

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Fifth Sunday In Lent

April 3, 2022

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A Penitential Order

The people standing, the Celebrant may say

Celebrant **Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.**

People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

The Celebrant may read one of the following sentences

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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8, 9*

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the Confession

Minister and People

***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.***

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, 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.***

The Kyrie S # 91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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.***

The Lessons

INTRODUCTION: The reading from the Hebrew Bible tells how the same Lord who brought the people through the waters of the Reed Sea and crushed the army of the Egyptians will do a new thing in this day when God will bring the people home from Exile through the wilderness.

A Reading from the Scroll of Isaiah (43:16-21)

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

After each Reading, the Reader may say
The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 126 *the congregation is invited to stand and join in singing the Psalm*

- 1. We were like people in a dream
When God set Zion free;
We laughed, we sang, our voices rang
With shouts of liberty.***
- 2. The heathen nations 'round us said,
"God's gifts to them are good";
Yes, God has done great things for us,
We praise God as we should.***
- 3. Restore our fortunes now, O Lord,
Like Negev's waterways,
And grant that those who sow in tears
May reap with hymns of praise.***
- 4. Let those who weep as they go out
And take with them the seed
Come back in joy with harvest sheaves
Fulfilling all their need.***

INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, the Apostle Paul can boast of his religious background, yet nothing matters in comparison with knowing Christ as his Lord.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Philippians (3:4b-14)

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn # 474 *When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

- 1** *When I survey the wondrous cross
 where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
 and pour contempt on all my pride.*
- 2** *Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
 save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
 I sacrifice them to his blood.*
- 3** *See, from his head, his hands, his feet
 sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
 or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

4 *Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this morning, Jesus, a few days before his Passion, is at supper with Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, when Mary anoints his feet with costly ointment.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. John (12:1-8)**

People ***Glory be to thee, O Lord.***

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

*After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Lord.*

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

The Sermon The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Priest-in-Charge

"The Magician: Archetypes of the Spiritual Journey, part five"

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together, all standing

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
He was conceived by 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 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 of the People

“Behold, I am doing new things,” says Yahweh; “do you perceive it?” This call of God bids us to open our minds and hearts to the movement of the Divine Word in our lives. In response, let us lift our voices in prayer, responding, “O Lord, have mercy upon us.”

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ In thanksgiving for our earthly vineyard, the gift of our Creator from whose generosity all our possessions flow, that following the example of Mary we may be bounteous in our giving; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those who weep, O God, you promise a day of joyful singing; give to the downtrodden the surpassing beauty of knowing Christ, remembering especially the people of Ukraine; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For our President, members of Congress, and the Supreme Court, that they may seek not what is glorious in human eyes but God’s vision for his kingdom; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For the Church, that we may walk the hard road of faithful witness, as we strain toward Christ’s heavenly promises, remembering especially today those who will be baptized and confirmed this Easter season; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ In thanksgiving for those preparing for Holy Week and the Feast of the Resurrection: choirs, clergy, administrative assistants, lectors, teachers, acolytes, and all whose gifts we rely upon to show forth the deep meaning of these days; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For all who are sick and suffering, especially those still hospitalized in this pandemic, and for those for whom prayers are especially asked, Bob Futh, Kathy Coe, Tom Witt, and Jonathan Hall; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For all who have died in the community of the baptized, especially Jimmy Gallagher, and those whose faith is known to God alone, that the merciful judgment of God may prevail; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

With hearts fixed where true joys may be found, let us pause now so that all can add their own prayers and thanksgivings, either silently in their hearts or allowed in our midst.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Offertory Hymn # 147 *Now Let Us All With One Accord*

1 *Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.*

2 *The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,*

the Lord of love, in love sublime.

*3 Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.*

*4 Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.*

*5 Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant faces the congregation and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People *It is meet and right so to do.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus S # 114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
 Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
 - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

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

*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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem S # 153 & S # 158



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

Communion will be distributed in one kind only, the bread, and will be received in the pews, as the Celebrant moves along to share. If an attendee does not wish to receive Communion, they need only to cross their hands over their chest so to signify. Others may receive as they wish, standing, kneeling, or seated. Please wait until the Celebrant has passed before removing your masks and consuming the bread.

Communion Hymn # 313 *Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured*

- 1** *Let thy Blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious Body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*
- 2** *Thou didst die that I might live;
blessèd Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.*

Refrain

- 3** *By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear-wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.*

Refrain

- 4** *Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.*

Refrain

for online worshippers, and for those who for other reasons choose not to receive, here is the Prayer for Spiritual Communion:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Celebrant and People

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We

present to thee our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive thee physically, we ask thou to come into our hearts spiritually. We embrace thee with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn # 149 *Eternal Lord Of Love, Behold Your Church*

- 1 Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here-the goal of all desire.*
- 2 So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.*
- 3 If dead in you, so in you we arise,
you the first-born of all the faithful dead;*

*and as through stony ground the green shoots break,
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flower,
so in the Father's glory shall we wake.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Congregation departs in silence.

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**Worship Ministers Today:**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Jon Lafleur, *Organist & Choirmaster*

Tom Hollinger, *8:00 Reader*

Rebecca Bent, *10:00 Reader*

Larry Littlefield, *Veejay (VJ)*

Susie Magee, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

**HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

***Palm Sunday Service, with the chanting of the Passion***

Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

***Maundy Thursday Service, with foot-washing***

Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon

***Good Friday Stations of the Cross***

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

***Easter Sunday Festival High Mass***

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

***Coffee Hour with Children's Easter Egg Hunt***