

Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2020



Welcome
Regular worshiper, first-timer, or occasional visitor, we hope
you will enjoy our fellowship!

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Music Notes ♫

Our opening hymn is a favorite across Christianity in the last several hundred years “Praise to the Lord the Almighty” (#390). I’m certain that this will bring a familiar smile to many a face. Our closing hymn is less well known “O God of Earth and Altar.” We have sung it, not often enough, I guess. In the four volume Companion to the Hymnal 1982, the editor, Ray Glover writes: “At the beginning of the twentieth century, England was a nation experiencing the end of the long reign of Queen Victoria, the beginning of the Edwardian era, and the Second Boer War. It was a time of national self-confidence and pride, of materialism and moral laxity. In response to this, the critic and writer G. K. Chesterton penned a strong and poignant plea to God for social and political justice. In vivid language, the poet indicts both rulers whose duplicity and “easy speeches” give comfort to “Cruel men,” and people who in blindness and lethargy succumb to corruption. Written in 1906 with the intensity of the Old Testament prophets, the poet in ‘O God of earth and altar’ produced a text that spoke directly to the grim realities of his own time, but with equal intensity and relevance to our own.”

I have chosen 2 organ works which roughly reflect these 2 hymns. The opening “Lento” was a memorial piece to Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, composer of many good tunes including the famous “I Was Glad” sung at coronations and other great events. Composer Frank Bridge lived at the same time as Chesterton and the spare sorrowful tune might just as well be a commentary on the words of Hymn 591. And at the end, a little piccolo music that marches on using 8 & 2 foot stops which sound a bit like those fifes of the past.

We have a new canticle this week, Canticle 1, the *Benedicite opera omnia*. This is a long canticle that resides on pages 35-37 in the BCP. As the instructions indicate we’re skipping one of the sections. This hymn is sung in the Old Testament story of the 3 young men who God saved from the flames in the furnace. It has a very interesting repeating them, of the last phrases remain the same (for the most part) in the entire canticle. Customarily I have chosen two different, but complimentary Anglican chants to mark the different sections of the text. The expansive subject matter including all of creation seems appropriate for us, here and now. I’ve recorded it myself using a barbershop technique of placing the top voice (the “lead”) in one tenor voice and then also singing the alto, tenor and bass in their correct pitches. Although people have been doing this since the advent of recording technologies this recent time of physical distancing has made this often necessary as well as fun. And the blend, for the most part, is due to all the vowels and timing are the same. Or, perhaps it is the ultimate chance to “back lead” one’s own self!

Voluntary

Lento

Frank Bridge
(1879-1941)

Please join in singing Hymn 390

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - - - - - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - - - - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend - - - - - thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore - - - - - him! All that hath life and breath come now with

health and sal - va - - - - - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - - - - - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend - - - - - thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore - - - - - him! Let the a - men sound from his

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;
 harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

All stand

Officiant Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant 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.

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 Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant and People

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

*Then follows the Invitatory Psalm **Venite** Psalm 95:1-7; 96:9, 13*

The Invitatory: Venite



1. Come, let us sing to the



Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-



va - tion. 2. Let us come be-fore his pres - ence with thanks-giv - ing,



— and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the



Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all



gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth,



— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The



sea is his, for he made it, — and his hands have



mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



knee, — and kneel be - fore the Lord our Ma - ker. — 7. For



he is our God, — and we are the peo- ple of his



pas - ture — and the sheep of his hand. —



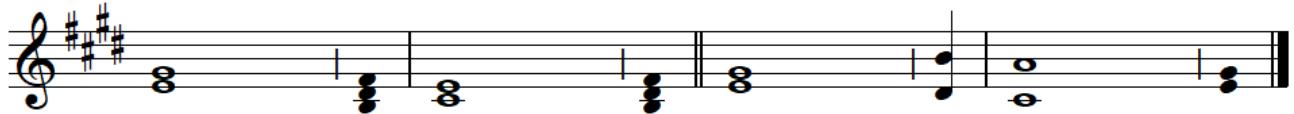
— Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice! —

Setting: Jack Noble White (b. 1958)

Please be seated to sing the Psalm appointed for this day

Psalm 86:11-17

Inclina, Domine



11 Teach me your way, O | LORD,
and I will walk in your | truth; *
knit my heart to | you
that I may fear your | Name.

12 I will thank you, O LORD my God, with all my | heart,*
and glorify your Name for | evermore.

13 For great is your love toward | me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost | Pit.

14 The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent men seeks my | life; *
they have not set you before their | eyes.

