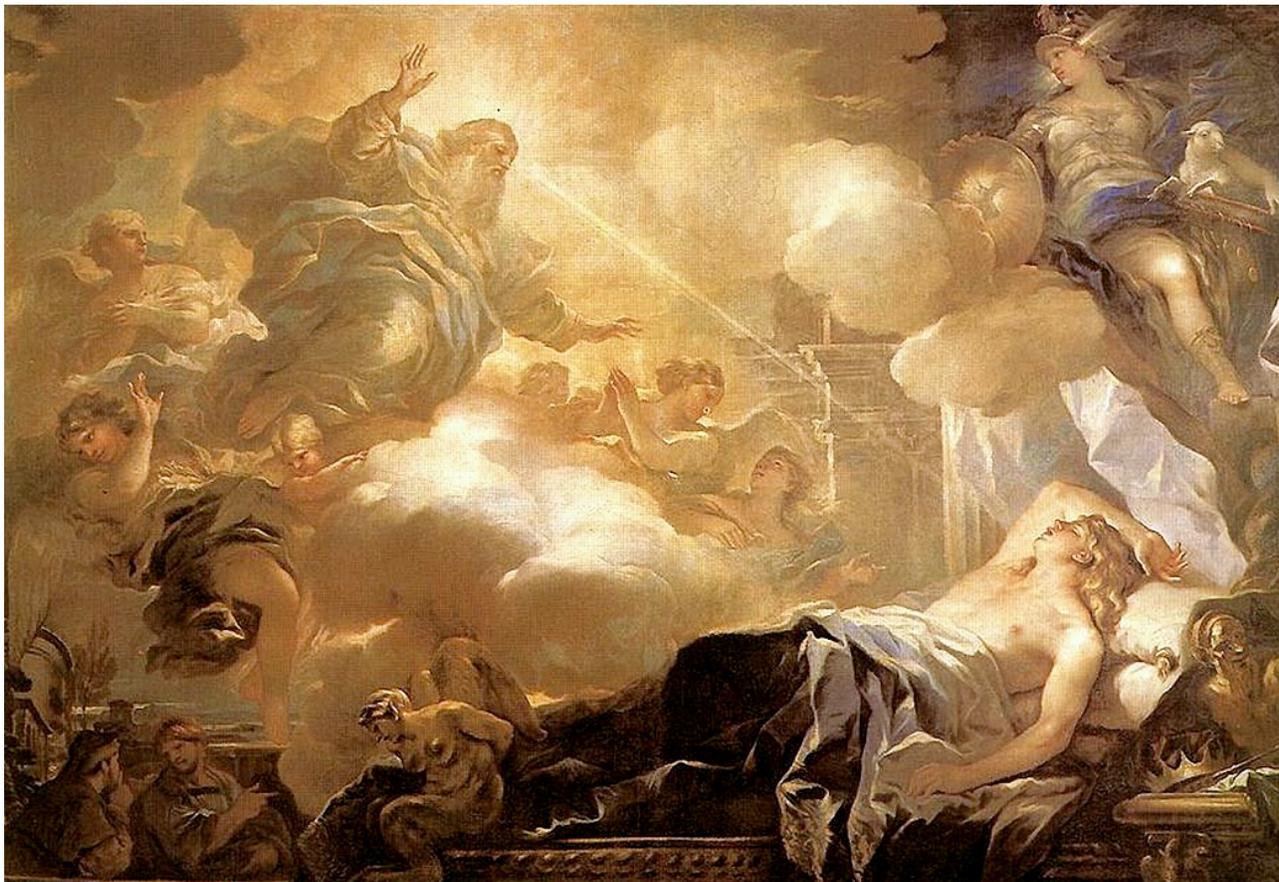


Saint John's Episcopal Church—Gloucester, Massachusetts
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020



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

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Music Notes 🎵

Our opening hymn "Be thou my vision," #488 is an old Celtic Lorica (or 'breastplate'), a sort of incantation to be recited for protection, arming oneself for physical or spiritual battle. The words may date from as early as 700. Along with this tune "Slane" they've been part of Anglican congregational song for 100 years. The tune, of Irish folk origin is named for a hill where St. Patrick lit the Paschal fire on Easter Eve defying the pagan King Loigaire. This folk tune was originally set to the ballad text "With my love on the road" published in 1909. It was quickly adapted for use in the church.

Our final hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" is a popular Swedish folk hymn. Author Caroline W. Sandell Berg (1832-1903) was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor to whom she was very close. Her prolific hymn writing (650!) was, in part, a reaction to his tragic death by drowning that she witnessed. The music is a Swedish folk melody. This is a hymn that I grew up with in the Lutheran Church where it is well known. But it is also part of the modern African-American singing tradition and is contained in "Lift Every Voice and Sing II" an official hymnal of TEC, but one which we don't have in the pews. It is related to the Epistle of the Day.

