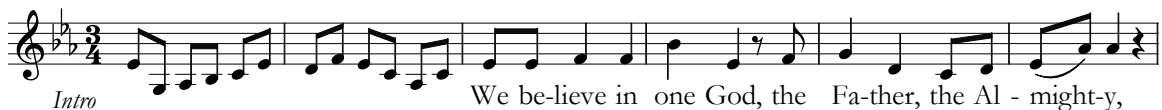
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*A period of reflective silence follows the homily*

*Then all stand and sing*

Nicene Creed S105

Calvin Hampton

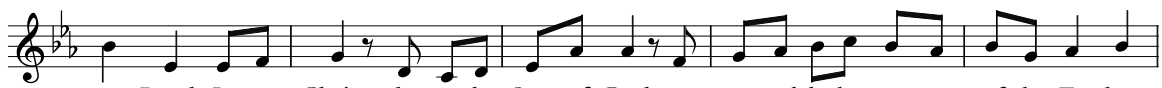


*Intro*

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  
 he is wor-shipped and glo-ri-fied. He 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 of the People

Leader: . . . we pray to you, O God.  
 People: **All thanks and praise to you, O God.**  
 Conclusion of the prayers  
 Priest: . . . and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 People: **Amen.**



Sanctus — S122

Plainsong Mass 18

Cantor: Ho - ly, All: ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*At the acclamation in the eucharistic prayer*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
 Raised up, you restored our life.  
 Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

*At the conclusion of the eucharistic prayer*

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
 we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Priest and People*

Bless - ed are You, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Lord's Prayer S135

Ambrosian Plainsong

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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At the Breaking of the Bread — *Agnus Dei*

Plainsong Mass 18

*Sung in Latin: Cantor intones first "Agnus Dei" all join in thereafter*



*Cantor:* A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
*All:* A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: mi - se - re - re no - bis.  
*All:* A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di: do - na - no - bis pa - cem.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, grant us your peace.*

Setting: 10th Century chant

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*Response after receiving the bread and then the wine is Amen.*

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Communion Hymn 328

Song 46

Draw nigh and take the Bo - dy of the Lord,  
 Saved by that Bo - dy and that ho - ly Blood,  
 Sal - va - tion's Giv - er, Christ, the on - ly Son,  
 Of - fered was he for great - est and for least,  
 Ap - proach ye then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

and drink the ho - ly Blood for you out - poured.  
 with souls re - freshed, we ren - der thanks to God.  
 by his dear Cross and Blood the vic - t'ry won.  
 him - self the Vic - tim, and him - self the Priest.  
 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

6. He that in this world rules his saints and shields,  
to all believers life eternal yields.
7. With heavenly bread makes them that hunger whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
8. Alpha and Omega, to whom shall bow  
all nations at the Doom, is with us now.

Words: Latin, seventh century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1851 Music: Song 46 Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*After all have received, a period of silence and reflection precedes the postcommunion rite*

**At the Postcommunion and Going Forth for Ministry**

Postcommunion Prayer

**O Eternal God of light and life,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for Christ the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Postcommunion — Hymn 675

Bourbon

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but in the joyfulness of the intimate embrace of your Beloved God.  
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May you have a blessed and grace filled Lenten season  
so as to be a new person in Christ in alleluia joy on Holy Easter.  
And the blessing of the eternal and everliving God:  
Life-giver, Pain-bearer, and Love-maker,  
sustain, nourish, challenge, and renew you. now and forever.  
People **Amen.**

The Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

Erbarm dich, mein Gott  
Have pity, my God

J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

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

### **Participating in the liturgy**

The People of God gathered in St. John's Church

Presiding

Lyn Brakeman

Lectors

Charles Curti, Jill Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers

David Prentice, Mark Murray-Brown

Intercessor

Nancy Harrison

Acolyte

Kim Prentice

Ushers

Bob Stains, Jim LaBelle

Greeters

Mary McCarl, Marjorie Fergusson

### **Preparing for the Liturgy**

Altar Guild

Mary McCarl, Janet Williams

Bread bakers

Kim Prentice, Janet Williams

### **FOOD BANK ITEM FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Cereal***

### **Readings for the Second Sunday in Lent, Year C**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18: In faith Abraham travels to a new land and perceives God telling him that he shall be the father of many descendants.

