



St. John's Episcopal Church

March 17th, 2024, 10:30am

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Our Guests

We are so glad you have chosen to worship at St. John's today. You are very welcome to receive Holy Communion if you have been baptized in any Christian Church. 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. Children's activity bags are available in the back of the church.

HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

THE PRELUDE *Out of the Depths I Have Called to Thee O Lord* J.S. Bach
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Healey Willan

THE OPENING HYMN 448 *O Love, how deep, how broad, how high*

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER *p. 351*

Celebrant Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.** *All kneel.*

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness. **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

The celebrant offers the following sentence

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, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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 KYRIES

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is labeled 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.' The second staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'All' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is labeled 'Cantor or Choir' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is labeled 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All sit.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 119:9-16

Sung by choir.

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O Lord; *

instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word.

THE EPISTLE: 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 439 *What wondrous love is this*

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

The Celebrant and People say together

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 (FORM IV)

All kneel as they are able.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially, _____ that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence)* Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

(Silence) Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially, _____, give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially, _____, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. (*Silence*) Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

The people stand to greet one another.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The celebrant will say an offertory sentence. The people stand to sing.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN 471 *We sing the praise of him who died*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (PRAYER A)

All stand.

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

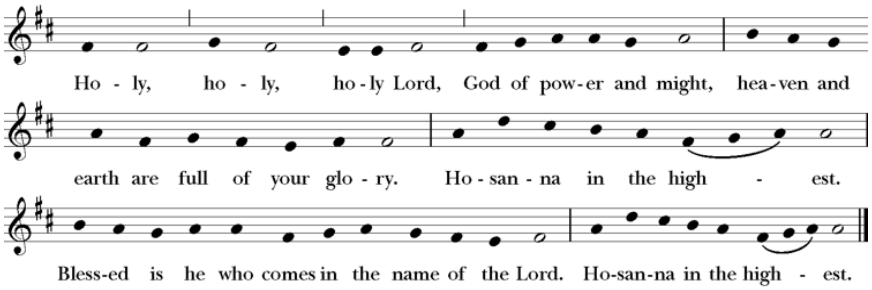
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All kneel as they are 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant sing on a monotone:

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

Celebrant Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Celebrant presents the holy gifts to the congregation saying

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.

During communion the choir sings the Agnus Dei

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION *The Sorrows of My Heart* William Boyce

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged. Oh bring thou me out of all my troubles. Look upon my adversity and forgive me all my sin.

Communion is offered in both kinds at the communion rail or station on the floor. After receiving the bread and the wine, the communicant responds "Amen."

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All kneel as they are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

All kneel as they are able.

The Celebrant says “Bow Down before the Lord”

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.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 473 *Lift high the cross*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

J.G. Walther

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 24th Palm Sunday. Normal schedule.

March 25th Holy Monday. Eucharist Rite 1, 12:05 pm in the Chapel.

March 26th Holy Tuesday. Eucharist Rite 1, 12:05 pm in the Chapel.

March 27th Holy Wednesday. Eucharist Rite 1, 12:05 pm in the Chapel.

March 28th Maundy Thursday. Eucharist Rite 1, 6 pm in the Church.

March 29th Good Friday. Worship, 12:05 pm in the Church.

Stations of the Cross, 5:00 pm in the church

March 31st Easter Day. Eucharist Rite 1, 7:00 in the Church.

Eucharist, 9:00 am in the Church, followed by Easter Egg Hunt.

Eucharist Rite 2, 11:00 am in the Church.

