

While we sing and hear music composed and arranged by women throughout the year, we have made a special effort to select the music of female composers during Women's History Month.

9:25 AM — At the ringing of the bell, please prepare for worship in silence.
9:30 AM — All stand as able at the ringing of the bell to begin worship.

Ministers enter in silence.

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

p. 351 Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good News. (Mark 1:15)

All kneel in body or spirit.

The Decalogue (The Ten Commandments)

Hear God's commandments to God's people:
I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord
your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs
to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

All 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.

The Celebrant alone stands and says

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.**

All stand in body or spirit.

Kyrie: Lord Have Mercy (9:30 AM Sung)

#235, Lift Every Voice and Sing

Setting by Lena McLin

LENA MCLIN (1928-2023) wrote this "Kyrie" as part of a larger composition, *The Mass of St. Augustine*. Raised by her uncle, Thomas A. Dorsey, the "Father of Gospel Music," McLin was inspired to follow careers including teaching High School Music, serving as a Pastor, and composing over 400 works. She founded the McLin Ensemble and the McLin Opera Company: both organizations creating performance opportunities for African American musicians.

Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson: A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Appointed: 130 (read in unison)

p. 784, Book of Common Prayer

**1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my
supplication.**

**2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?**

**3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.**

**4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**

**5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.**

**6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;**

**7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

The Second Lesson: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation, (9:30 AM)

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

vss. 1—3

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Marty Haugen

1. Tree of Life and awe-some mys - t'ry, in your death we are re -
2. We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, lovepassed on through act and
3. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum-bling though our steps may

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born; though you die in all of his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry
word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and bro - ken wears the bod - y of our
be; one with you in joy and sor - row, we the riv - er, you the

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morn, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn. _____
Lord, wears the bod - y of our Lord. _____
sea, we the riv - er, you the sea. _____

The Holy Gospel

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

John 11:1-45

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his

feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Acclamation continued.

Vs. 4 God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
Hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as ev'ry breath.
Love as near as ev'ry breath.

All are seated as invited by the preacher.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mawethu Ncaca, Assoc. Rector

All remain seated for a moment of silence following the sermon.

All stand in body or spirit for

The Nicene Creed

p. 358, Book of Common Prayer

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Composed by Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher

Leader: Be present, O merciful God, as we offer our prayers to you, knowing that you are always doing more for us than we can desire or ask.

Silence.

God of Mercy and Forgiveness, you know us better than we know ourselves. Awaken our hearts and souls to know where we fall short of being who you have created us to be. Help us to turn to you for forgiveness. Guide us to forsake all that tempts us away from you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God our Mother Hen, gather your Church throughout the world under the wings of your care. Banish fear and empower your gospel to be proclaimed. Bless all your people to be like Abram and trust in you. We especially pray for St. John's in this time of transition. Fill our leadership, staff, vestry, and search committee with the grace of your love and wisdom. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Repentance and Truth, we pray for our nation and all in authority, especially for our President, Congress, Judiciary, and all local officials. May your truth and wisdom guide their decisions, that we may turn away from divisiveness, self-centered blindness, and systemic injustice. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Love and Courage, just as your Son did not turn away from the pain and suffering that lay before him, may we not turn away from the suffering and needs of our brothers and sisters who are vulnerable, hungry, homeless, despised or marginalized in any way. May you lead us to action on their behalf. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Peace and Healing, draw us ever closer to you, that we may entrust into your care all that ails and distresses us in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for **Carol, Tammy, Cindy, Elizabeth, Caroline, Louis, Marita**, and all those on our chronic prayer list, and those we name to you now (*name those in need, either silently or aloud*). May your love and tenderness particularly enfold all who suffer from chronic conditions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of Gladness and Delight, we ask your blessing on those who are joyous today, and especially on all those celebrating Birthdays this week; Mary Jo DeLaere, and Aubrey Shail. Lord of all blessings, **hear our prayer.**

God of Welcome and Hope, as our bodies eventually return to the dust, we place our sure and certain hope in the Resurrection of your Son. Welcome into your Eternal Life and Peace, we pray, all who have died (*and those we name to you now, either silently or aloud*). Let light perpetual shine upon them forever. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Let us say together the Prayer for Transition (*Composed by Lois Sauer, Licensed Lay Preacher*)

People **Ever-present and Holy God, as you continue to invite new people into St. John's, we ask your ongoing guidance and blessing upon us, that we may always become more fully the people and congregation you would have us to be. Keep our hearts deeply grounded in your divine love, that we may grow in steadfast love and gentleness for one another. Inspire our leadership with wisdom and creativity to navigate the ongoing changes that lay before us. In this season of transition, we particularly pray for our Sr. Warden Camille, vestry, staff, search committee, our Assoc. Rector, Fr. Mawethu, our Interim Rector, Rev. Stephanie, and our eventual new rector. Fill all of us with courage, kindness, and patience as we walk the Way of Love with one another and with the broader diverse community around us. All this we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who lives and reigns in each of us every day. Amen.**

Celebrant: Merciful God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that we may be strengthened to do your will in all that we say, think, and do, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated for

Welcome & Parish Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

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Offertory Anthem

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Handbell/Choir Chime setting by Jeffrey A. Hall

BELLS OF ST. JOHN'S

All stand in body or spirit for

The Doxology

(7:45 am—Spoken)

All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.

