



ST. JOHN'S GLOUCESTER

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

APRIL 6, 2025

10:00AM

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 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>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Marya DeCarlen
<i>LEM</i>	Sue Lupo
<i>Lector</i>	Doug Parsons
<i>Acolyte</i>	Sue Lupo
<i>Ushers</i>	Doug Musco, Isabel Musco
<i>Musicians</i>	Director of Music, John Churchwell; Choir and Congregation
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kim Prentice
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Rosemary Sullivan, Gwen Kopka

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by Connie DeSimone.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

SILENCE BEFORE THE SERVICE

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE SILENT PROCESSION

Our worship begins with the Acclamation and Penitential Rite.

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation.

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sin.**

Celebrant 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." -Mark 12:29-31

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

As we enter in to worship we ask God's forgiveness for things done and things left undone and things done on our behalf so that we may be reconciled to each other and to God.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept for a time.

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Most holy and merciful God: We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

People **We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.**

Celebrant Our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,

People **We confess to you, O God.**

Celebrant Our self-indulgence, and our exploitation of other people, our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
People **We confess to you, O God.**

Celebrant For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,
People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Celebrant. For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,
People **Accept our repentance, O God.**

Celebrant Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;
People **Favorably hear us, for your mercy is great.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON AND FORGIVENESS

Celebrant May the Eternal God forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE KYRIE *The Congregation may kneel while the Kyrie is sung by the choir.
Setting from Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828), arr Richard Proulx (b. 1932)*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The congregation may stand or kneel.

Celebrant God be with you,.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

**Sung on tone.*

People **Creator God, you alone can bring into order the wills and affections of all people: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE CHORAL ANTHEM

Ah, Holy Jesus

William Roger Price (b. 1955)

*Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted.*

*Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee. 'Twas I Lord, Jesus, I it was denied thee:
I crucified thee.*

*Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered:
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered:
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth, God intercedeth. Amen.*

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself

so that they might declare my praise.

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

People **Thanks be to God.-**

THE PSALM

Psalm 126

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

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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When the Lord restored the fortunes of **Zion**, *
then were we like those who **dream**.

Then was our mouth filled with **laughter**, *
and our tongue with shouts of **joy**.

Then they said among the **nations**, *
"The Lord has done great things for **them**."

The Lord has done great things for **us**, *
and we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O **Lord**, *
like the watercourses of the **Negev**.

Those who sowed with **tears** *
will reap with songs of **joy**.

Those who go out weeping, carrying the **seed**, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their **sheaves**.

THE GREEK BIBLE

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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THE CHORAL GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Set me as a Seal upon your heart

Rene Clausen (b. 1953)

Set me as a seal upon your heart as a seal upon your arm for love is strong as death.

Many waters cannot quench love neither can the floods drown it.

The choir will sing before and after the Gospel reading.

THE GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

LEM Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace. We pray for those in authority, particularly our president and congress. May the shoulders of the risen Jesus, once scourged by soldiers, bear the burden of political and military conflict in our world.

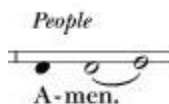
LEM Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods and communities. We pray for peace in Israel and Palestine. May the presence of the risen Jesus, his body once broken and now made whole, bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

LEM Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care and comfort to the sick. We pray for **Mara, Jan Goodwin, Demetria, Thelma, Tanya, Patty Rhineland, Faith Berry, Gloria Herboldsheimer, Barbara, Kevin, Andrea, Kathy, Sheree and Dick, Moira, Macrina, Nancy, Jennifer, Marge, the American Cathedral in Paris, Debbie and Jeremy, Dillon and Lauren, Dee, Shelley, Laureen, Bobby, Betsy, Rümeyza Öztürk, Claudette and Tom Chmura and Family.** *Are there others to be named?* May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

LEM Give us the courage to give up our inability to appreciate and thank people for their presence in our lives. *The congregation replies with thanksgivings.*

LEM Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and to rejoice with those who have died in faith. *Are there any to be named?* May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony, and walk with us and all your Church through death to the gate of glory. *(the Amen is sung)*

At the direction of the Cantor, the people chant Amen.



THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Celebrant Christ is here right now making peace among us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

My Jesus, I love thee

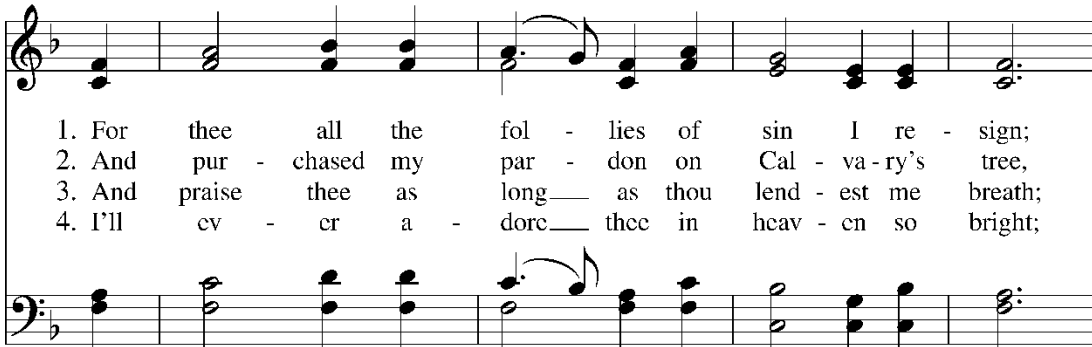
LEVAS #89

GORDON

During the Offertory Hymn, the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar.



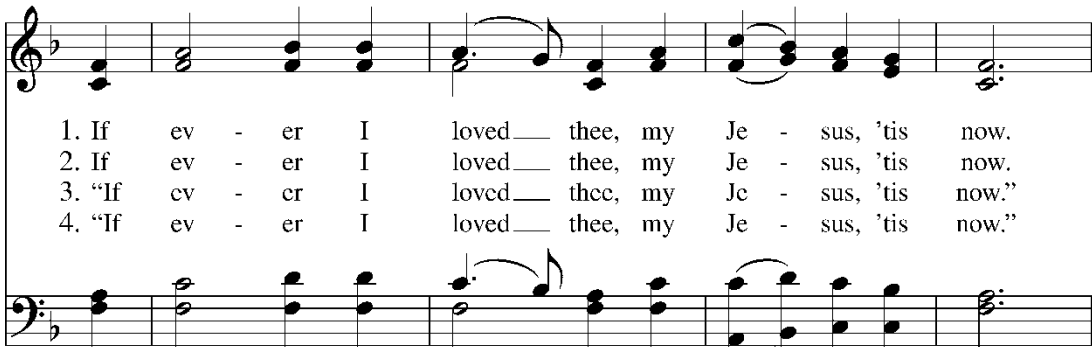
1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,



1. For thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign;
2. And pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree,
3. And praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
4. I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;



1. My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior are thou:—
2. I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow:—
3. And say when the death - dew lies cold on my brow,—
4. I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow,—



1. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
2. If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
3. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."
4. "If ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now."

Words: William R. Featherstone (1846-1873). Music: Adoniram J. Gordon (1836-1895).

THE DOXOLOGY

O love, how deep, how broad (stanza 6)

1982 Blue Hymnal #448

DEUS TUORUM MILITUM

The gifts of the people are brought to the Altar.

All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so
deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom
we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to God.**

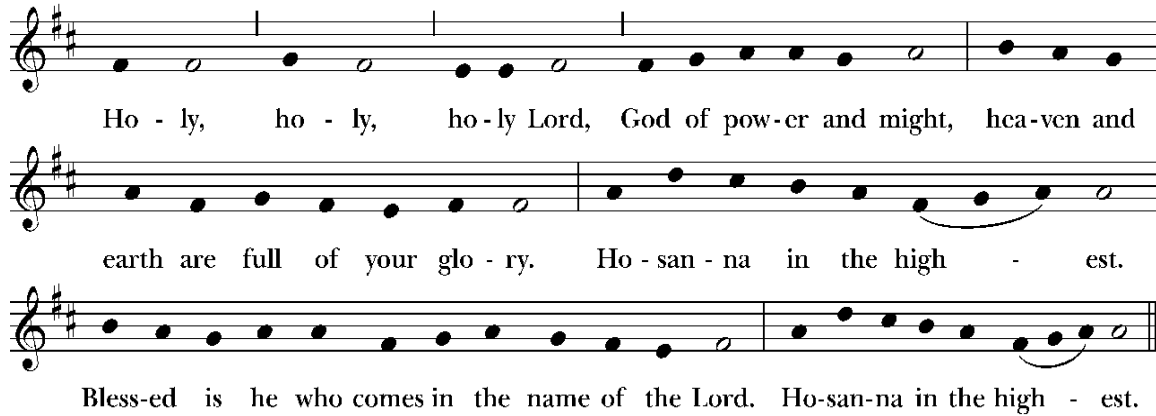
Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

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

Blessed are you, God of everlasting covenant, for your promises are steadfast and your provision is sure. Through the forty years of your people's desert wanderings you were constant in fire and cloud; with manna and mercy you sustained every step. You made Jesus' temptation of forty days a theater of truth where your Word stood strong. In every age you have shaped your people through times of wilderness and wandering, of temptation and trial, and brought them into the land of promise and the life of covenant. And so we give you humble thanks for your forgiveness and our new life, with angels and archangels and the company of heaven, singing your unending praise.

