

# Welcome to St. John's Church



## The Fourth Sunday In Lent:

*March 30, 2025*

*4:00 p.m.*

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

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# EVENSONG

## *The Service of Evening Prayer Sung*

### Choral Prelude

*When David Heard*

Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

Text: *When David heard that Absalom was slain,  
He went up into his chamber over the gate and wept,  
and thus he said: my son, my son, O Absalom my son, would God I had died for thee!*  
(2 Samuel 18:33)

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

#### Processional Hymn # 662

*Abide With Me*

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:  
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help-less, O a-bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun-shine, Lord, a-bide with me.  
 I tri-umph still, if thou a-bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a-bide with me.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Preces & Responses*

*Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir* *And our mouths shall shew forth thy praise.*

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir* *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

*Officiant and Choir*

*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.*

*Praise ye the Lord.*

## Hymn # 36

*O Gladsome Light, O Grace*

*Verses 1 & 2 - sung by all; verse 3 - choir only*

1 O glad-some Light, O grace of God the Fa-ther's face,  
 2 Now, ere day fad-eth quite, we see the eve-ning light,  
 3 To thee of right be-longs all praise of ho-ly songs,

the e-ter-nal splen-dor wear-ing; ce-les-tial, ho-ly, blest,  
 our wont-ed hymn out-pour-ing; Fa-ther of might un-known,  
 O Son of God, Life-giv-er; thee, there-fore, O Most High,

our Sa - vior Je - sus Christ, joy - ful in thine ap - pear - ing.  
 thee, his in - car - nate Son, and Ho - ly Spirit a - dor - ing.  
 the world doth glo - ri - fy, and shall ex - alt for ev - er.

*The congregation may be seated for the Psalm.*

**Psalm # 47**

from the Plainsong Psalter

*The congregation is invited to join the refrain*

*On other Sundays and Weekdays*

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja - cob is our strong - hold.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the Lord, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*

- he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.  
 11 “Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
 I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”  
 12 The Lord of hosts is with us; \*  
 the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## The Readings

### A Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Galatians (4:21-5.1)

Tell me, you who desire to be subject to the law, will you not listen to the law? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and the other by a free woman. One, the child of the slave, was born according to the flesh; the other, the child of the free woman, was born through the promise. Now this is an allegory: these women are two covenants. One woman, in fact, is Hagar, from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. But the other woman corresponds to the Jerusalem above; she is free, and she is our mother. For it is written, ‘Rejoice, you childless one, you who bear no children, burst into song and shout, you who endure no birth pangs; for the children of the desolate woman are more numerous than the children of the one who is married.’ Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac. But just as at that time the child who was born according to the flesh persecuted the child who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. But what does the scripture say? ‘Drive out the slave and her child; for the child of the slave will not share the inheritance with the child of the free woman.’ So then, friends, we are children, not of the slave but of the free woman. For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Song of Mary**            *Magnificat*            Tiburtio Massaino (c.1550-c.1609)

*Text: My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.*

*For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden*

*For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.*

*For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.*

*And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.*

*He hath showed strength with his arm:*

*he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.*

*He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.*

*He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.*

*He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our*

*forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.  
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.*

### **A Reading from the Gospel of St. Mark (8:11-21)**

The Pharisees came and began to argue with Jesus, asking him for a sign from heaven, to test him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, ‘Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to this generation.’ And he left them, and getting into the boat again, he went across to the other side. Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And he cautioned them, saying, ‘Watch out—beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.’ They said to one another, ‘It is because we have no bread.’ And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, ‘Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?’ They said to him, ‘Twelve.’ ‘And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?’ And they said to him, ‘Seven.’ Then he said to them, ‘Do you not yet understand?’

*After each Reading, the Reader may say*

**The Word of the Lord.**

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

### **The Song of Simeon**

*Nunc dimittis*

John Amner (1579-1641)

*Text: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;*

*For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

*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*

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;***

***And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.***

***He descended into hell.***

***The third day he rose again from the dead.***

*He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers.*

## **The Prayers**

*The Officiant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.  
*Choir* And with thy spirit.  
*Officiant* Let us pray.  
*Choir* Lord, have mercy  
Christ, have mercy  
Lord, have mercy

*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**

*Preces & Responses*

*Richard Ayleward (1626-1669)*

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.  
R. *And grant us thy salvation.*  
V. O Lord, save the State.  
R. *And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.*  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

V. O Lord, save thy people

R. *And bless thine inheritance.*

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

R. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.*

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give thine angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for thy love's sake. *Amen.*

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise thee in that City of which he is the light; and where he liveth and reigneth for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**Taizé Offering WLP # 827**

*(sung by all)*

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O



Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

**Offertory Anthem**      View Me, Lord      Richard Hey Lloyd (1933-2021)

*Text:*

*View me, Lord, a work of thine!  
Shall I then lie drowned in night?  
Might thy grace in me but shine,  
I should seem made all of light.*

*Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel  
At thine altar pure and white;  
They at once thy mercies feel,  
Gaze no more on earth's delight.*

*Worldly joys like shadows fade  
When the heavenly light appears;  
But the covenants Thou hast made,  
Endless, know not days nor years.*

*In thy word, Lord, is my trust,  
To thy mercies fast I fly;  
Though I am but clay and dust,  
Yet thy grace can lift me high.*

*-Thomas Campion (1567-1620)*

**An offering for the St. John's Music Program will be taken during this anthem**  
***Please be generous in your support.***

**Final Prayers**

*said by the priest at the High Altar*

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

**Final Blessing**

The peace of God, which passes 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.*

**Recessional Hymn # 24**      *The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, Is Ended*

1 The day thou gav - est, Lord, is end - ed, the dark - ness  
 2 We thank thee that thy Church, un - sleep - ing while earth rolls  
 3 As o'er each con - ti - nent and is - land the dawn leads  
 4 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall nev - er, like earth's proud

falls at thy be - hest; to thee our morn - ing hymns a -  
 on - ward in - to light, through all the world her watch is  
 on an - oth - er day, the voice of prayer is nev - er  
 em - pires, pass a - way; thy king - dom stands, and grows for



scend - ed, thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.  
 keep - ing, and rests not now by day or night.  
 si - lent, nor dies the strain of praise a - way.  
 ev - er, till all thy crea - tures own thy sway.

*The congregation departs in silence*

### **Worship Ministers This Evening:**

*Priest-in-charge:* The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

*Organist & Choirmaster:* Tom Brand

*Reader:* Holly Flor

*VeeJay:* Laura Daly

*Altar Guild:* MB Witt, Ginny Reynolds

*Ushers/Greeters:* Bob Futh, Natalie Dyer

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

### **Staff**

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, *Rector*

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### Class of 2025

MB Witt, Sara Coles, Andris Kalnins

### Class of 2026

Laura Daly, Veronique Dulack, Robert Reynolds

**Diocesan Delegates:** Sara Coles, MB Witt, Alternate: Laura Daly



## Holy Week



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

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 8 a.m.

*Palm Sunday Service, Said Mass*

Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

*Palm Sunday Service, with chanting of the Passion*

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

*Maundy Thursday Service, with foot-washing*

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 noon

*Good Friday Stations of the Cross*

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 a.m.

*Ecumenical Sunrise Easter Service*

at the old stone church in New Preston

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.

*Easter Sunday, Said Mass*

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

*Easter Sunday Festival Family Mass*

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 a.m.

*Children's Easter Egg Hunt*