

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday *in Lent*

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

March 01, 2026 · 10:30 am

All are welcome to worship God in this place.

In church before the service, please respect others by being silent.

PRELUDE O Man, Bewail Thy Sin So Great

J.S. Bach

PROCESSIONAL HYMN The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal - 401

Leoni

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand as they are able,

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

All **His mercy endures for ever.**

DECALOGUE - CONTEMPORARY

Book of Common Prayer 350

Celebrant Hear the commandments of God to his people:

Celebrant I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

All **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant 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

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.

KYRIE

Hymnal S-96

Franz Schubert

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector A reading from Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

We will sing the psalm together.



1. I lift my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
2. My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
3. He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
4. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5. The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

6. So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
– nor the moon by night.
7. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Lector A reading from Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL HYMN If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Me Hymnal - 635 *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

All stand

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

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal

life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sally Goodall

THE NICENE CREED

Book of Common Prayer 358

All **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

Adapted from Praying the Scriptures by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Lector Behold, children of God, it is the Lord who watches over you. As people sent forth into the world let us pray, saying, "Lord, bless us, **so that we may bless others.**"

Lector Lord, preserve your Church from all evil. May we, who have been born of water and the Spirit, proclaim the kingdom of God in all the world. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Mark's Church, Canton; St. Paul's Church, Canton; and St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls, and their surrounding communities.

Silence

Lector Lord, bless us;

People **So that we may bless others.**

Lector O God, may the leaders of the nations ever seek the truth. Open their hearts to true conversion and divine guidance.

Silence

Lector Lord, bless us;

People **So that we may bless others.**

Lector Maker of heaven and earth, you have blessed us with a wondrous and dynamic creation. Protect us from its rage; comfort us by its tranquility. Give us eyes to see your handiwork in the world around us. *Invite the congregation to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Silence

Lector Lord, bless us;

People **So that we may bless others.**

Lector Lord, your eyes never close on your people. We thank you for your mindfulness of us and our community. Be our help and our safety.

Silence

Lector Lord, bless us;
 People **So that we may bless others.**
 Lector You did not send your Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world may see and experience your salvation. Bring wholeness to those who look to your Son for their help.
I invite the congregation to add your thanksgivings or petitions either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.
 Silence

Lector Lord, bless us;
 People **So that we may bless others.**
 Lector O God, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist, keep the dying and the dead from this time forth and for evermore. Give eternal life to all those who trust in you.
 Silence

Lector Lord, bless us;
 People **So that we may bless others.**

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
 All **And also with you.**
The congregation greets one another in the name of Christ.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & BLESSINGS

OFFERTORY

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes Sveinbjörn Sveinbjörnsson

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please indicate to the Celebrant if you would prefer the gluten free wafers.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Book of Common Prayer 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
 People **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
 Celebrant 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 in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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

The People stand or kneel.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant 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:

All **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant 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 forever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

All **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

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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymnal S- 161

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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 COMMUNION

COMMUNION MOTET God So Loved the World

John Stainer

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Book of Common Prayer 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us a living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Chris, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord in body or in Spirit.

The People kneel as they are able.

Celebrant Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN Lift High the Cross

Hymnal - 473

Crucifer

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed

J.S. Bach

MUSIC NOTES

Our prelude and postlude this morning comes from the collection of chorale preludes known as the *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book) composed by J. S. Bach (1685-1750) during his tenure in Weimar. Bach composed 46 settings of hymns out of a planned 164 chorale preludes, each piece demonstrating a compositional technique in creating a chorale prelude. The prelude is based on the hymn composed in 1525. Bach used this chorale to end the first part of his St. Matthew Passion. Here Bach created a highly ornamented melody, almost completely disguising the hymn tune. But it is one of the most expressive chorale preludes of Bach.

The postlude this morning is a setting of the hymn tune Christ who makes us blessed. Here Bach creates a canon for the hymn tune by starting the canon in the uppermost voice and then the canon follows in the pedal with harmonic figuration between the two voices.



WE PRAY FOR those who have requested prayer this month:

T.J. Leo, Allen DeMarks, Vickey, Ginger Elliott, Carmela, Twila, Ron Robertson, Gaynell Harris, Olivia, Carlos & Julianna Caguiat, Donna Wynn, Brian Sullivan, Mary Snyder, Pat Rogers, Karen Kelly, Bob, Jason, Joe Edwards, Eleanor Congdon, Bill Bonte, Pat Sekola, Roxanne DeNiro, George & Carol Errington, Charles, Paul, Clinton Jost, Stan, Ronald Gould, Charles Rumberg, Fabio Ceccarani, Kevin Shelton.

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TODAY'S AUMBRY CANDLE is given to the honor and glory of God and in memory of The Rev. Stephen P. Pressey by Constance M. Pressey; Theodore E. Wynn II & Helen Webb by Donna Wynn.

We welcome you to St. John's.

If you are visiting with us, we ask that you fill out a Connection Card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the guest register located in the hallway.

ADULT FORUM LENTEN STUDY In *The Message of Jesus*, Adam Hamilton explores six of the most important themes in Jesus' teaching, why they matter, and how they speak to us today. Led by Rev. David Hill each Sunday in the Parlor from 9:15 - 10:20 concluding March 29. Study books are available in the office. A suggested donation of \$ 5 for the books is suggested.

GLIMPSES OF GOD THROUGH THE EYES OF THE MYSTICS Lent is a time when we may think about giving up chocolate or something else that we love, but why do we do that? Lent is a time to draw closer to God, and who better to help us do that than the mystics? They may seem to be otherworldly beings with strange experiences, but when we look at their lives we see that they are very human people, with very deep relationships with God, which they try to describe using a variety of images.

Perhaps by looking at God through these images, we can draw closer to God too. Thursdays in Lent we will meet in the parlor at noon for a simple Eucharist, followed by lunch and reflection on one of the mystics and the images they chose to describe their relationship with God.

February 26th - Teresa of Avila, March 5th - John of the Cross, March 12th - Julian of Norwich, March 19th and March 26th TBA

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to submit names for Easter Flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones, please contact Heather in the church office. Easter Flowers will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Altar Guild accepts a suggested donation of \$25. Submissions are due by March 26th.

Holy Week

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| Palm Sunday | 8:00am / 10:30am |
| Maundy Thursday | 7:00pm |
| Good Friday | 7:00pm |
| Easter Sunday | 8:00am / 10:30am |
| Easter Brunch | 9:15am |