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ST. JOHN'S GLOUCESTER

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025
10:00am

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

OPENING SENTENCES

Celebrant Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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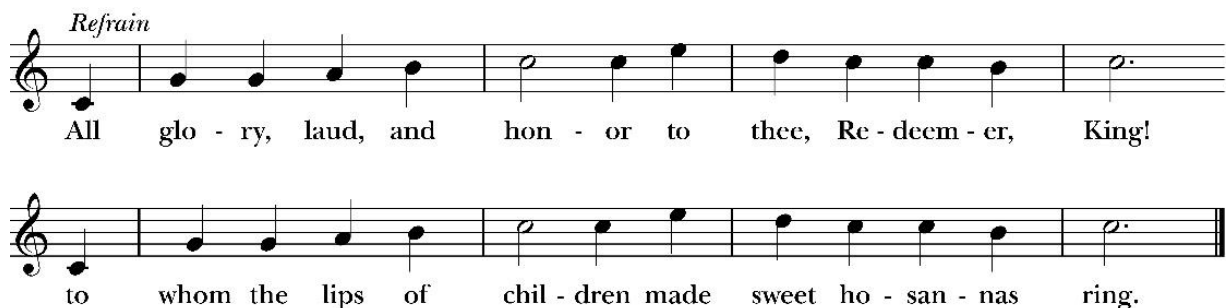
People **Hosanna in the highest.**

THE PROCESSIONAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;
 3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;
 5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Repeat Refrain

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
 2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.
 3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant God be with you,.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray together.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: 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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Let the same mind be in you

Thomas Pavlechko (b. 1962)

Let the same mind be in you that was in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death; even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE HEBREW BIBLE

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Pause to reflect on reading.

THE PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**; *
his mercy endures for **ever**.

Let Israel now pro-**claim**, *
"His mercy endures for **ever**."

Open for me the gates of **righteousness**; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the **Lord**.

"This is the gate of the **Lord**; *
he who is righteous may **enter**."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered **me** *
and have become my sal-**vation**.

The same stone which the builders re-**jected** *
has become the chief **cornerstone**.

This is the Lord's **doing**, *
and it is marvelous in our **eyes**.
On this day the Lord has **acted**; *
we will rejoice and be glad in **it**.

Hosannah, Lord, **hosannah!** *
Lord, send us now suc-**cess**.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the **Lord**; *
we bless you from the house of the **Lord**.

God is the Lord; he has shined upon **us**; *
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the **altar**.
"You are my God, and I will thank **you**; *
you are my God, and I will exalt **you**."

THE GREEK BIBLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death--even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*choir and congregation*) 1982 Blue Hymnal #436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Sing verses 1-3 before the Gospel. Sing verses 4-6 after the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. (*continue*)

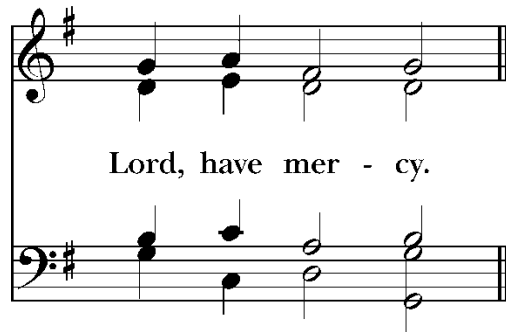
**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Book of Common Prayer, p. 383

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

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, singing after each bidding:



For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Churches of the Charles River Deanery, especially: All Saints Parish, Brookline; Church of Our Saviour, Brookline; St. Paul’s Church, Brookline; The Allston Abbey, Boston; Boston University Chaplain, Boston; The Church Home Society.

Let us pray to the Lord.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, Gloucester, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

For those who struggle with addiction that they will be comforted by you and remove all outside influences and people that hinder them from coming clean so they can be free to be the person that you’ve called them to be, let us pray to the Lord.

For those that need your healing touch, we pray for: **Mara, Jan Goodwin, Demetria, Thelma, Tanya, Patty Rhinelander, 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, Lauren, Bobby, Betsy, Rümeyssa Öztürk, Claudette and Tom Chmura and Family.**

In the communion of all the saints who have gone before us, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

Silence.