(Sung — Hymn 380 vs. 3)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

p 361 Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing....who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus— Holy, holy, holy (7:45 AM Spoken; 9:30 AM Sung)
#858, Wonder, Love, and Praise

Setting by Annabel M. Buchanan

The harmonization of this American folk melody was created by ANNABEL MORRIS BUCHANAN (1889-1983). Known as both composer and folklorist, Buchanan collected traditional songs from southwestern Virginia, western North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, totaling over 800. She also founded the White Top Folk Festival, promoting the music of the Appalachian Mountains.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel in body or spirit. The Celebrant continues.

Celebrant Holy and gracious father: In your infinite love...Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption....

...By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All 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.

The Fraction Anthem
#270, Lift Every Voice and Sing (7:45 AM Spoken, 9:30 AM Sung)

Lamb of God

Setting by Marjorie Landsmark-DeLewis

Holding the distinction of being the first African American graduate at Julliard (1948), MARJORIE LANDSMARK-DELEWIS (1920-2017) was born in Harlem and received her early musical training from her Classically trained pianist uncle. Throughout her life, Landsmark-DeLewis collaborated with the American Ballet Theatre and infamous choreographer Agnes de Mille, and served on the keyboard faculty of Sarah Lawrence College.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion or to receive a blessing (instead of the bread and wine) at the altar rail. If you prefer to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest to signal the clergy. If you need a gluten free wafer, please extend your hands with palms down. If you need to be served in your seat, please inform an usher. At this time, we will refrain from offering the common cup (drinking from a common chalice) and will offer the wine by intinction only (dipping the communion wafer in the cup of wine.) If you wish to receive the wine, please hold the wafer in your fingers as the chalice bearer comes to you and take care to dip only the wafer into the wine (and not your fingers.) If you are not comfortable receiving the wine this way, please know that receiving only the consecrated bread at Holy Communion (or the wine only) is still considered full Communion.

Communion Hymn (9:30 AM)
#335, The Hymnal 1982

I am the bread of life

Words: Suzanne Toolan
Music: I Am the Bread of Life

Both text and music for this hymn were written by SUZANNE TOOLAN (b. 1927), a Sister of Mercy. While serving as a high school instructor, Sister Toolan composed this work during a prep period from classes. Dissatisfied with her work, she crumpled the manuscript and threw it into the classroom wastebasket. Shortly after, a student entered the room and asked Toolan what the beautiful song was that she had heard someone singing on the other side of the classroom wall. Based on this reaction, Toolan retrieved the paper, taped it together, and this hymn remains her most published work, now translated into twenty different languages.

1 I am the bread of life;
they who come to me shall not hunger;
they who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

3 Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you. **[Refrain]**

**Refrain: And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.**

2 The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever. **[Refrain]**

4 I am the resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever. **[Refrain]**

5 Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come into the world. **[Refrain]**

All stand in body or spirit for

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant prays a Solemn Prayer over the People.

Look with compassion, O God, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All children and youth here today are invited to join the clergy at the church door during the following hymn. Our youth will help send us out with the words of Dismissal.

The Dismissal Hymn (9:30 AM)
#495, The Hymnal 1982

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819)
and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.
Music: In Babilone

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| <p>1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
life is given through thy Name.</p> <p>2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
all our sins on thee were laid:
by almighty love anointed,
thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven
through the virtue of thy blood:
opened is the gate of heaven,
reconciled are we with God.</p> | <p>3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,
there for ever to abide;
all the heavenly hosts adore thee,
seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading;
there thou dost our place prepare;
ever for us interceding,
till in glory we appear.</p> <p>4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing
thou art worthy to receive;
highest praises, without ceasing,
right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
all your noblest anthems raise;
help to sing our Savior's merits,
help to chant Emmanuel's praise!</p> |
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The Dismissal

Youth Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Postlude (9:30 AM)

A Voluntary

Composed by Esther Fleet

Though little is known about the life of composer ESTHER FLEET (c.1808-1839), she was already regarded as a brilliant musician by age fourteen, applying for cathedral organist postings across London.

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