

St John's Episcopal Church

Walpole, NH

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

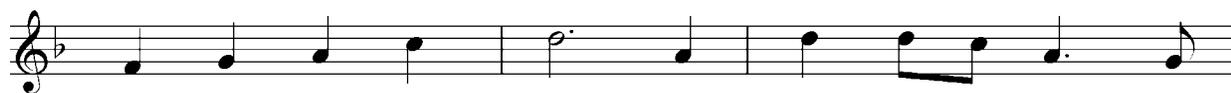
After the Announcements, a period of silence is kept.

HYMN

The Hymnal 674



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and



taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to



grant us grace to live the words we say.
will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owe to us, how great our debt to you.
God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

OPENING SENTENCES

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 78

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSIO

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Celebrant: Lord, open our lips,
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**
Celebrant and Officiant **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.**

THE JUBILATE *Psalm 100*

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Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:
People: **Come let us adore him.**

**Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:
People: **Come let us adore him**

PSALM 103:1-13
Read in unison

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.**
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.**
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;**
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;**
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.**

- 6 **The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
- 7 **He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.**
- 8 **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.**
- 9 **He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**
- 10 **He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**
- 11 **For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.**
- 12 **As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.**
- 13 **As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

Following the Psalm: **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Following the Lesson...

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE N *A Song of God's Love*

Beloved, let us love one another, *

for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, *

for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us, *

that God sent his only Son into the world,

so that we might live through Jesus Christ.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us *

and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, *

we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us, *

and God's love will be perfected in us.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

HYMN

WLP 825

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system includes the lyrics 'Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.' The second system includes the lyrics 'Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Duncan Hilton

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, PAGE 96

**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.**

PRAYERS

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Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

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.

SUFFRAGES A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

THE COLLECTS

INTERCESSIONS

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People may offer their own prayers.

FORM II, PAGE 385

THE PEACE

People may greet one another while remaining in their seated area.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

HYMN

HYMN IS PRINTED ON THE NEXT PAGE

The Hymnal 690

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
 for all your goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all whom you have made.
 We bless you for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for your immeasurable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SENTENCE

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See the guidelines at the end of the leaflet for guidance about exiting the service.

PARTICIPANTS TODAY

Organist – **Christopher Evatt**
 Ushers- ***Marilyn and Andrew Wilking***
 “Cameraman” – ***Dan Scott***
 Reader – **Charlie Montgomery**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is time to support the St. John’s CROPWALK Team! Along with our neighbors from the Congregational Church and the Unitarian Church we are sponsoring the annual 3.4 mile (or portion thereof) around downtown Walpole to raise money benefitting the sustainable development work of Church World Services. The money is used to alleviate hunger and promote clean water projects around the world. Twenty-five percent of the money raised in Walpole will go directly to the Fall Mountain Food Shelf. The walk on Saturday, September 26 will start at 9:00, but folks who wish may walk any time throughout Saturday or Sunday to insure greater physical distancing. Maps for the route which is unchanged from the past two years will be available on the front door of the Congregational Church. To participate in the Walk, go to the website shown below to register and to sign a liability waiver. You can make a credit card donation there as well. You can also share your status as a walker with friends via email and Facebook. If you are not walking, you can donate via the website or make out a check to St. John’s Church with the memo line of CWS/CROP. Invite

your family and friends to support the St. John's Team by donating via either method. Thanks for your support! The website is: www.crophungerwalk.org/walpoolenh

Along with being St John's priest, Pastor Duncan also works with a group discerning the creation of a L'Arche Community in southern Vermont (<https://www.larcheusa.org/>). L'Arche is an international network of communities where adults with and without disabilities share life and friendships in a spirit of prayer. On Sunday 9/27 from 2:30-4:30 PM he will be hosting a "Michaelmas Gathering" in honor of St. Michael's Day at his home in South Londonderry, Vermont. It will include a skit, an egg race, bonfire, and apple-roasting. Contact him (info at end of leaflet) if you would like to attend.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDELINES- UPDATED TH. 9/3

Due to the COVID-19 Coronavirus, St. John's Church, requests you follow these guidelines in accordance with church policy that is based on guidance provided by federal (CDC) and state (NHDHS) health officials and the Diocese of New Hampshire.

The Usual Rules Apply:

- Stay at home if you are sick, and self-quarantine if you think you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
- You are required to wear a face mask, without vents, at all times while on church property. Children under 2 and those who are unable to remove a mask on their own should not wear face coverings.
- Please limit your presence to the defined worship area.
- During your visit, please practice physical distancing, at least 6 feet (1.8 meters) apart.
- Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces.
- Dispose of used sanitizing materials and masks in a trash receptacle.
- *If you feel ill or are concerned that you may have contracted COVID- 19 after visiting the church building, please contact the church immediately. You may remain anonymous, just let the priest know what date/ time you visited, whom you may have come in contact with, and what area of the building you visited. (603-756-4533 or pastor@stjohnswalpole.org)*

Specific request for outdoor worship:

1. Please bring with you a chair, donation in envelope (church or other), umbrella if desired. We will have extra plastic chairs available if needed.
2. Enter the field area from the Westminster Street sidewalk opposite Town Hall. "Ushers/health officers" will be present to guide you to fill the area from the front line to the back, insuring that all family groups stay at least 6 feet apart. (We plan to have a speaker system, so that all can hear.)
3. Please stay at your seat until the service is over. If necessary restrooms can be accessed. Unfortunately, we cannot sanitize between each use, but a spray bottle of disinfectant and tissues (for touching doorknobs, etc.) will be available.
4. *Unfortunately, at this time we will not be able to engage in a physical exchanging of the peace, singing, or sharing in communion. We are all sorry about this needed practice. Let us substitute good eye contact, a wave, a bow or similar at the peace. Let us hum or tap-percuss to the hymns.*

5. The service leaflet (containing the entire service) will be available for pickup as you enter. (BCPs and hymnals can be vectors for COVID spread if shared. Please bring your own or make arrangements with the church office to borrow a set if you wish.)
6. Please exit the area starting with the back row first so that physical distancing can be maintained. Stay in your seat until the path is clear. Keep your masks on until in your vehicle. And for the safety of all, please maintain physical distancing even after the service.

Do I Attend?

1. If you have any symptoms or signs of illness- respiratory (cough, sore throat, difficulty or discomfort breathing); gastrointestinal (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) or general (fever, chills, muscle aches, loss of taste or smell), please do not come.
2. If you are in quarantine because of travel (internationally, outside the safe areas within New England, or have used public transportation), please do not come.
3. If you are over 65 and/or have chronic health conditions, you are at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19 and your decision to come to outdoor worship is a personal one. We support whatever you decide.
4. We are going to attempt to record the 10 AM service and post it to FaceBook and/or the church website (www.stjohnswalpole.org)

St. John's Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Duncan Hilton, may be reached at pastor@stjohnswalpole.org or at the office phone (603-756-4533). His preferred form of address is "Pastor Duncan" or by his first name.