

Welcome to St. John's Church



The Fourth Sunday In Lent

March 27, 2022

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

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

**Out of concern for our children, and those who are immuno-comprised,
we ask that all continue to wear masks while in the church.**

*Children's activity bags are available on the bench by the Baptistry.
Please return them after the Service.*

Choral Prelude *If We Believe That Jesus Died* John Goss (1800-1880)

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 486 *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing*

1 *Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.*

2 *Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.*

3 *Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,*

*prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

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



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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

INTRODUCTION: The reading from the Hebrew Bible tells of the first Passover kept by the Israelites after they had crossed over the Jordan River and entered the Promised Land.

A Reading from the Scroll of Joshua (5:9-12)

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they

ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 32 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain*

Mode 2

Refrain

Hap - py are they whose trans - gres - sions are for - giv - en,
and whose sin is put a - way!

from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL*, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble*
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, Paul celebrates the new creation that comes with Christ, and how God's reconciling work now appears to others through his disciples.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:16-21)

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn # 455 *O Love Of God, How Strong And True*

1 *O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.*

2 *O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.*

3 *We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.*

***4 We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.***

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

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this morning is the parable of the prodigal son, his elder brother, and their loving father.

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St. Luke (15:1-3, 11b-32)**

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So Jesus told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back

safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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 Martyr: Archetypes of the Spiritual Journey, part four”

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

In Christ our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled with one another and are a new creation. Let us offer then our petitions to God in thanksgiving, responding, “O Lord, have mercy upon us.”

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ Jesus of Nazareth, thou hast given us the gift of reconciliation; may we embrace those who have sinned against us, and may we receive the embrace of those who offer us forgiveness for the pain we have caused them; for this we pray.

O Lord, have mercy have mercy upon us.

+ Yahweh, thou hast led thy people through the waters of the Red Sea and into the desert of their awakening; lead us through our journey this Lent, that we may be awakened to thy presence within our life, and prepared for thy victory over death; for this we pray.

O Lord, have mercy have mercy upon us.

+ O Spirit of Truth, thou hast revealed thy likeness in the faces of the poor, the anxious, the forsaken, and those whom others judge unkindly; help us to touch and be touched by their grace, remembering especially Alibaba Awrang and his wife and children, our Afghan refugee family, arriving this week; for this we pray.

O Lord, have mercy have mercy upon us.

+ God and Father of all, welcome into the household of faith those who question their worthiness to follow thee, and give them the courage and strength to join in the ministry of the prophets, apostles, and all the saints; for this we pray.

O Lord, have mercy have mercy upon us.

+ Prince of Peace, help the peoples of the nations of the world to respect all cultures, races, and traditions which comprise the human family, and give us mutual trust that will bring peace, especially to the people of Ukraine; for this we pray.

O Lord, have mercy have mercy upon us.

+ Holy Comforter, be present with those who are suffering, especially Bob Futh, Katy Coe, Tom Witt, and Jonathan Hall; embrace those who mourn, and open the gates of paradise to those who have fallen asleep in the faith of Christ; for this we pray.

O Lord, have mercy have mercy upon us.

In gratitude for having been found when we were lost, and accepted when we went astray, let us continue our prayers and thanksgivings either silently in our hearts or aloud in thy midst.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; 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.**

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 Anthem *Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts*

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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,

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.

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.*

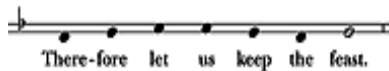
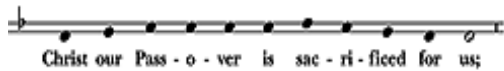
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

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.

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 # 311 *O Saving Victim, Opening Wide*

*1 O saving Victim, opening wide
the gate of heaven to us below,
our foes press on from every side,
thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.*

*2 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
for evermore, blest One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end
in our true native land with thee.*

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 # 690 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

1 *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 hold me with thy powerful hand;
 bread of heaven,
 feed me now and evermore.*

2 *Open now the crystal fountain,
 whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
 lead me all my journey through;
 strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield.*

3 *When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side;
 songs of praises,
 I will ever give to thee.*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation departs in silence.

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Celebrant*

Tom Brand, *Organist & Choirmaster*

John Magee, *8:00 Reader*

Sara Coles, *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly, *Veejay (VJ)*

Sara Coles, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

Justin Orman, Joseph Clare, *Coffee Hour*

HOLY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, April 10th, 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Service, with the chanting of the Passion

Thursday, April 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, with foot-washing

Friday, April 15th, 12:00 noon

Good Friday Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 17th, 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Festival High Mass

Sunday, April 17th, 11:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour with Children's Easter Egg Hunt

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