

ST. JOHN'S GLOUCESTER

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY

HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

October 11, 2026 - 10:00 AM



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.

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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 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, Priest-in-Collaboration
<i>Lector:</i>	Claudette Chmura
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Sue Lupo
<i>Lay Eucharistic Minister:</i>	Claudette Chmura
<i>Prayers of the People:</i>	Rick Britton
<i>Ushers:</i>	Tom Chmura, Doug Musco
<i>Musicians:</i>	The Congregation, the Choir Dr. Carl Klein, Interim Director of Music
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Karen Kasper, Neila LeBeau, Melanie Murray-Brown
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Rosemary Sullivan
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Karen Kasper
<i>Action Lunches:</i>	Gwen Kopka, Carolyn Stewart

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

PLEASE OBSERVE SILENCE FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE AND DURING THE PRELUDE.

PRELUDE

VARIATIONS ON *UNE JEUNE PUCELLE* Denis Bédard (b. 1950)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Blue Hymnal #114

‘Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime

UNE JEUNE PUCELLE

Jesse E. Middleton (1872-1960)

Huron (French) Folk Melody

OPENING SENTENCES

Walking in the footsteps of our ancestors, listening, praying, singing songs of hope.
Their words remind us that despite hardship and injustice,

We remember their journey.

Creating in the image of the Creator, we sow and water, tend and harvest with the cycle of
the moon and the seasons of the Earth.

We remember their journey.

Hearing the voices of those who stepped out in faith from generations past, they call us to
shake off the burdens of this life, to sing and to dance.

We remember their journey.

Bound in spirit to one another, through the stories of our people, connected to Creator and
earth in a web of relationship, seeking grace and balance in all we do. The Creator and
Great Spirit was with them, the same Creator and Great Spirit that is with us today.

Resource from Worship and Educational Resources, Minnesota Annual Conference

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.**

KYRIE

Choir ALL

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

Choir ALL

Chri - ste e - le - i - son Chri - ste e - le - i - son

Choir ALL

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

The musical score for the Kyrie is written on three staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff is for the 'Choir' and the second for 'ALL'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son'. The third staff is for the 'Choir' and the fourth for 'ALL'. The lyrics are 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son'. The fifth staff is for the 'Choir' and the sixth for 'ALL'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son'. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: God be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray together

O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related; Call us to the kinship of all your people. Grant us vision to see, through the lens of our Baptismal Covenant, the brokenness of the past; Help us to listen to one another, in order to heal the wounds of the present; And give us courage, patience, and wisdom to work together for healing and hope with all of your people, now and in the future. Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, the One who comes to all people that we might live in dignity. Amen.

This week, the readings, psalm, and gospel are taken from the “First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the Old/New Testament.” This translation of “the good story is dedicated to the Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island (North America) – the Tribal Nations that call this land home.”

Isaiah 61:1-4: A Reading from the First Nations Old Testament

The Great Spirit (God) is upon me because God blessed me with a special purpose, and sent me to give a message of kindness to the poor, to repair those with broken hearts, to open the prisons of those who are bound, and pardon those who have been captured. Our Maker sent me to give them a beautiful headdress of acceptance in exchange for ashes. To anoint them with gladness instead of sorrow, to wrap them in victory, joy, and praise, instead of depression and sadness. People call them *magnificent, like great towering trees* standing for what is right. They will be planted by the Giver of Breath (God) to display the glory of the Great Mystery. They will rebuild the old ruins, raise a new city out of the wrongs done. They will start over by taking the rubble untouched by many generations and make it right again.

Reader: The Spirit of Many Names has spoken to us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 93 (TO BE READ RESPONSIVELY)

Creator rules as Grand Chief of all!

Our Great Spirit is clothed in beautiful regalia and is wrapped with the sash of power.

The World has been set firmly in place, never to be moved.

Your ancient seat of honor remains firm,

For you have always been.

Grandfather and Grandmother, the deep waters have lifted up.

They raise their voices high with the drumbeat of the pounding waves.

Above the sound of the raging waters and the breaking of the waves,

The Creator stands mighty above them all.

