

ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

March 9, 2025
10 a.m.

Welcome to St. John's!

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

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

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.”

(Psalm 51:11-13)



Preparation for Worship

The organ's chimes are a signal that it is time to take your seat in a pew, refrain from talking, and be in prayer and meditation as preparation for our worship together.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Congregation joins in the portions printed in **bold italics**.*

There are no organ voluntaries (prelude and postlude) during Lent

The Great Litany

(Please respond using the card provided)

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

Book of Common Prayer, p.355

His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

All sit

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Recited responsively by half verse

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord, “You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust.”

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

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.

With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Romans 10:8-13

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.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Tract

Susan Badgio, Cantor

He who abides in the shelter of the Most High shall remain under the protection of the Lord of Heaven. He shall say to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge; my God, in whom I trust. For he has set me free from the snare of the fowler, and from cutting words. He will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge.

Luke 4:1-13

All stand, as able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan Davidson

The Nicene Creed

All stand, as able

BCP, p. 358

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 are omitted when the Great Litany is used.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

All sit

Birthday and Anniversary Prayer

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

(Eucharistic Prayer A)

BCP, p. 361

At the Offertory, Anthem

Dies irae (Requiem)

W. A. Mozart


*Dies irae, dies illa
solvat saeculum in favilla,
teste David cum Sibylla.*

*Quantus tremor est futurus,
quando iudex est venturus,
cuncta stricte discussurus?*

A day of wrath; that day,
it will dissolve the world into glowing ashes,
as attested by David together with the Sibyl.
What trembling will there be,
when the Judge shall come
to examine everything in strict justice.

Presentation Hymn, "From the river to the desert"

Tune: PICARDY



From the riv-er to the des-ert, For-ty days that give no rest;
Since we are the ones you gath-er, And from sin and death have freed,
Fast and pray and wait and wres-tle, Face the Ad-ver-sar-y's test;
Je-sus, know-ing all our weak-ness, Now at God's high al-tar plead.
Prince of Peace and Prince of Dark-ness Meet in lone-ly wil-der-ness;
For we know that it is writ-ten That your grace is all we need.

All things come of Thee, O Lord.
And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here the Celebrant adds a Proper Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

(The “S” numbers are found in the front of the Hymnal)

Please kneel, as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection,

and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

The Holy Eucharist is Christ’s eternal banquet, to which all adults and children are invited. If you are a baptized Christian of any tradition (and regardless of your current status in any other church)

we welcome you to receive communion with this community of God's people. At the time of communion, the ushers will indicate when your row should come forward. Please come to the altar rail; you may stand or kneel. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands; the appropriate response is "Amen." When the chalice of wine comes, hold out your bread for the minister to dip it in the wine for you, or decline it by crossing your arms over your chest. If for any reason you prefer not to receive the bread and wine, or if you have not been Baptized, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.

At the Distribution,

Voluntary

Hymn, "Eat this bread"

Taizé

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry". The second staff has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The music is a simple, rhythmic melody.

The Postcommunion Prayer

All kneel, as able

BCP, p.366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 562, "Onward Christian soldiers"

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (The customary "Alleluias" are omitted during Lent)



THIS MORNING'S MUSIC

You will please note that we no longer print hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and ask instead that you sing directly from the hymnal in your pew.

We begin our worship today with The Great Litany, for which *The Book of Common Prayer* directs, “To be said or sung, kneeling, standing, or in procession; before the Eucharist or after the Collects of Morning or Evening Prayer; or separately; especially in Lent and on Rogation days.”

The Litany was the first English language rite prepared by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer. It was first published in 1544. The 1979 BCP titled the Litany “The Great Litany” (p. 148), distinguishing it from other litanies in the Prayer Book. When the Great Litany precedes the Eucharist, the Litany concludes with the *Kyrie* and the Eucharist begins with the salutation and the collect of the day (BCP, p. 153). The Great Litany takes the place of the prayers of the people at the Eucharist. The confession may also be omitted.

