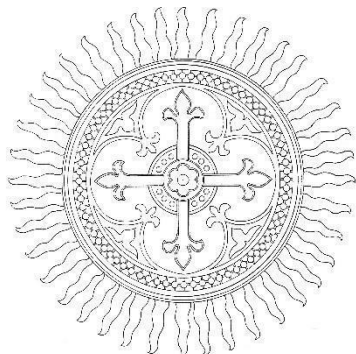


St. John's Episcopal Church

Montgomery, Alabama



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE ONE

April 3rd, 2022

A Note to Guests and Newcomers to the Episcopal Church

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today.

In the Episcopal Church, all baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion from the Lord's Table. If you have not been baptized and would like to learn more about this sacrament, please contact one of the clergy. Those who wish not to receive Holy Communion may come to the altar rail, fold their arms across their chests, and receive a blessing from the priest. Guests are expected and welcome! Also, children's activity bags are available in the narthex and in the main hallway.

Voluntary

Chorale Prelude & Fugue on 'O Sorrow Deep'

Johannes Brahms

Entrance Hymn 598 *Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

The Penitential Order (BCP p. 319)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Decalogue: Traditional (p. 317) *(kneeling)*

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them. ***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

The Celebrant reads the following: (p. 319) (Confession p. 320, 2nd form)

Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**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 Priest, stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Kyrie (p.324), *Hymnal S 89 (sung at 1030 only)*

Celebrant: Lord have mercy upon us.

People: **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant: Lord have mercy upon us.

Collect of the Day: Fifth Sunday in Lent (p.167)

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The Lessons *The people sit.*

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126 *Remain seated - Sung by vocalist at 10:30.*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sung at 10:30, standing.

Sequence Hymn 471 *We sing the praise of him who died*

BRESLAU

The Gospel Reading: John 12:1-8

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Deonna D. Neal

The Nicene Creed (Traditional) (p. 327)

I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 and of all things visible and invisible,
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father;
 by whom all things were made.
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven:
 and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered and was buried;
 and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;
 and ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
 and he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead;
 whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son.

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and ever living God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers [especially _____], that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land [especially _____], that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

We also pray for _____.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [_____ and] all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear [especially _____], beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of [_____ and of] all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

The Peace *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Then the Ministers and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says an offertory sentence. The People may sit while the table is being prepared.

Voluntary

Adagio

C. F. Abel

All stand at the presentation of the gifts.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I) (p. 333)

Celebrant 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 to the Lord our 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 dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. 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, (sung at 1030, Hymnal S114)

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 as they are able. Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of 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.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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 ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, 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, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, 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; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ’s holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread (p. 337)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and after a period of silence says (Sung at 1030, Hymnal S158.)

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.**

The Celebrant and People say together (p. 337)

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.

The Celebrant says

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.

Communion is being distributed via “intinction” only. Please dip a small portion of your wafer into the chalice to receive the wine.

Anthem at Communion *Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks*

Herbert Howells

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is athirst for the living God, yea, even for the living God. When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this prayer either kneeling or standing (p. 339)

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

A minister says, “Bow down before the Lord.”

The people continue to kneel and the Celebrant says the following prayer:

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Please stand for the retiring procession. The closing hymn will be sung at 10:30 only.

Closing Hymn 597 *O day of peace, that dimly shines*

JERUSALEM

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Fuga (Sonata VI)*

Felix Mendelssohn

Today's Servers

7:30

Lector: Tony Hughen
Greeters/Ushers: Will Hill Tankersley, Jr.
Eucharistic Minister: Fairley McDonald
Altar Guild: Jean McDowell

10:30

Acolytes: Bobby Eskridge, Anne Frances Little, Lawton McCollum, J.M. Longshore, Sara Johnston
Lector and Intercessor: Debbie Schremser, Leale McCall
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hughes, Tracey Campbell, J.R. Marshall
Ushers/Greeters: Will Hill Tankersley, Jr., Dustin Holmes, Cam Hughes, Brice Johnston
Altar Guild: Josie Eskridge
Flower Guild: Anne Elizabeth McGowin, Kathryn Thames
Flower Delivery Team: Jeanette Lynn, George Mathews
Videographer: Sam Collier
Instrumentalists: Robert Scott, *flute*; David Simpson, *bassoon*.