Philippians 3:17—4:1 Often in Paul's writings he makes a contrast between the things of earth and the things of heaven: a way to call people to seek for the things of God.

Luke 13:31-35: Jesus rebuffs the threat of Herod; he weeps over Jerusalem for its hardness of heart.

### **Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the week of February 28th (by the diocese and bishop)**

#### **Sunday 28-Feb-2010 Lent 2**

PRAY for The Church of England, The Most Rev'd Rowan Douglas Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury

#### **Monday 01-Mar-2010**

Belize - (West Indies) The Rt. Rev'd Philip Wright

#### **Tuesday 02-Mar-2010**

Bendigo - (Victoria, Australia) The Rt. Rev'd Andrew William Curnow

#### **Wednesday 03-Mar-2010**

Benin - (Province of Bendel, Nigeria) The Rt. Rev'd Peter J. Imasuen

#### **Thursday 04-Mar-2010**

Bermuda - (Bermuda) The Rt. Rev'd Patrick White

#### **Friday 05-Mar-2010**

Bethlehem - (Province III, USA) The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Paul Victor Marshall

#### **Saturday 06-Mar-2010**

Bhopal - (North India) The Rt. Rev'd Laxman L. Maida

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Stephen's, Cohasset; Trinity, Concord; Calvary, Danvers; Concord River Deanery; Trustees of Donations.

## St. John's Intercession List:

**Short term:** Malcolm Henderson, Henry Gee, Matt Simeone, Charlotte Britton, Robert W. Smith, Dane Van Sand, Janet Williams, Lillian Rogers, Amy LeClair, Doug Lane, Angus Macaulay, Cheryl Ann Parker, Max Ball, Cecily Merrell, Susan McShane, Joel MacDonald and Frank Spain.

**Long term:** Carole Beckwith, Henry, Peter Chick, Peggy Chick, Edie Niemi, Elizabeth White, Joan Guarrasi, Millie Oliver, Liz Gordon, Lillian, Michelle Goodwin, Mickey Sawyer, Jane Segar, Rebecca Doyle, Amy Dangler, Dennis Breh, Roger Corbin, John Brakeman, Burgie, Helen L., Lana Bergmann, Earle Greenwood, Margot Williams, John Mullen, Jean Bryant, Monique Doyle Spencer, Charlie Bishop, Sr., Rebecca Richardson Gibbs, Bill Baxter, Frances Everett, Marilyn Prentiss, Anne Brantley Betts.

## KEEPING THE CYCLE OF THE CHURCH YEAR

This week in the calendar of the church year we observe:

**David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544.** Despite the overwhelming victory of the non-Christian Angles, Saxons, and Jutes in the fifth century, one part of Britain continued in the ways of Christianity — Wales, the land west of the Wye River. In this last stronghold of the old Britons, the faith sprung from Glastonbury continued to flourish. Among the great leaders of the time was David, founder of a monastery at Menevia, who in time became Primate of Wales. He is recalled as a scholar, a competent administrator, and a man of moderation. He is revered to this day as patron of Wales, foremost Christian priest, and courageous leader.

*On this day pray with the laity, bishops, priests, and deacons of the Church in Wales that they may continue a strong Christian witness in emulation of David.*

**Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672.** Chad was one of the great holy people of England in the seventh century. He was, the Venerable Bede wrote, “a holy man, modest in his ways, learned in the Scriptures, and zealous in carrying out their teaching.” He was appointed Bishop of York, an appointment called into question a few years later by the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Theodore, who noted that Chad’s ordination had been irregular. Chad offered to resign, saying he had never thought himself worthy of the office. Theodore was so impressed by his humility that he reordained him and appointed him Bishop of Mercia and Northumbria. He administered his new diocese with care and devout concern. Two and one-half years later he died in a plague which swept the territory. He was buried in St. Peter’s Cathedral, Lichfield.