The “Dies irae” has been used as the sequence for the Requiem (Funeral) Mass for centuries, as made evident by the important place it holds in musical settings such as those by Mozart, Verdi, and countless other composers. It appears in the *Roman Missal* of 1962, the last edition before the implementation of the revisions that occurred after the Second Vatican Council which eliminated the sequence as such from funerals and other Masses for the Dead. We offer it this morning as an invitation in this Lenten season to remember our sinfulness and the certainty of God’s judgement.

When word reached the general populace that the new United Methodist hymnal was not going to contain “Onward, Christian Soldiers” there was great unrest! The hymnal committee had concluded that the text was “too militant” and “not in keeping with current theological thought” and musicians had long criticized the tune as “overblown” and “sappy Victorian.”

Even so, many of us have strong associations with this familiar hymn. Our own O/C says that he cannot sing this hymn without the taste of vanilla wafers and grape kool-ade in his mouth and many memories of vacation bible schools past.

The Methodist committee relented in the face of much public debate and the hymn may be found at No. 575 in *The United Methodist Hymnal* of 1989. The committee devising our own Hymnal 1982 apparently profited from the raging Methodist debate and quietly included this hymn. As we begin our Lenten pilgrimage again this year it makes an excellent exhortation to soldierly discipline in this penitential season and, even more so, to take our gospel into the world, “With the cross of Jesus, going on before!”



VISITORS AND GUESTS: Welcome to St. John’s! We hope you will stay after the service for an opportunity to chat. Snacks and beverages are provided in our Parish Hall. If you have questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or to be

included on our newsletter and mailing lists please email the Church Office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

SIGN OUR VIRTUAL GUEST BOOK! Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on

Virtual Guest Book to let us know you were here and pass on any comments.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE may be given in memory of a loved one, or to commemorate some occasion. Contact the church office at office@stjohnsmlb.org or 321-254-3365.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Olivia Brotherton, Jen Lester, Linda Fletcher, Ray McClendon, Marie Salmon, Michael Razor.

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Rudy & Nicole Tuten.

ADULT & YOUTH CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 9:00 a.m., Adults meet in the Parish Hall to study Women in the Bible. Children meet in the chapel. All are welcome!

MARCH MADNESS DIAPER DRIVE: Christ Episcopal Church invited St. John's to join them this month to collect diapers and wipes for New Life Mission. Many of the NLM supplies were damaged in a recent flood at their building on Highway 1. Place your donations in the bassinet adjacent the Daughters of the King table in the Parish Hall.

WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS AT NOON, led by Marie Salmon, beginning this Friday, March 7.

COFFEE HOUR: A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall. Each week volunteers are needed to set-up, serve, and clean-up.

TGIF: Men's Bible study, Fridays, 8 a.m. at La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935. 321-254-8559. Whether you are a long-time member or new to our church, we welcome you to be a part of this enriching experience. Let's grow in faith and friendship as we seek to live out God's will in our daily lives. We look forward to seeing you there! In Christ's love, Paul A. Burlison, (321) 271-1636.

A PRAYER REQUEST BOX is available from the St. John's Order of the Daughters of the King in the Sanctuary beside the Daughters' banner. We have taken a vow to pray for others and we take this vow

seriously.

FAMILY PROMISE: One of the primary needs a support church fills is to provide meals for the families while they are sheltered in the hotels. If you do have any questions, feel free to email, text or call Ben at: ben.kendall@gmail.com, 832-229-0142.

FOOD PANTRY: Remember the Wholeness to Freedom Food Pantry and donate packaged, or canned goods. They are always appreciative and a basket is in the Sanctuary if you would like to help.

DONATE TO ST. JOHN'S ONLINE! You can now make a safe and convenient donation to St. John's via PayPal. Scan the QR code at right or visit stjohnsmlb.org and click on Donate Now!