TODAY'S SERVERS

Clergy: The Reverend Duncan Johnston, DMin

The Reverend Deonna D. Neal, PhD

Director of Children's Formation: Sarah Collier

Director of Youth Ministry: Connie Tapia

Acolytes: Susannah Miller, Bobby Bradford, Nancy Bradford,
Thomas Lawlor, Will Evans Clark

Lector and Intercessor: Rich Anderson, Nick Prillaman

Eucharistic Ministers: Cam Armstrong, Callie Dietz, Maria Pacheco

Ushers/Greeters: Keith Miller, Melissa Carter, Josie Eskridge,
Liam McMullan

Altar Guild: Melissa Carter, Debbie Schremser

Flower Guild: Camilla Armstrong, Catherine McLemore

Flower Delivery Team: Melissa Carter, Doris Ball

Videographer: Anne Tippet

Instrumentalists: Barbara Shanks, *oboe*; David Simpson, *bassoon*,
Jihye Choi, *violin*

Altar Flowers are given in memory of: Sarah Smith Martin,
Sarah Martin Zeanah, Thomas Martin, Margaret Winkler,
Alice & Robert Smith, Alice & Ted Lingham, Grover Cleveland Hall,
Peter C. Robinson, William J. Frazer, Bill Frazer, Norma Grove,
Sharron Lingham, John Branch, Elizabeth Killingsworth, Rod Frazer

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:

Anne Phillips Arrington, John Durr, Bob Hill, Carma Marks,
Eddie McDowell, Martha Collier Moseley, Elizabeth Potter, Shirley Price,
Richard McCrory, Ethan Tapia, Barbara Wells, Larry Worriow.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Emma Allshouse,
Gail Alsobrook, Mac Burton, Michael Finnen, Roger Jobe, John Allen
Jones, Seeley Lewis, Maureen McCloskey, Karen and Angelo Pacheco,
Pam Slate, Ron Skoneki, Chandler Taylor, Connie Thomas, Denise Tinney,
Joe Wendel, Frank Winkler, Patti Worriow

*Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.
The prayer list will be updated monthly, please notify us if names need to remain longer.*

Pastoral Care Team for March: Florence Young, Jeanne Drummond,
Marla Foster, Laura Knapp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Teaching Series: Legacy: What are you leaving? This Lent please join us at 6pm for dinner and presentations on aspects of end-of-life planning. We'll be joined by experts in their field who will lead us more deeply into practical ways we can show our love for the people we leave behind. Topics include Faith and Funerals, End-of-Life Medical Care, Ethical Wills, Financial Matters, and Legal Matters.

Children's Lenten Series: Wild Willy's Candy Factory: A new look at the prodigal son. K-6th Children will meet with Sarah immediately following dinner. A modified program will be available in the nursery for Pre-K and toddlers.

Art and Music: Meditations on the Paintings of the Stations of the Cross. Sunday, March 17th at 4 pm. Camilla Armstrong's deeply evocative Stations of the Cross paintings will be displayed throughout the nave accompanied by short readings from the Gospels and Psalms on the themes of the Passion. Music emphasizing the pathos of the Passion will accompany visual art in our sacred space.

Revelation Winter Bible Study: Sundays, at 9:15 a.m., in the library, join Deonna for a Bible study on the book of Revelation. We will use the book *Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation* by Bruce Metzger. Books are available in the bookstore (\$15) or can be purchased online.

Rector's Forum: Welcome Course- Duncan is leading an engaging program of presentations and discussions about the Christian faith and the Episcopal tradition. Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m. in the Archives. Please email duncan@stjohnsmontgomery.org to register.

Service of Lessons and Spirituals: Friday, March 29th, 3:00 p.m. The Church of the Good Shepherd will again observe Good Friday with a Service of Lessons and Spirituals that draws on liturgies and prayers from the Book of Common Prayer and the many African-American spirituals influenced by the story of the Passion of our Lord. In addition to singers from the congregation and congregational signing, soloists will include Celia Porea, Nan Hastings Hornsby, and Quincy Hall.



Visitors: Welcome! We are so glad you decided to visit with us today. Please use this QR code to provide us with some information about you and your family so that we can better serve you.

EASTER FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

If you would like to contribute money towards decorating the church for Easter, you may do so by either writing a check to St. John's, or you may scan the QR code. If you would like to add in honorarium or memorial names, please list them below. All memorial & honorarium names will be included in Easter bulletins. Please return by March 24, 2024



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