The Celebrant continues

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give Glory for ever.



A - men.



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 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

1982 Blue Hymnal #490

I want to walk as a child of the light

HOUSTON

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

THE DOXOLOGY

1982 Blue Hymnal #556

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

MARION

The gifts of the people are brought to the Altar.

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Written by The Rev. Sam Wells and The Rev. Abigail Kocher

The sanctuary lamp burns this week in memory of Jenness and Mary Lou Eugley given by their daughter, Gwen Kopka.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

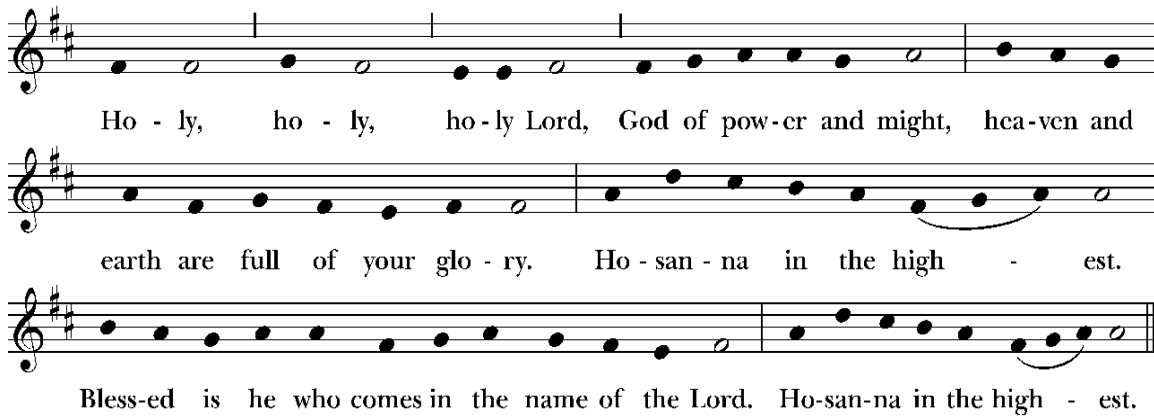
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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 GREAT AMEN

1982 Blue Hymnal #S146



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

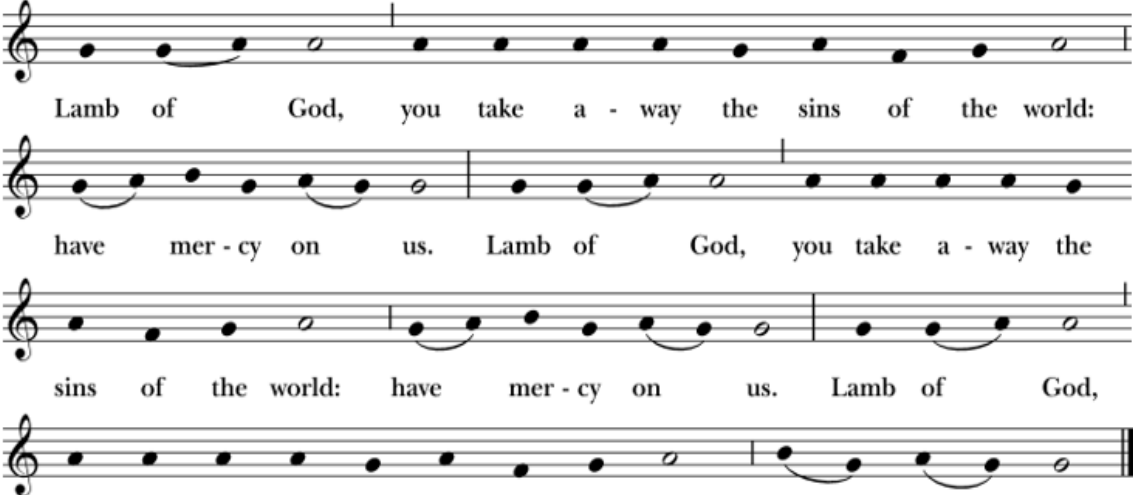
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Celebrant and People

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.

