Welcome to St. John's Church



The First Sunday In Lent

March 6, 2022 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO HYBRID WORSHIP

The health and safety of the most vulnerable in our congregation and community remains the highest concern to St. John's. Remember that many in our communities are not vaccinated; most of those under 5 years old, those who are immuno-compromised, and those who have chosen not to be fully vaccinated for other reasons. While many are now vaccinated, remember that a percentage of those vaccinated can contract the corona virus, and while their symptoms may be milder, they can also spread the virus to loved ones and friends back home. We have not quite yet reached herd immunity as a nation. So please remain vigilant in safety protocols, mindful of the risk in our community, masked indoors, social distancing and getting fully vaccinated if possible. And be assured that we will continue to 'live stream' our worship to both our St. John's YouTube Page and our St. John's Facebook page.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

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

St. John's asks everyone to wear masks inside the church, whether vaccinated or not.

Choral Prelude Have Mercy Upon Me, O God Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

Opening Hymn # 150 Forty Days and Forty Nights

- 1 Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2 Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3 Then if Satan on us press,
 Jesus, Savior, hear our call!
 Victor in the wilderness,
 grant we may not faint nor fall!
- 4 So shall we have peace divine:
 holier gladness ours shall be;
 round us, too, shall angels shine,
 such as ministered to thee.
- 5 Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side; that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

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 *Messa a quattro voci* Giovanni Grossi (1615-1684)

Translation:

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.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reignth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

INTRODUCTION: In our reading from the Hebrew Bible, the Lord's mighty salvation of Israel from slavery in Egypt is recalled, and the people are bid to offer in thanksgiving the first fruits of their fields.

A Reading from the Scroll of Deuteronomy (26:1-11)

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

After each Reading, the Reader may say

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain



- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
 my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, * and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, * neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, * to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, * lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; * you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; * I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading, Paul reminds his readers that the word of faith is near to them, on their lips and in their hearts.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (3:12-4:2)

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual 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.

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

INTRODUCTION: Our Gospel this morning is the story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (4:28-36)

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

"From Innocent to Orphan: Archetypes of the Spiritual Journey, part one"

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

Let us pray to God, who summons us into the wilderness, that we may draw nearer to his presence in our spiritual journey, responding to each petition by saying, "O Lord, have mercy upon us."

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ For the courage to face our own demons of confusion, desolation and darkness, and for the faith and strength to put them to flight; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those preparing for rites of initiation: baptism, confirmation and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows at Easter, and for their sponsors, that they may confess with their lips and in their lives that Jesus is Lord; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For respect for the dignity of every human being, never tempting others with things that are harmful, but offering gifts that will draw them more closely into the heart of Christ; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For the Church, for the men and women who exercise leadership in the Name of Christ, that they may proclaim with boldness that he is the source of our salvation; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For the innocent victims of evil: the abused, the abandoned, those who are bullied, and all who are targeted by others, remembering especially the people of Ukraine; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ In thanksgiving for those whose generosity enables the poor to hope, and the Church to exercise a fruitful ministry to poor and needy, the sick and the suffering,

the orphan and the widow, the strangers and refugees in our midst; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those who are suffering still in the midst of this pandemic, and for the continued recovery of Bob Futh and Kathy Coe; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

+ For those who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and those whose faith is known to thee alone; let us pray to the Lord.

O Lord, have mercy upon us.

With God's angels to protect us and guide us on the spiritual journey to holiness, let us continue our prayers, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *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 Anthem

Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

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,

Celebrant and People Messa a quattro voci Giovanni Grossi (1615-1684)

Translation:

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*.

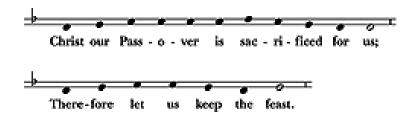
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 S

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem S # 153



Agnus Dei *Messa a quattro voci* Giovanni Grossi (1615-1684)

Translation:

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. 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 # 315 Thou, Who At Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray

- 1 Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
 that all thy Church might be for ever one,
 grant us at every Eucharist to say
 with longing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."
 O may we all one bread, one body be,
 through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we intercede; make thou our sad divisions soon to cease; draw us the nearer each to each, we plead, by drawing all to thee, O Prince of Peace; thus may we all one bread, one body be, through this blest sacrament of unity.
- 3 So, Lord, at length when sacraments shall cease, may we be one with all thy Church above, one with thy saints in one unbroken peace, one with thy saints in one unbounded love; more blessèd still, in peace and love to be one with the Trinity in Unity.

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 # 143 The Glory Of These Forty Days

- 1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
- 2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law; and to Elijah, fasting, came

- the steeds and chariots of flame.
- 3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might; and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.
- 4 Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.
- 5 O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in threefold Name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

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 Rebecca Bent, 10:00 Reader Laura Daly, *Veejay (VJ)* Susie Magee, MB Witt: *Altar Guild*

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Wednesday, March 2nd, 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service, with the imposition of ashes

Sunday, March 13th, 7:30 p.m.

A Service of Compline, by the Saecula Schola Cantorum

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

Saturday, June 11th, 4:00 p.m.

Piano Concert by Alan Murchie

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