

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## **The Fifth Sunday In Lent**

*March 21, 2021*

*10:00 a.m.*

*The health and safety of our congregation and community remains the highest concern of St. John's. While closed to the public in the midst of this pandemic, we continue to 'live stream' our 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship each week on both our [St. John's YouTube Page](#) and our [St. John's Facebook page](#)*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE I)

*The Liturgy for the Proclamation of the Word of God  
and Celebration of the Holy Communion*

**Organ Prelude**    *With Broken Heart And Contrite Sigh*                      Thomas Campian  
                          *“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”*                                      Dale Wood  
                          *“Jesus Calls Us”*    Dale Wood

**Opening Hymn # 441**                      *In The Cross Of Christ I Glory*

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.*
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake me:  
lo, it glows with peace and joy.*
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
light and love upon my way,  
from the cross the radiance streaming  
adds new luster to the day.*
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.*
- 5 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.*

## The Word of God

*The people standing, the Celebrant may say*

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

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

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*Here is sung*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon 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.*

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

*INTRODUCTION: In a time of political and religious convulsions, Jeremiah comforts the people of both northern and southern Israel. Despite their past infidelity, God will act for his people, in a new way.*

### **A Reading from the Scroll of the Prophet Jeremiah:**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will

write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

**The Word of the Lord.**

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

*Silence may follow.*

*A Psalm, hymn, or anthem may follow each Reading.*

### **Psalm 51:1-13**

***1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.***

***2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.***

***3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.***

***4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.***

***5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.***

***6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.***

***7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.***

***8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.***

***9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.***

***10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.***

***11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.***

***12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.***

***13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.***

*INTRODUCTION: The author of Hebrews has outlined the role of the Jewish high priest. Now he compares, and contrasts, Christ with him.*

**A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:**

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

*The Word of the Lord.*

*People            Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn # 337**

*And Now, O Father, Mindful Of The Love*

- 1 And now, O Father, mindful of the love  
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,  
and having with us him that pleads above,  
we here present, we here spread forth to thee,  
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,  
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.***
- 2 Look Father, look on his anointed face,  
and only look on us as found in him;  
look not on our misusings of thy grace,  
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:  
for lo! between our sins and their reward,  
we set the passion of thy Son our Lord.***
- 3 And then for those, our dearest and our best,  
by this prevailing presence we appeal;  
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast!  
O do thine utmost for their soul's true weal!  
From tainting mischief keep them pure and clear,  
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.***

**4** *And so we come; O draw us to thy feet,  
most patient Savior, who canst love us still!  
And by this food, so awesome and so sweet,  
deliver us from every touch of ill:  
in thine own service make us glad and free,  
and grant us nevermore to part from thee.*

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

*INTRODUCTION: The festival of Passover, an occasion when both Jews and others who hold God in awe, approaches – as does Jesus' death on the cross.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according St. John**  
*People*            ***Glory to thee, O Lord.***

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. “Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

*The Gospel of the Lord.*  
*People*            ***Praise to thee, O Christ.***

**The Sermon**            **Our Baptismal Covenant (Part 5)**

*“Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,  
and respect the dignity of every human being?”*

*I will with God's help."*

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

*On Sundays and other Major Feasts there follows*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*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.*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Deacon or other person appointed says*

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world,  
responding, "O Lord, hear our prayer."

*After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love; for this we pray.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Suheil, the Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem; Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople; Francis, Bishop of Rome; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Fr. Geoff, our priest, and all the members of St. John's, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments; for this we pray.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life; for this we pray.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially António, Secretary General of the United Nations, Joe, our President, Ned our Governor, Jim, the First Selectman of the town of Washington, for the members of our Congress and Courts, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world; for this we pray.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty; for this we pray.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***



And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Mary Jo Keating, Joan Beattie, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Ed and Zemma White, Kathy Coe, Jon Lafleur, Diana Clark, Lisa Lafleur and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Ken Hecken, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, pausing now that all may add their own prayers and petitions, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst; (*pause for a moment*) for this we pray.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, remembering Gene Tompkins, who died in the local barn fire, and Clint Williams and also the more than 530,000 Americans who have died of the coronavirus, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom; for this we pray.

***O Lord, hear our prayer.***

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

***Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; 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.*

If anyone sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus

Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our

sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

**Offertory Solo**                      *Lord, How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me?*                      Ranzinni

## **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. Who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee.. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:***

***Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.***

***Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.***

***Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*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.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

*Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast.*

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be sung here*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

*The Gifts of God for the People of God.*

## **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 # 473**

*Lift High The Cross*

*Descant*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

till all the world \_\_\_\_\_ a - dore \_\_\_\_\_ his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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*The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words*  
 Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Postlude**

*Jesus, Name All Names Above*

Harm. J S Bach

**Music Notes:** On Easter Sunday we will once again have Mozart Church Sonatas for two violins and organ. The editor tells us “they were written for use in Salzburg cathedral as interpolations at High Mass between epistle and gospel. Altogether seventeen works of this kind . . . were written between 1772 and 1780 when Mozart was at Salzburg cathedral . . . first as leader and later as organist” We will play one in that very place in the service that Mozart himself did so long ago. In 1967 my Mother and I attended High Mass in Salzburg. We were surrounded by visual and musical magnificence. *Jon*

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