



ST. JOHN'S GLOUCESTER

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

AUGUST 3, 2025

10:00AM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

For thousands of years, First Nations people walked on this land in Gloucester; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. St. John's is gathered on the traditional territory of the Pawtucket, and we give thanks to them, and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

They followed the seasons, hunted, fished, raised families, grieved for their dead, nourished their living, shared the stories of their ancestors, and considered themselves the caretakers of this place.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

Scherzo on NETTLETON

Marsha Medley (b. 1958)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

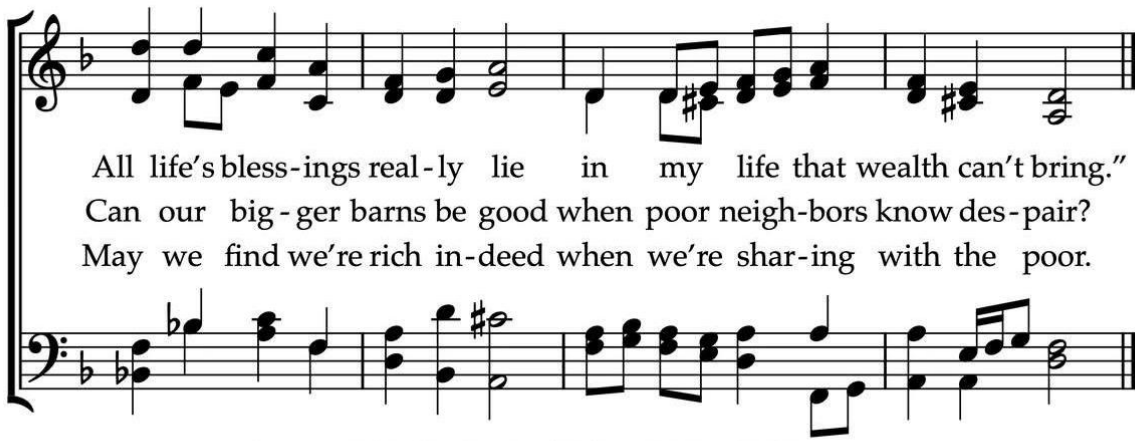
Bigger Barns

ABERYSTWYTH

1. "Big - ger barns are what I need!" So a rich man said one day.
2. "Big - ger barns are what we need for our mo - ney, gad-gets, more!"
3. God of love, we long to know what will make us tru - ly blest.

"From my wor - ries I'll be free when my wealth is stored a - way."
Lord, we're temp - ted to be - lieve hav - ing wealth, we'll be se - cure!
Je - sus taught us long a - go wealth won't give us peace or rest.

"Fool!" God said, "To - day you'll die! Will your wealth mean a - ny - thing?
Some-where chil - dren cry for food or to have a doc - tor's care.
You are our se - cu - ri - ty! Safe in you, we serve, O Lord.



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OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ADVOCACY

For Those Without Bread in The World

God of the oppressed, we pray for those who are without food in South Sudan, Haiti, Yemen, Gaza, and everywhere around the world where your children are denied sustenance. Your Son, Jesus Christ, taught us that our solidarity with the hungry is our solidarity with him. Equip us to tirelessly feed the hungry and seek a sustainable future for all the oppressed—all for the sake of your holy name. **Amen.**

THE CHOIR ANTHEM

Consider

Music: Roland E. Martin (b. 1955)
Words: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

*Consider The sparrows of the air of small account: Our God doth view
Whether they fall or mount,— He guards us too.
Consider The lilies that do neither spin nor toil,
Yet are most fair:—What profits all this care And all this coil?
Consider The birds that have no barn nor harvest-weeks;
God gives them food:—Much more our Father seeks to do us good.*

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pause to reflect on reading.

THE PSALM

Psalm 49:1-11

The Choir and Congregation will chant the Psalm using Simplified Anglican Chant.



Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low, rich and poor to-gether.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on under-standing.

I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,
and boast of their great riches?

We can never ransom our-selves,
or deliver to God the price of our life;

For the ransom of our life is so great,
that we should never have enough to pay it,
In order to live for ever and ever,
and never see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who
come after them.

Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation
to gene-ration,
though they call the lands after their own names.

Repeat the last two measures of the chant.

Even though honored, they cannot live for ever;
they are like the beasts that perish.

THE GREEK BIBLE

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Pause to reflect on reading.