Organ music is related to these hymns! The Opening Voluntary is 4 short settings of "Be Thou My Vision" by Charles Callahan and the Closing Voluntary is 2 short settings of "Children of the Heavenly Father" by David P. Dahl. My friend, David Dahl, was the long time professor of Organ at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma WA as well as musician at Christ Church (Episcopal) in Tacoma. This piece was written for the 25th wedding Anniversary of other mutual musician friends of mine, Susan Ferre and Charles Lang.

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Voluntary

Four short settings of *Slane*

Charles Callahan
(born 1951)

Please join in singing **Hymn 488**

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, — by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
 Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
 tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

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All stand

Officiant O send out thy light and thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me
 unto thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.
 Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
 we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
 we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,**

we have offended against thy holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare thou those who confess their faults,
restore thou those who are penitent,
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Officiant: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

All stand

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.**

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

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Daily Morning Prayer II

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, _____



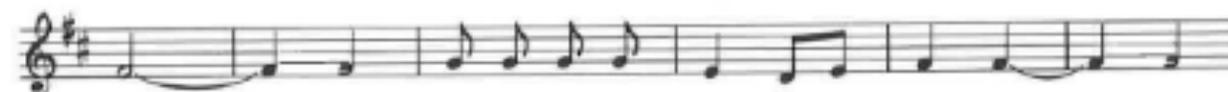
— and the heights of the hills are his al - so. — 5. The



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



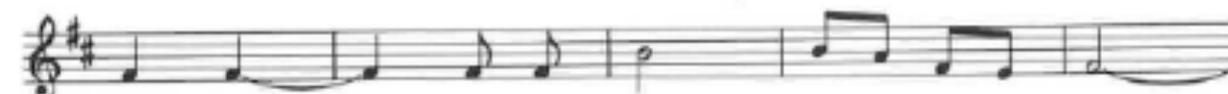
mold - ed the dry land. — 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the



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



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



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



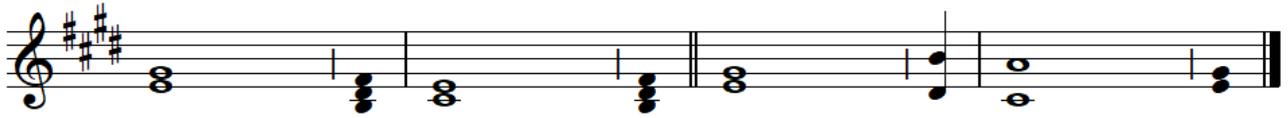
— Oh, that to - day you would heark - en to his voice! —

Setting: Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

Please be seated to sing the Psalm appointed for this day.

Psalm 119:129-136

Mirabilia



129 Your decrees are | wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my | heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives | light; *
it gives understanding to the | simple.
131 I open my mouth and | pant; *
I long for your com- | mandments.
132 Turn to me in | mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your | Name.
133 Steady my footsteps in your | word; *
let no iniquity have dominion | over me.
134 Rescue me from those who op- | press me, *
and I will keep your com- | mandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon your | servant *
and teach me your | statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of | tears, *
because people do not keep your | law.

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

A period of silent prayer follows the reading.

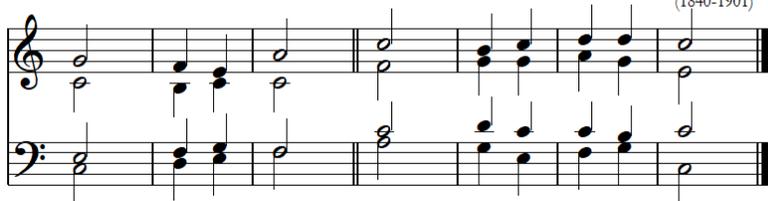
Please stand to sing the canticle:

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)

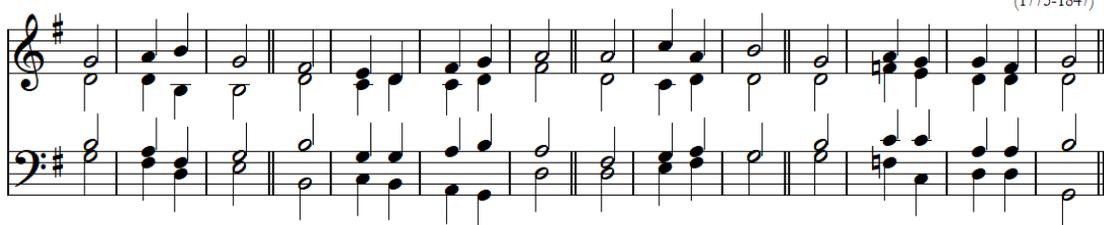


O all ye works of the Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
 O ye angels of the Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.

II The Cosmic Order

Chant S 229

William Crotch
 (1775-1847)



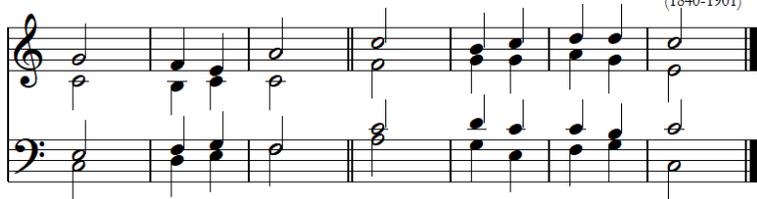
O ye heavens, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye waters that be above the | firm-a-• ment, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O all ye powers of the Lord, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 praise him and | magni-• fy | him for | ever.
 O ye sun and moon, | bless ye • the | Lord; *
 O ye stars of | heaven, | bless ye • 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 8:26-39

A period of silent prayer follows the reading.