AGNUS DEI



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

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

*And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Jesus, Lamb of God*

UNDE ET MEMORES
AGNUS DEI

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.**

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, AND 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

Open your ears, O faithful people

1982 Blue Hymnal #536

TORAH SONG

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Go out and tell!

David Paxton

SAVE THE DATE!

Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday

Services

April 17, 2025

6:00pm Meal, 7:00pm Service

Good Friday Reading of the Passion

April 18, 2025

11:00am

Easter Vigil

April 19, 2025

7:00pm

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:00am

Morning Prayer

April 27, 2025

Jason Kinchen, Officiant

May The Fourth Be With You

Silent Movie Concert

May 4, 2025, John Churchwell, Organist

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>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Marya DeCarlen
<i>LEM</i>	Geoff Pope
<i>Lector</i>	Sarah Larson
<i>Acolyte</i>	Karen Kasper
<i>Ushers</i>	Dani Stotzer, Ian Bedford
<i>Musicians</i>	Director of Music, John Churchwell; Choir and Congregation
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Karen Kasper
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Rosemary Sullivan

COFFEE HOUR TODAY is hosted by Sue Lupo.

ST. JOHN'S NEEDS A NEW PIANO!

Help us secure a legacy of music that we can share with our parish family and the wider community for years to come. A new piano would allow us to expand our music ministry to Cape Ann. PLEASE help us meet our fundraising goal of \$15,000 by May 30.

NOW ACCEPTING ORDERS FOR EASTER BUNNY CAKES!

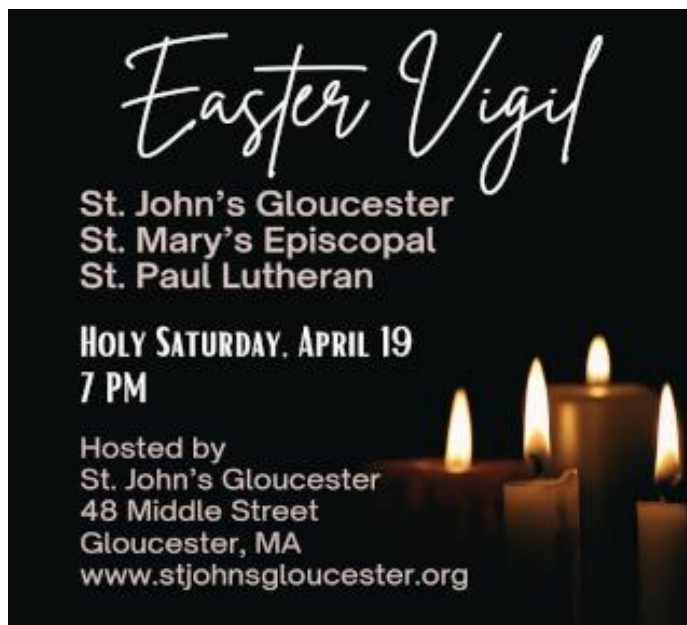
To order an adorable cake, sign up in the Parish Hall, email Marge, or call the office at 978-283-1708 by April 16. SPECIFY FLAVOR: vanilla, chocolate, or red velvet. Suggested donation \$20. Drop checks off at Sunday service or during the week in the office. Make checks out to St. John's and write "Bunny Cake" in the memo line. (Cash should include a note indicating who it's from and what it's for.) Thanks!!

Also, BAKERS NEEDED! Bakers will gather the morning of Saturday 4/19 at 11:00 to decorate as a group. Participants will be asked to provide their cakes, canned frosting for each cake and an aluminum covered cardboard to present the cake on. We will provide the remaining decorations. For more information, contact Priscilla Gerrard.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower Envelopes are in the pews and in the office. You can also donate on-line. (For online donations, select "Flower Donations.") Be sure to email memorial and thanksgiving names to Marge Bishop or call the office at 978-283-1708) by MONDAY, APRIL 14. Suggested donation is \$25.





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