Your wise ways remain true, Great Spirit.

Your sacred longhouse reflects your beauty for all days to come.”

A reading from “Small Man to the Sacred Families in the Land of Pale Skins” (Galatians 3: 23-29) The Way of Trusting

Before this way of trusting came, we were rounded up and held firmly under the guidance of our tribal law until the time came when the way of trusting would be made clear. Our tribal law was like an elder who watched over the children and told them how to do every little thing, but only until the coming of the Chosen One (Jesus), who would give us good standing by the way of trusting. But now that the way of trusting has come, we are no longer children needing someone to watch over us and tell us what to do. For we are all sons and daughters of the Great Spirit (God) through our trust in Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. All of you who participated in the purification ceremony (Baptism) of the Chosen One have put on the regalia of the Chosen One himself.

It no longer matters whether you are Tribal Members or Wisdom Seekers (Greeks), slaves or free, male or female. For in Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One, you are all one people. And since you belong to the Chosen One, you are a descendant of Father of Many Nations (Abraham) and the ones who share in the blessings of the promise Creator made to him.

Reader: The Spirit of Many Names has spoken to us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN [SING 3 TIMES THROUGH]



Traditional Muscogee Indian, transcribed C. Klein

The Gospel of John 3: 16-21 Born From Above

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

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

The Great Spirit loves this world of human beings so deeply that we were given the only Son who fully represents the Creator. All who trust in the Creator will not come to a bad end, but will have the life of the world to come that never fades away, full of beauty and harmony. Creator did not send a Son to decide against the people of this world, but to set them free from the worthless ways of the world.

The ones who trust in the Creator are released from their guilt, but, for the ones who turn away, to follow the ways of this world, their guilt remains. This is because they are turning away from the life of beauty and harmony the Great Spirit offers through the Son.

This is what decides for or against them. My light has shined into this dark world, but because of their worthless ways, people loved the dark path more than the light. When they choose the dark path, they do not want others to see, so they hide in the darkness and hate the light. But the ones who are true and do what is right are walking in the daylight so others can clearly see they are walking with the Creator.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Marya DeCarlen

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from the United Reformed Church

Loving and gracious God, you wrap us in your love like a loving mother and carry us like a strong, gentle father, helping us stand tall to be your free, mature, and joyful children. We turn to you because we know life's challenges can not be faced alone, and we need your Holy Spirit to meet each other's needs.

Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.

We come to you with the resurrected Christ, who asks for all your suffering children. We join our prayers with Christ's prayers for those we know who struggle with addictions, are ill, or are troubled, especially: **Betsy, Greg, Nancy, Jean, Rimonah, Carolyn, Colette.**

Are there others we'd like to mention, either quietly or out loud?

Heal us and help us; comfort and strengthen us. Let our love show your tenderness and serve your healing presence.

Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.

Today, we pray for our spiritual leaders: for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia, Ian, and Mary, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers.

We pray for the Churches of the North Shore Deanery, Christ Church, South Hamilton; Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott; Trinity Church, Topsfield; and Asian and Pacific Islander Americans Ministry Network.

Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.

Rest on all who have died, knowing they have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Are there any to be mentioned, either silently or out loud?

Fill our lives with your presence so that more and more each day, we may join with the communion of saints who have gone before us, to the glory of your name.

Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love.

Living God, let praise begin, here and now, from our hearts, rising towards the skies, as you delight in us and we delight in you, forevermore.

Offer a thanksgiving or observe a moment of silence.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Spirit, gift of Christ, fill us with God's love. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is love and we are God's children. There is no room for fear in love. We love because God loved us first. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

CONFESSION

(Common Worship, Church of England)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, O God of our salvation. Amen.