Please stand to sing the canticle:

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Canticle 20

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, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. Govern them and lift them up for ever.

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. As our trust is in thee.

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. Let me never be confounded.

The Officiant then says the following Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Prayer for Mission

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

A General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that thou hast done for us. We thank thee 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 thee for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

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

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

Above all, we thank thee for thy 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 thy kingdom.

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

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

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

The Officiant concludes with the following:

Let us bless the Lord.

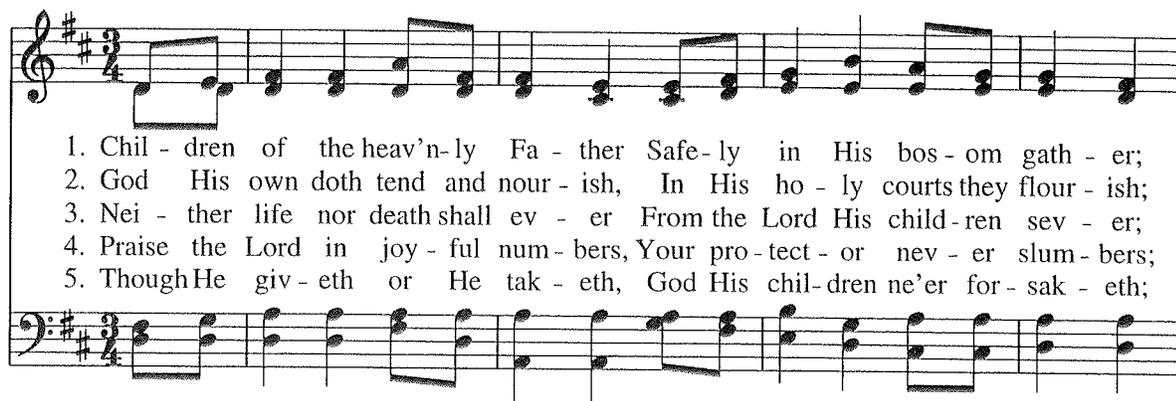
Thanks be to God.

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

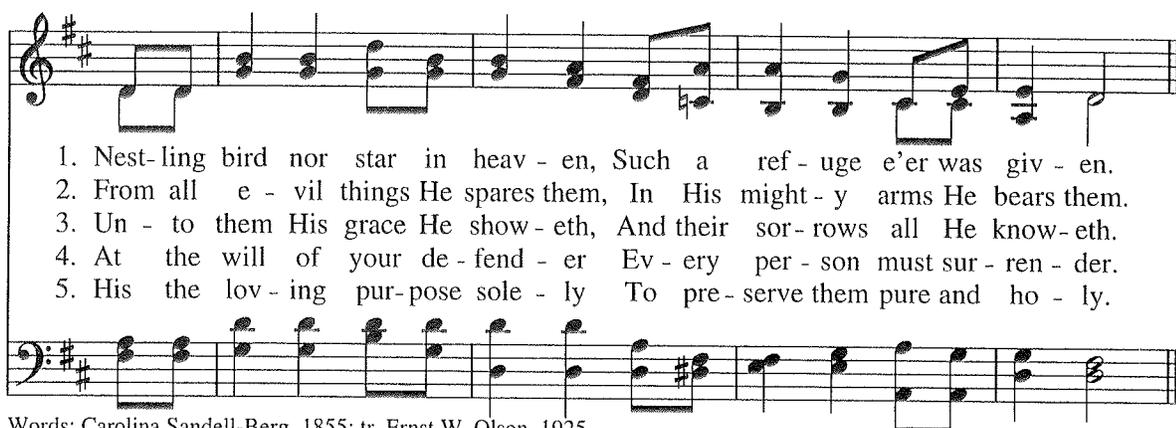
Amen.

Hymn 213 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*

Children of the Heavenly Father



1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther Safe-ly in His bos - om gath - er;
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish, In His ho - ly courts they flour - ish;
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord His chil - dren sev - er;
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, Your pro - tect - or nev - er slum - bers;
 5. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



1. Nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en, Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 2. From all e - vil things He spares them, In His might - y arms He bears them.
 3. Un - to them His grace He show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 4. At the will of your de - fend - er Ev - ery per - son must sur - ren - der.
 5. His the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Music: Swedish Folk Melody

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Voluntary

Two short settings of "Children of the Heavenly Father"

David Dahl
(born 1937)

Participating in the Liturgy

Officiant	<i>The People of God gathered</i> The Rev. Bret Hays, Rector
Preacher	The Rt. Rev. Alan Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts
Lector	Doug Parsons
Members of the choir:	Carol McKenzie, Katharine Newhouse, and David Oliver
Organist & Music Director	Mark Nelson

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