*On this day pray that the Church may live out the spirit of constancy and devotion that marked Chad’s Life.*

**John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788.** Both students of Christ Church, Oxford, they gathered around themselves a few friends to engage in strict adherence to the worship and discipline of the Prayer Book. This led to their being called “Methodists.” Both brothers spent time in the new State of Georgia as missionaries. After their return to England, they each experienced an inner conversion that led to the founding of the Methodist revival in the Church of England. The later separation of Methodism from the Church of England occurred after the brothers died, though John’s uncanonical ordinations of “elders” for America (bitterly opposed by Charles) doubtless set the basis for it.

*On this day, pray with thanksgiving for the common heritage we share with the Methodist tradition, and for the dialogues which draw us more closely together.*

**CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 28th to MARCH 7th**

**Sunday** — THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
- 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
- 4:00 p.m. Robert Squires, guitar — *Church*
- 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Sober AA — *Parish Hall*

**Monday** — David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c.544

- 9:00 a.m. Ms. Fixit's
- 1:00 p.m. Art Class — *Parish Hall*
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Cursillo Reunion Group — *Thompson Room*

**Tuesday** — Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672

- 11:00 a.m. Staff — *Rector's Office*
- 5:00 p.m. Harvest Meal Program — *Parish Hall* (until 7:00 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. Sorellanza practice — *Church*

**Wednesday** — John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791, 1788

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Reflection — *Rector's Office*
- 9:00 a.m. Health Dept. — *Parish Hall*
- 7:00 p.m. Fish City AA — *Parish Hall*

**Thursday**

- 9:00 a.m. Education For Ministry — *Thompson Room*
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir — *Church*
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir — *Church*

**Saturday**

- 9:00 a.m. Flower/Altar Guilds
- 8:00 p.m. Saturday Big Book AA — *Parish Hall*

**Sunday** — THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum
- 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
- 7:30 p.m. Sunday and Sober AA — *Parish Hall*

## PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

**[www.stjohnsgloucester.org](http://www.stjohnsgloucester.org)**

**2010 SANCTUARY LAMP AND FLOWER SIGN-UP** sheets on the wall near the Sacristy.

**OFFERINGS FOR ALTAR FLOWERS OR THE SANCTUARY LAMP** provide a way to remember and give thanks for those who have died. They may also serve as acts of thanksgiving to mark special personal or family events. Please see the sign-up charts displayed in the parish hall.

**ADULT FORUM STUDY FOR LENT: February 21st to March 28th.** The adult forum study program for Lent will be based on J. Philip Newell's book, *Christ of the Celts: The Healing of Creation*. **Meaningful participation will require that those attending have read the book prior to the beginning of the series.** *A flyer with information about the book is available on the information table in the parish hall.*

### **LENTEN MEDITATIONS**

Please take a copy of the 2010 Lenten Meditations, "healing ourselves and a hurting world" available to everyone in the parish hall today. Also with the booklet are prayer cards and Hope Chests. This resource comes to us from Episcopal Relief and Development; [www.erd.org](http://www.erd.org). ERD provides help to people living in poverty around the world. There are details within the booklets if you would like to make a donation directly to this effort.

**"Souper Bowl of Caring"** Again this year we have an anonymous donor who will match funds raised up to the amount of \$500. The matching challenge covers monies raised from February 14th through today. We also raised \$350.00 on February 7th which does not count toward the matching challenge. Last Sunday we added an additional \$264.00 toward the matching challenge of \$500.00. This brings our total toward the match to \$441.00. Let's really take it over the top today. Collection soup pots are in the church and parish hall. Please be generous. Last year we raised over \$1400! Lets see if we can top that amount and help reduce hunger here on Cape Ann. All the money we raise is divided between Open Door and the Harvest Meal program of the Cape Ann Interfaith Commission.

**ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT.** **The annual parish retreat at St. Margaret's Convent occurs this year April 23rd to 25th, beginning late Friday afternoon and concluding on Sunday after the midday meal.** the theme for the retreat is MEETING ON THE ROAD: Encounters with Jesus is Daily Life. Through the lens of the Emmaus Road story in Luke 24:13-35, this retreat offers an opportunity to reflect and pray with the experience of encountering Jesus as companion on the road of daily life. Flyers for the retreat containing the registration forum are available in the parish hall and in the parish office.

**QUIET DAY IN LENT:** Saturday March 13, 2010, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sarah Wetzel, facilitator. Come apart for a day of silence, reflection and prayer. The day will include meditations and time for exploring a range of contemplative practices - Anglican prayer beads, the labyrinth, lectio divina, icons, and collage. Please bring a bag lunch, soup and beverages will be provided. If interested, please contact Sarah Wetzel at [sarah.wetzel@verizon.net](mailto:sarah.wetzel@verizon.net) or 978-283-3833.

**SANTA'S WORKSHOP** meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at Pope Cabinets, 17 Kondelin Road – just before Fisk Organ – at 6:30pm. We build wood projects for the Church fairs. All skill levels are welcome and needed. Contact Jonathan Pope or just show up.

**CLAIMING DISCIPLESHIP is the title of this year's Diocesan Resource Day.** The event takes place Saturday March 6th at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul. For information and to register go to <http://www.diomass.org/diocesan-news/claiming-discipleship>. The morning keynote speaker is the Rev'd Chip Stokes of St. Paul's Church in Delray Beach, Florida. Chip is a brother of Ted Cole who interned with us several years ago during his preparation for ordination. You can register at the above website. Laurie Brown is coordinating the day for those wishing to attend. Contact her at 978.283.6311 or [laurie@5plumcourt.com](mailto:laurie@5plumcourt.com).

**SOUP and SERVICE -- March 14, 5 pm, Parish Hall I.**

Join the Outreach Group for a light supper and to see a slide presentation by Chuck Roy, a member of Second Congregational Church in Beverly, on his 10 years of mission work with Casa Hogar San Jose, an orphanage for 100 children, in Colima, Mexico.

Since 2000 Mr. Roy and his wife have led and supported mission teams to work at the orphanage. The slide presentation will take you to the orphanage, introduce you to the children, show you both completed and ongoing projects and offer you opportunities to share in the experience.

Soup and Service is a regular gathering of members and friends of St. John's interested in prayer and action for social justice. All are welcome. For further information, contact Elizabeth Redmond, [elizabeth.redmond2@verizon.net](mailto:elizabeth.redmond2@verizon.net) or 978-768-7515.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT -- *Follow up to the Hunger Banquet***

The food scraps from the Parish Hunger Banquet on February 14 were bagged and taken home by a parishioner to feed her chickens. The waste from our meals fed six chickens for one week. During that week, the chickens laid 23 eggs. Think how much new, nutritious protein was generated by our scraps.

**EASTER FLOWER OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the pews, on the information table in the parish hall and in the parish office. They needed to be returned by March 21st, the Fifth Sunday in Lent.

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF.** Episcopal Relief & Development is accepting donations for the earthquake victims in Haiti. You can go on line to [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) to Haiti Fund or mail a check to Episcopal Relief and Development and mail to P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058 with a memo on your check "Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund". Contributions designated for Haiti may also be sent to St. Margaret's Convent, 17 Highland Park St, Boston MA 02119 with checks payed to "The Society of St. Margaret".

## music today: this afternoon!

4 pm Sunday, February 28

Robert Squires, guitar—*from Bach to the Beatles*

**Enriching our common life** is the work of us all at St. John's. Please remember to share with the Rector, Wardens, or members of the Vestry your suggestions for and your ways of assisting in enriching our ministry and witness.

**Pledge payments** may be made by using either **Visa or MasterCard**. Payments may be made in the Parish Office or by executing a payment authorization form found on the information table in Parish Hall I or in the Parish Office.

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*The Church is open for prayer and meditation Monday through Thursday*

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