

# Welcome to St. John's Church



*'Jeremiah' by Michelangelo (1508-1512) in the Sistine Chapel.*

## **The Fifth Sunday In Lent:**

*March 17, 2024*

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

### **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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# MORNING PRAYER

## Organ Prelude

*Christus Factus Est* Vicente Goicoechea Errasti (1854-1916)


Translation (Philippians 2:8-9): *Christ became obedient for us unto death, even to the death, death on the cross. Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name which is above all names.*

## The Call to Worship with the tolling of the church bell

### Opening Hymn # 709

*O God Of Bethel, By Whose Hand*

*Unison*



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;  
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace;  
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;  
4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,  
5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:  
2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.  
3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.  
4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!  
5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

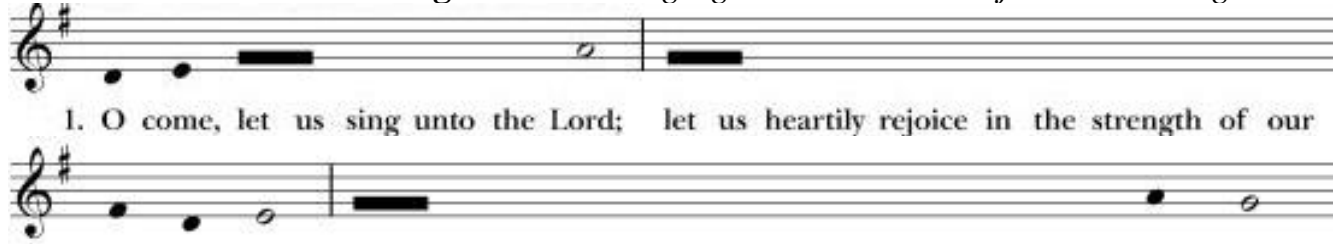
*People* *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### Venite # 3

#### Plainsong

*the congregation is invited to join in the song*



1. O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our  
sal - va - tion. 2. Let us come before his presence with thanks - giv - ing,

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. 3. For the Lord is a great God,  
 and a great King a-bove all gods. 4. In his hand are all the corners of the earth,  
 and the strength of the hills is his al- so. 5. The sea is his and he made it,  
 and his hands prepared the dry land. 6. O come, let us worship and fall down  
 and kneel before the Lord our Ma- ker. 7. For he is the Lord our God,  
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. 8. O worship  
 the Lord in the beauty of ho- li- ness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
 9. For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, and with righteousness to judge  
*(Gloria Patri may be added)*  
 the world and the peo- ples with his truth. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to  
 the Ho- ly Spi- rit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev- er. A- men.

**Psalm # 51:1-13** *the congregation is invited to sit and join in the Refrain*

**Refrain**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God.

- 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.

## **The Readings**

*INTRODUCTION: In our Hebrew reading the prophet Jeremiah foresees a new covenant which God will make with the people, a covenant written not on tablets of stone but on human hearts.*

### **A Reading from the Scroll of Jeremiah: (31:31-34)**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Canticle # 4**      *Benedictus from The First Service*      Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel :  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us :  
in the house of his servant David;  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets :  
which have been since the world began;  
That we should be saved from our enemies :  
and from the hand of all that hate us.  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers :  
and to remember his holy Covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham :  
that he would give us;  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies :  
might serve him without fear;  
In holiness and righteousness before him :  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, Child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest :  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people :  
for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God :  
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death :  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.*

*INTRODUCTION: In this New Testament reading we hear how through obedience and suffering Christ was designated by God to be the eternal high priest.*

### **A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: (5:5-10)**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

*Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn # 474**

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an

Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*INTRODUCTION: In our third Reading, Jesus presents teaching concerning the meaning of his death.*

## **A Reading from the Gospel of St. John: (12:14-21)**

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Sermon**

Sara Coles, *Licensed Lay Preacher*

## **The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

*He was conceived by the 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 of 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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

***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 Suffrages

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

R. ***And grant us thy salvation.***

V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;

R. ***And make thy chosen people joyful.***

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. ***For only in thee can we live in safety.***

V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

R. ***And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***

V. Let thy way be known on earth;

R. ***Thy saving health among all nations.***

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. ***Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. ***And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.***

## The Collect of the Day

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love what 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.*

### **A Collect for Sunday**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst stretch out thine arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of thy saving embrace: So clothe us in thy Spirit that we, reaching forth our own hands in love, may bring those who do not know thee to the knowledge and love of thee: for the honor of thy Name. *Amen.*

**Offertory Anthem**      *Lead Me, Lord*      Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Text (Psalm 5:8, Psalm 4:9): *Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.*

*Officiant:* Let us continue our prayers, pausing now so that all may add their own prayers or petitions, either silently in their hearts or aloud in our midst.

### **The General Thanksgiving**

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;*

*through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Closing Hymn # 439

### *What Wondrous Love Is This*

*Unison*

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to  
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that  
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my  
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will  
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

*Congregation departs in silence.*

### **Worship Ministers Today:**

Ann Hodgman: *Licensed Worship Leader*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Sara Coles: *Licensed Lay Preacher*

Jay Bauer: *8:00 Reader*

Penny Bardel: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Veejay (VJ)*

MB Witt, Corinne Johnson, Camille Gillespie: *Altar Guild*

Natalie Dyer, Bob Futh: *Ushers*

Justin Ormand, Joseph Claro: *Coffee Hour*

## **ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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Laura Daly: **Alternate**



## Holy Week



### HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

*Palm Sunday Service, with chanting of the Passion*

Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday Service, with foot-washing*

Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon

*Good Friday Stations of the Cross*

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:15 a.m.

*Ecumenical Sunrise Easter Service*

at the old stone church in New Preston

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

*Easter Sunday Festival Family Mass*

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

*Children's Easter Egg Hunt*