



ST. JOHN'S GLOUCESTER

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

JULY 27, 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.

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

<i>Presider</i>	Rick Britton
<i>Preacher</i>	Patricia Anders
<i>Lector</i>	Doug Musco
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sue Lupo
<i>Ushers</i>	Dani Stotzer, Doug Parsons
<i>Musicians</i>	Director of Music – John Churchwell, The Congregation, The Choir
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Dani Stotzer
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Rosemary Sullivan, Kip Ellis
<i>Live Streaming</i>	Norm Barr
<i>Healing Prayers</i>	Katharine Newhouse, Doug Parsons

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by Sue Lupo and Jan Goodwin.

ACTION LUNCHESES were provided by Jan and Pete Goodwin.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS TODAY are given by Dani Stotzer in memory of her grandmother's birthday, Gertrude Williams, born in 1898 and a lifelong member of St. John's.

THE SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

PRELUDE

How firm a Foundation

arr. Truoke Ameigh (b. 1947)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

1982 Blue Hymnal #618

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms 118:24

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People together, all kneeling

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.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Presider alone stands and says

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

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glo-ry be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The Presider continues

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

VENITE

Psalm 95:1-

The Psalm is read responsively.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanks-giving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture

and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

I need thee every hour

Text: Annie S. Hawks (1835-1918)

Music: Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

*I need thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine Can peace afford.*

*I need thee, O I need thee, Ev'ry hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my savior, I come to thee.*

*I need thee ev'ry hour, Stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their power When thou art nigh.*

*I need thee ev'ry hour, In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide, Or life is vain.*

*I need thee ev'ry hour, Teach me thy will,
And thy rich promises In me fulfill.*

THE PSALM

Psalm 138

The Psalm is read responsively.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not

destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

People Thanks be to God.

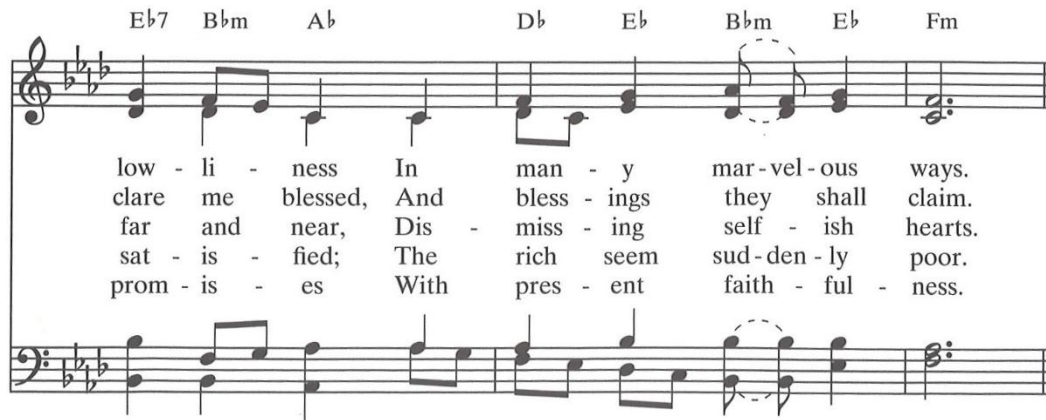
THE SONG OF MARY

Magnificat Luke 1:46-55

Cm Fm Eb Ab Db Eb Fm Cm Fm

1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God, My
 2. My God has done great things for me: Yes,
 3. From age to age to all who fear, Such
 4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, Pro -
 5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant Sup -

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my
 ho - ly is this Name. All peo - ple will de -
 mer - cy love im - parts, Dis - pens - ing jus - tice
 motes the in - se - cure, Leaves hun - gry spir - its
 ports those in dis - tress, Re - mem - ber - ing past



THE SECOND READING

Colossians 2:6-19

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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THE SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc dimittis Luke 2:29-32

1. Now may Your ser - vant, Lord, Ac - cord - ing to Your word,
2. You did for all pre - pare This gift so great, so rare,
De - part in ex - ul - ta - tion. My peace shall be se - rene,
Ful - fill - ing proph-ets' sto - ry— A light to show the way
For now my eyes have seen Your won - der - ful sal - va - tion.
To Gen - tiles gone a - stray, And un - to Is - rael's glo - ry.

THE THIRD READING

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up

and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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THE HOMILY

Patricia Anders, *Co-Warden*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Presider and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

1982 Blue Hymnal #652

REST

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
here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

THE PRAYERS

The People stand or kneel

Presider God be with you.

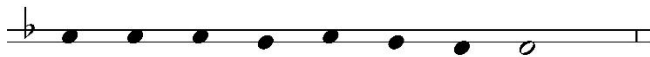
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant and People

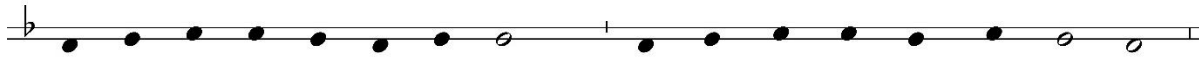
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your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



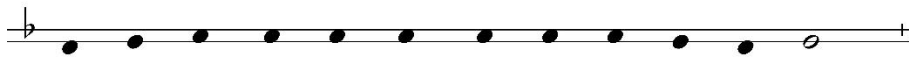
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



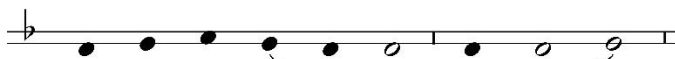
For-give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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.

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Presider and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the
midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life
everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND PRAYERS FOR TRAVELS

CLOSING HYMN

God be with you till we meet again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,
meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
till we meet, till we meet, till we
meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904
Music: William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

COD BE WITH YOU
98 89 and refrain

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

POSTLUDE

Meditation on: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God

arr. John Barr (b. 1938)

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND AND HEART FOR OUR WORSHIP LIVES TOGETHER

August 3	The Rev. Ali Lutz, Celebrant; Newt Fink, Preaching
August 9	Main Street Block Party
August 10	The Rev. Ali Lutz, Celebrant; Jason Kinchen, Preaching
August 17	The Rev. Ali Lutz (Preaching and Celebrating)
August 24	The Rev. Marya DeCarlen returns from vacation
August 27	Niles Beach Service
August 29	Main Street Block Party
August 31	Labor Day Weekend and Prayers for Healing
September 14	Invite a Friend Sunday!
September 28	Creation Care Sunday: 800 th Anniversary of St. Francis' Canticle of Creation
September 28	Prayers for Healing
October 4	Blessing of the Animals
October 5	The Feast of St. John
October 5	The Glennon Brothers: Trumpet and Piano Recital
October 12	Indigenous People's Sunday
October 26	Prayers for Healing
November 2	All Saints Sunday
November 22	The Village Fair
November 30	First Sunday of Advent
November 30	Prayers for Healing
December 3	Advent Evensong
December 13	Middle Street Walk
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 28	Prayers for Healing
January 4	Epiphany Lessons and Carols