Altar Flowers given in memory of: Molly Ledyard McGough, Joseph Matthew McGough, Sr., Joseph Matthew McGough, Jr., Ethel A. Mahan, Oscar C. Mahan, Danella Kennedy Ledyard, William Morgan Ledyard, John Ledyard McCartney

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: George Benner, Elizabeth Via Brown, Delia Cerpa, Mark Chappell, Karen Jarrell, Leslie Little, Christopher Marshall, Richard McCrory, Eddie McDowell, Marilyn Pickett, Shirley Price, Margaret Ann Selman, Carrie Shaw, Sarah Spratling, Sarah Stone, Fred Tyson, Tommy Tyson.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Ramsey Ashmore, Frances P. Bryan, Joe Carter, Arthur Femenella, Sr., Steve Harding, Valarie Kemper Simons, Karen and Angelo Pacheco, James Paine, Lavada Person, Andy Pritchard, Debbie Steindorff, Greal Watkins, Jr.

Announcements

Young Adult Formation: The young adults of the parish will be studying the book, *The Hopeful Family: Raising Resilient Children in Uncertain Times*. The group meets in the Loft above the kitchen Sunday mornings at 9am.

Lenten Speaker Series on Mental Health and Spiritual Wellness: On the Wednesday nights in Lent, March 9th through April 6th, starting at 6pm, St. John's will be hosting a speaker series which focuses on mental health and spiritual wellness. We have a great lineup of mental health professionals and spiritual leaders lined up. Please save the dates and tell your friends! Optional dinner is at 6pm and the speaker begins at 6:30pm. Nursery care and a children's program are also available.
Apr. 6th-Dr. Linda Wilkinson - Dealing with Anger and Setting Boundaries

Children's Lenten Wednesday Night Series: During each of our speaker's presentations (6:30-8:00 pm), our children's series, *Emotions*, will be held in the Children's Chapel.

ECW Bash: All women of the church are invited to the Episcopal Churchwomen Bash TODAY in the parish house, right after the 10:30am service. We will celebrate our history and plan our future. Please don't miss it; we need your ideas. There will be door prizes too!!

Paperless Statements: If you have an email address in the MySTJ database, paperless statements will be sent starting in April for the 1st quarter of 2022. Please login to MySTJ and make sure your email address is correct and in the system. Any parishioners without an email in the system will receive a paper copy of their quarterly statement. If you have any questions please contact Heather
heather@stjohnsmontgomery.org.

Decorate the Church for Easter: If you would like to donate for the decoration of the church for Easter, you may do so by emailing your memorial and/or honorarium names to tori@stjohnsmontgomery.org. You may mail a check or pay via the database at My STJ.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 10th)

7.30 am: Holy Eucharist I
9:15 am: Sunday School for all ages
10.30 am: Holy Eucharist Rite I with Outdoor Procession

Monday-Wednesday in Holy Week (April 11-13th)

(no 7.30 am chapel service)

12.05 pm: Holy Eucharist in Chapel

Maundy Thursday (April 14th)

(no 12.05 pm chapel service)

6.00 pm: Holy Eucharist Rite I with stripping of the altar

Good Friday (April 15th)

12.05 pm: Good Friday Liturgy

5.00 pm: Stations of the Cross

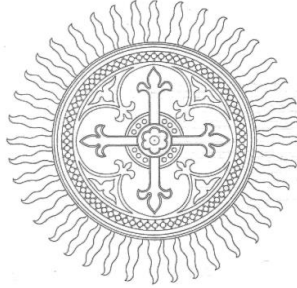
Easter (April 17th) Bishop Glenda Curry Preaching and Presiding at 9am and 11am

7:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite I (with organ)

9:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite II with Children's Flowering of the Cross (brass and organ)

10:15 am: Easter Egg Hunt and Bishop's Reception

11:00 am: Holy Eucharist Rite II with Baptism and Confirmation (brass and organ)



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