LOANING OF CHURCH ITEMS: If you would like to borrow tables, chairs, cribs, linens, etc. please speak with Kathy Oas, Sr. Warden, kmoas40@gmail.com or Paul Mitz, Jr. Warden. Text or phone Paul at : 321-288-4050.

LENT AND EASTER AT ST. JOHN'S

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays, Beginning March 12
5:30 - Soup is on; 6-7 - Program
Inquirer's Class

Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 16, 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship

April 13, 10 a.m.
Starting in the Park, weather permitting
With Blessing of the Palms

Maunder Thursday

April 17, 7 p.m.
With foot washing and Stripping of the Altar.

Good Friday

April 18, Noon, and 7 p.m.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 20

Sunrise in the Park, 7 a.m.

Easter Festival Worship, 10 a.m.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS. The following groups are asked to provide soup on certain Wednesdays. Here's the schedule:

March 12 - LEMs, Altar Guild, Flower Guild

March 19 - Ushers & Greeters

March 26 - Daughters of the King

April 2 - Vestry

April 9 - Choir

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ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH FOCUS this month is Life Recaptured a local program that assists girls to escape the nightmare of sex trafficking. Their residential safe homes provide refuge and freedom for their residents, and they work closely with local law enforcement as well as contacts in other areas. This vile trade operates right under our noses here in Brevard County, and we are delighted that God has opened a way for us to support this rescue. Florida is #3 in the nation for sex trafficking. Their gift shop and beauty boutique are open Monday through Saturday at 5515 N. Courtney Parkway, Merrit Island, and well worth the visit. Their Connections Café, 3757 N.U.S. 1, open Wednesday through Saturday and offers delicious food. On Saturday they also hold a farmer's market. Visit liferecaptured.org. for more information.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35, Psalm 27. To find all the lessons visit the webpage: lectionarypage.net and click on the date.



You are invited to join a community of women who believe in the power of prayer, service to others, and the sharing of the gospel to expand the Kingdom of God. You can find out more about the DOK by contacting Sallie Razor at 859-585-5836, srazor@bellsouth.net; or Sarah Kendall, at 702-203-6093, 537sarah@gmail.com.

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	March 9	March 16	March 23
Greeters	A. Weeks B. Rincones	A. Weeks J. Miller	A. Weeks
Ushers	A. & J. Lacy	J. & J. McLaughlin	J. Bond L. Miller
LEM	R. Huffman	J. Bond	M. Salmon
Altar Guild	K. Oas	L. Bennett	M. Salmon
Daughter	J. Miller	L. Fletcher	L. Miller
Counter	K. Wilson	K. Wilson	K. Wilson
A/V	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz	B. Kendall V. Mitz

	March 30	April 6	April 13 Palm Sunday
Greeters	A. Weeks	A. Weeks A. Lacy	A. Weeks B. Rincones
Ushers	B. Chernault J. Miller	J. Bond L. Miller	A. & J. Lacy
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THE OFFICE will be open on Thursdays only. During the rest of the week please email the office at office@stjohnsmlb.org.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sun (3/9) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream.

Mon (3/10) AA, Parish Hall, 5:30 p.m.

Tues (3/11) Boy Scouts, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Wed (3/12) Lenten Soup Supper, 5:30 p.m., Parish Hall
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Loft

Thur (3/13) Seaside Stitchers, 9:00 a.m., Parish Hall.
Staff Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Evening Prayer, 6 p.m. Sanctuary.
AA Ladies Group, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall.

Fri (3/14) TGIF, Men's Bible Study. La Loma Coney Island, 1180 Aurora Rd, Melbourne, 32935.
Stations of the Cross, 12 noon.

Sun (3/16) Christian Formation, 9:00 a.m. Adults in the Parish Hall; Youth in the Chapel.
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10 a.m., also livestream.

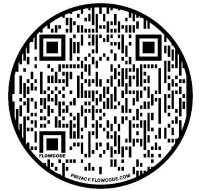
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growing as servants of Christ, and sharing His love in word and deed.*

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