15 But you, O LORD, are gracious and full of com- | passion,*
slow to anger, and full of kindness and | truth.

16 Turn to me and have mercy up- | on me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your | handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be a- | shamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and | comforted me.

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

A period of silent prayer follows the reading.

Please stand to sing the Canticle:

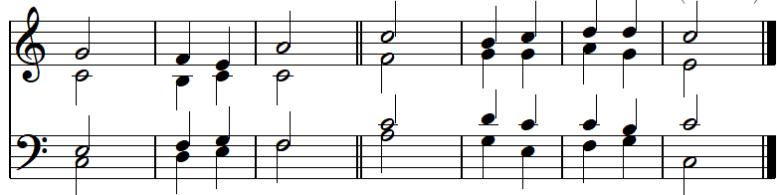
1 **A Song of Creation** *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini*
Song of the Three Young Men, 35-65
This Canticle may be shortened by omitting section II or III

I Invocation

Chant S 18

John Stainer

(1840-1901)



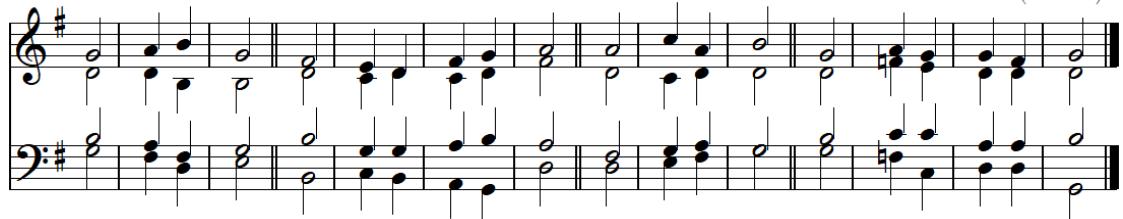
O all ye works of the Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
 O ye angels of the Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.

II The Cosmic Order

Chant S 229

William Crotch

(1775-1847)



O ye heavens, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye waters that be above the | firm-a-• ment, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O all ye powers of the Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
 O ye sun and moon, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye stars of | heaven, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye showers and dew, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
 O ye winds of God, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye fire and | heat, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye winter and summer, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
 O ye dews and frosts, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye frost and | cold, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye ice and snow, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
 O ye nights and days, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye light and | darkness, | bless ye • the | Lord; *

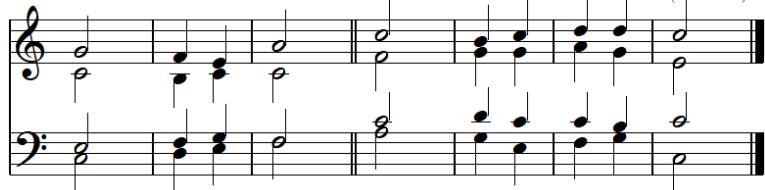
O ye lightnings and clouds, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.

IV The People of God

Chant S 18

John Stainer

(1840-1901)



O ye people of God, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
O ye priests of the | Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
O ye servants of the Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
O ye holy and humble men of | heart, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the | Holy | Spirit; *
praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.

Please be seated.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

A period of silent prayer follows the reading.

Please stand to sing the canticle:

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant 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 Prayers

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant and People

**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.**

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 on 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.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. 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.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Hymn 591

1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry,
 2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of tongue and pen,
 3 Tie in a liv - ing teth - er the prince and priest and thrall,

our earth - ly ru - lers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
 from all the eas - y speech - es that com - fort cru - el men,
 bind all our lives to - geth - er, smite us and save us all;

the walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide,
 from sale and prof - a - na - tion of hon - or, and the sword,
 in ire and ex - ul - ta - tion a - flame with faith, and free,

take not thy thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
 from sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, good Lord!
 lift up a liv - ing na - tion, a sin - glesword to thee.

Words: Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874-1936)

Music: *King's Lynn*, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Voluntary

Les Fifres (The Fifers)

Jean-François Dandrieu
(c. 1682-1739)

Participating in the Liturgy

Officiant & Preacher

Lector

Members of the choir:

Organist & Music Director

The People of God gathered

The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector

Doug Parsons

Carol McKenzie, Katharine Newhouse, Alex
Garcia-Mata, and David Oliver

Mark Nelson

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