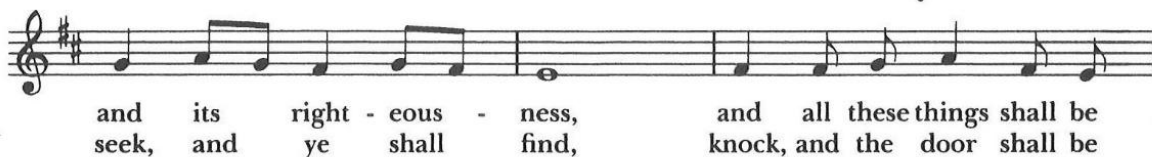
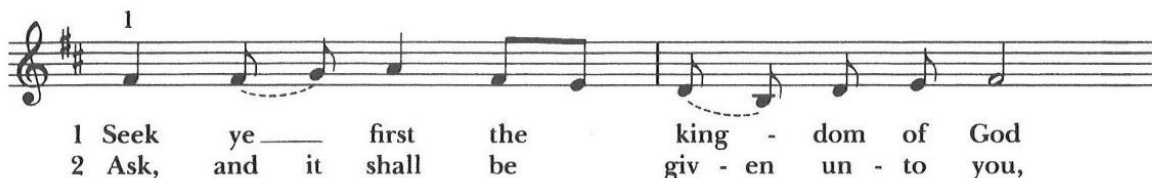
GOSPEL HYMN

1982 Blue Hymnal #711

Seek ye first

SEEK YE FIRST

The Choir and Congregation will sing stanza 1 before the Gospel, stanza 2 after.



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Refrain
2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7.

Stanza 2 is not part of the hymn as originally written.

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

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THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:13-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Jason Kinchin

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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We believe in God whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust; and, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace, to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness, to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love, and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Church of England - adapted

(During the prayers and confession, we invite you to stand or kneel, as you are able.)

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

Holy God, the beginning and end of all things, in your providence and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done, according to your wise and loving purpose. Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery: St. Luke's Church/Iglesia de San Lucas, Chelsea; Grace Church Federated, East Boston; South Sudanese Congregation; Hispanic Ministries; Creation Care Justice Network. Empower and enable us to seek the well-being of others. Holy God,
Hear our prayer

By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts. Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those struggling with addictions and those who are ill, remembering those in hospital and those who are isolated. We pray for: **Carolina and Cody, Macrina, Dave, Emily, Corey and Avila Pollock, Julie, William Brock, Clay Gordon Woodgate.**

Are there others?

Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being. Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life. Are there any to be named? Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace. Holy God,
Hear our prayer.

God of grace, may your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**—adapted from *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

THE CONFESSION

**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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Christ is here right now making peace among us.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

What profit all the labor here?

Words: Witness Lee (1905-1997)

Music: J. Calvin Bushey (1847-1929)

1. What profit all the labor here? There's nothing new for you and
me! Re - mem - ber not the form - er things, They're all van - i -
ty! (C) Van - i - ty! Van - i - ty! Van - i - ty! Van - i -
ty! 'Tis chas - ing the wind, It's all van - i - ty!

Stanza 2:

*Our life is full of grief and pain: Much wisdom bringeth misery!
Increasing knowledge addeth woe! It's all vanity! (Chorus)*

Stanza 3:

*What good our pleasure and our wealth? Though joys we have and family,
We'll have our worries just the same! It's all vanity. (Chorus)*

Stanza 4:

*Days of toil to gain and restless nights: Though gained without calamity,
When death comes, it is gone for aye! It's all vanity. (Chorus)*

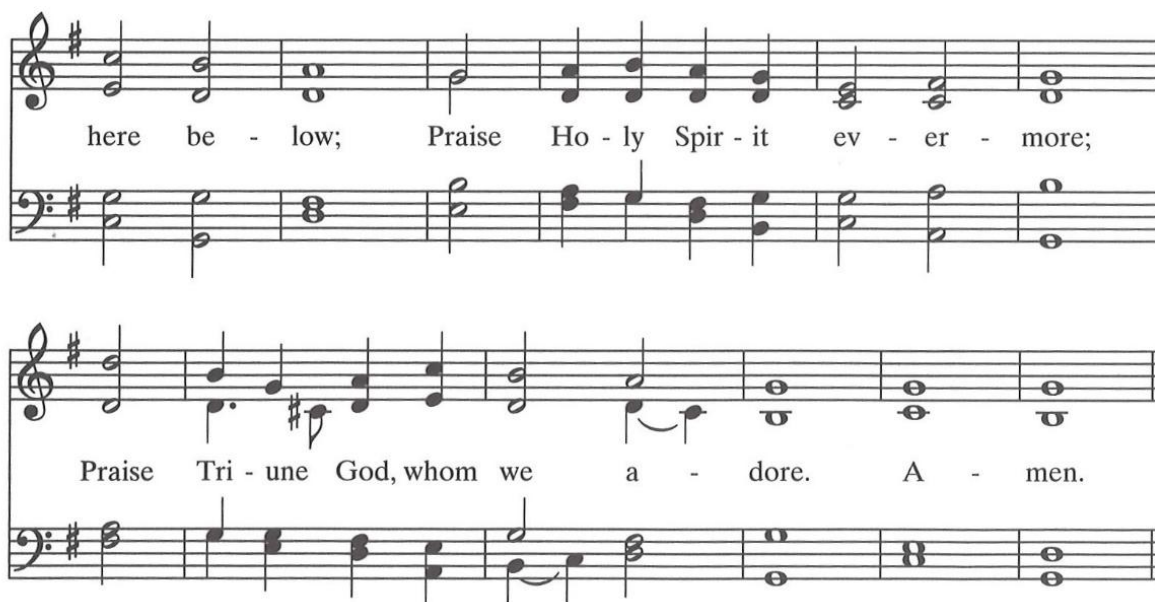
Stanza 5:

*Remember God is days of youth! Fear Him, and such will be your gain!
With Him you will be satisfied, For He is not vain! (Chorus)*

THE DOXOLOGY

The gifts of the people are brought to the Altar.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all peo - ple



THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

AUTHORIZED EXPANDED VERSION

The sanctuary lamp burns in honor of Mary and The Rev. Walter Taylor, parents of Peter Taylor, in thanksgiving for their 40+ years of pastoral ministry together.

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
 2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am Bb C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

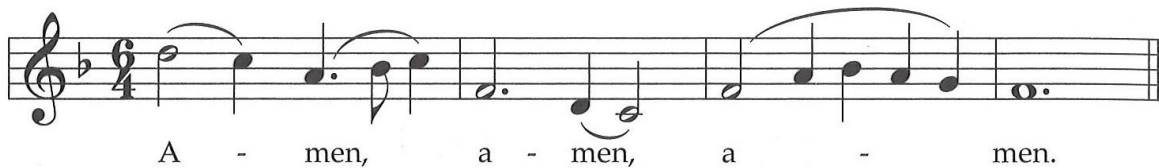
We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.

Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior. Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal. Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

THE AMEN



And now, as Jesus has taught us, we pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blue Hymnal #S148

Celebrant and People

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.

Music: Ambrosian chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for you, the People of God!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

St. John's welcomes everyone to come to God's table, for communion, to share in Christ's sustaining life. You may participate by extending your hands and placing one hand over the other for the bread and sipping from the chalice. If you prefer not to receive wine, you may cross your hands over your chest. If you prefer gluten free wafers, let us know. You may also come to the altar simply for a blessing, while others come for communion. To receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest. The Priest will pray for God's blessing upon you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Peaceful Meditation

Kip Ellis, *Chimes*
Paul Fey (b. 1998)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND PRAYERS FOR TRAVEL

THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of God's son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty: Creator, Christ and Spirit be with you forever more. **AMEN.**


THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

God, whose giving knows no ending


HYMN TO JOY

Words: Robert L. Edwards (1915-2006)


Music: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)




1. God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2. Skills and time are ours for pres - sing t'ward the goals of
3. Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your




end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Jes - us' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred, ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door. Gift - ed by you,
rac - es joined, the Church made one. Now di - rect our
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our



we turn to you, of - fring up our - selves in praise; thank -
dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born
hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal -



ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious Do - nor of our days.
with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Hornpipe Humoresque

Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. JOHN'S GLOUCESTER

We know that Christ is present in each person here and we celebrate the diversity of the body of Christ. If this is your first visit, please introduce yourself today and visit again sometime. If you've been away, welcome back. If you are here every week, it's always great to see you! We worship in the Anglican tradition and are a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, which is part of the Episcopal Church USA. We honor individuals of every age, gender, ethnic heritage, sexual orientation and religious background. We respect the dignity of every human being.

NEWCOMER'S WELCOME

Please accept our warmest welcome! We hope you will experience the power of the Holy Spirit in our worship together. Please greet the Priest as you leave and complete a visitor's card found in each pew and place it in the offertory plate, give it to an usher, or give it to the Priest. Please join us for coffee hour, which is located in the Parish Hall, so our community can get to know you informally. We have two restrooms; one (handicapped accessible) is located next to the Parish Hall, the other restroom is located on the second floor up the stairs from the Parish Hall kitchen.

PARTICIPATING IN THE LITURGY

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

Celebrant The Rev. Ali Lutz

Preacher Jason Kinchen

Lector Alex Garcia-Mata

Acolyte Karen Kasper

LEM Geoff Pope

Ushers Doug Musco, Isabel Musco

Musicians The Congregation, the Choir, John Churchwell - Director of Music

Altar Guild Dani Stotzer

Flower Guild Rosemary Sullivan Kip Ellis

Live Streaming Norm Barr

COFFEE HOUR TODAY: Connie DeSimone, Patricia Anders, Priscilla Gerrard

ACTION LUNCHESES: Steve and Debby Jencks