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.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Humbly I Adore Thee
Text: attr. Thomas Aquinas

French Church Melody *Adoro devote*
arranged C. Klein

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FROM THE NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK

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.**

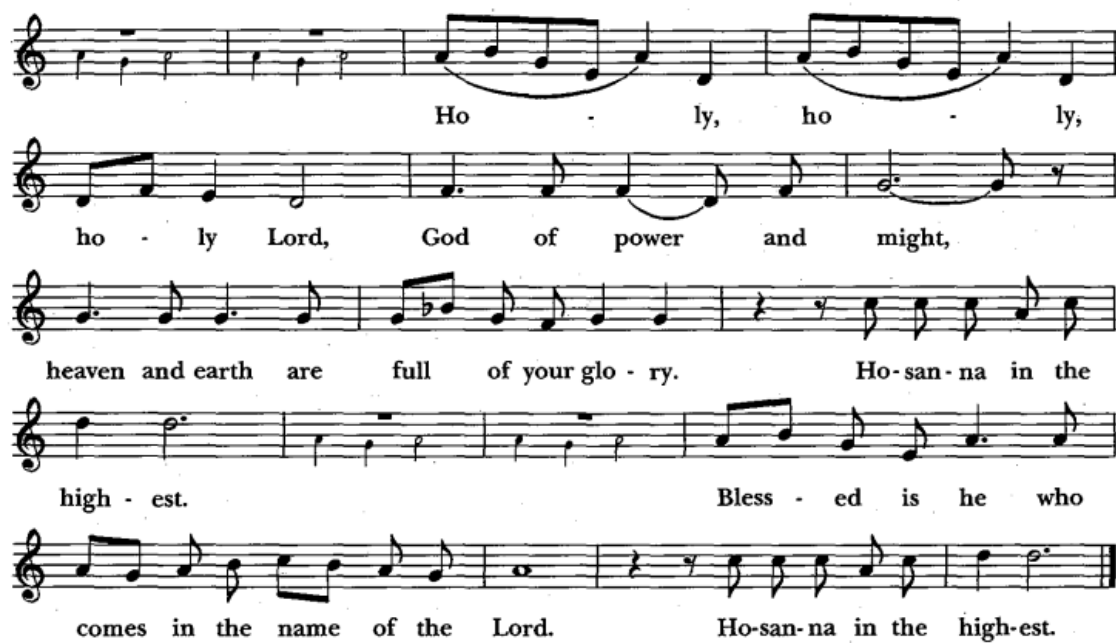
It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you, the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and joyful hearts:

The Holy Eucharist II

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Holy, holy, holy Lord *Sanctus*



Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

On that night before he died, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me."

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us. God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ and we who share his cup, draw strength from the one true vine. Called to follow Christ, help us to

reconcile and unite. Give us hope in our calling, for you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first. Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. **Amen.**

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

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread)

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The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

(Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Prelude in F Minor (Six Organ Pieces, #V)

Frank Bridge (1879-1941)

Hymn #9 [STANZAS 1-4]

Not Here For High And Holy Things
Geoffrey Stoddert-Kennedy (1883-1929)

MORNING SONG
melody att. E. K. Dare (1782-1826)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Form B, Enriching our Worship

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth: a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAYS OR TRAVEL

THE BLESSING

Go forth and stand strong, and hold onto what is good. Do not repay evil for evil. Help the weak, honor all people, and serve God with joy; and may God's grace and love remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Many and great, O God, are Thy works
American folk hymn

Blue Hymnal #385

Dakota Indian Chant [Lacquiparle]
Native American Melody

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE

FUGUE IN C MINOR

Maurice Green (1696-1755)

RATHER THAN APPLAUSE, A VERBAL AMEN, OR PERHAPS A KIND WORD DURING COFFEE HOUR, IS THE BEST WAY TO LET OUR MUSICIANS KNOW HOW MUCH YOU APPRECIATE THE MUSIC!!

SAVE THE DATE

Every Wednesday: Men's Bible Study (Thompson Room)(7am-8:30am)

Every Wednesday: Unpacking the Gospel (Bible Study)(12-1:30)

October 25, Nov. 1,8,15: Still Trinitarian After All These Years (11:45am)

November 01: All Saints Sunday & Baptism (10:00am)

November 21: Village Fair (9:00am-2:00pm)

December 12: Middle Street Walk (10:00am-3:00pm)

December 24: Christmas Eve Service (5:00pm)