THE SANCTUS

1982 Blue Hymnal #S124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Enduring God, as you sustained Jesus in hunger and thirst, through this meal strengthen us to keep our Lenten fast. Send your Holy Spirit upon us as we remember Jesus 'saving passion; transform our insatiable desires into hunger for the feast of this table. Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ; Who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine. Again, he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Great is the mystery of faith.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

1982 Blue Hymnal #366



People
Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Forgiving God, in this season of repentance, make your mercy sufficient for every need. Come to your children who are in their own wilderness and make their wanderings holy paths of learning your truth. Strengthen all who face the threshold of temptation or the tumult of trial. Seek those whose hearts are contrite and meet them with grace. Come alongside your children who suffer under the sin of another and give them the power to live as your beloved sons and daughters. Renew your church from the depths of your heart, where justice and mercy meet. Bring us with all your saints to the day when all who watch and pray for your kingdom behold your salvation and meet you in your resurrection. Infuse your church with Spirit and truth, walk with your beloved people as they seek security, companionship and freedom in your world, and fill your saints with

the hope of eternal life, that all may come to praise your name, and every grain of sand and star in the sky be stirred with the wonders of your grace.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

THE CHORAL AMEN *Sung by the choir.*
Sevenfold Amen

Peter Lutkin (1858-1931)

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

1982 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 CHORAL FRACTION ANTHEM

Create in my, O God, a pure heart

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

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

*Father, we thank thee who hast planted
Shepherd of souls*

RENDEZ A DIEU
ST. AGNES

THE GREAT SILENCE

*Once all have received communion and the Holy Table has been cleared,
the community observes a moment of silent reflection and prayer.
The silence is begun and ended with the sound of a bell.*

Celebrant Jesus said to his disciples, "Come away to a quiet place and rest for a while."
Therefore, let us now rest in Christ's presence in the silence.

A prolonged silence is kept.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

After the Silence the Presider invites the congregation to stand and pray saying:

Celebrant God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

People **Faithful God, in this holy meal you increase our faith and hope and love.
Lead us in the way of Christ who is your Word of life. We ask this in his
name. Amen.**

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND PRAYERS FOR TRAVEL

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Live without fear, for your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you fiercely. Go in peace to follow the good road, together. And the blessing of God, who creates, liberates and inspires us to justice, be with you all forever.

People **AMEN.**

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross

1982 Blue Hymnal #474
ROCKINGHAM

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

DEPART IN SILENCE

SAVE THE DATE!

Choral Evensong

April 9, 2025

6:00pm

Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

7:00pm

Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

10:00am

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:00am

Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday Services

April 17, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Service

Morning Prayer

April 27, 2025

Jason Kinchen, Officiant

Good Friday Reading of the Passion

April 18, 2025

11:00am

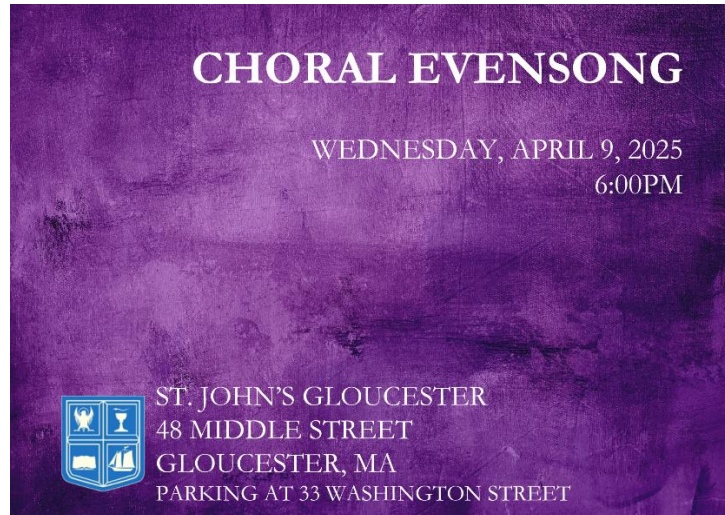
May The Fourth Be With You

Silent Movie Concert

May 4, 2025, John Churchwell, Organist

ACTION LUNCHESES

Action Lunches return on Saturday, May 3. Please sign up in the parish hall. Contact Carolyn Stewart at 978-314-1381 or csrolynstewart314@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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