

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday *in Lent*

*Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

March 8, 2026 · 10:30 am

**are welcome to worship God in this place.**

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

**PRELUDE** My Jesus calls to me

Johannes Brahms

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** Come thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal - 686

Nettleton



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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.**

**Celebrant** Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

*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.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

*Lector* A reading from Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

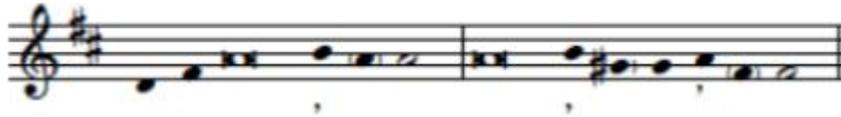
*All* **Thanks be to God.**

# PSALM 95

Venite,

*exultemus*

*We will sing the psalm together.*



1. Come, let us sing to the / LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our / salvation
2. Let us come before his presence with thanks / giving \*  
and raise a loud shout / to him with psalms.
3. For the LORD is a / great God, \*  
and a great King / above all gods.
4. In his hand are the caverns of the / earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are / his also.
5. The sea is his, for he / made it, \*  
and his hands have molded / the dry land.
6. Come, let us bow down, and / bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD / our Maker.
7. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his / hand.  
Oh, that today you would hear / ken to his voice!
8. Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the / wilderness, \*  
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when / they tempted me.
9. They put me to the / test, \*  
though they / had seen my works.
10. Forty years long I detested that generation and / said, \*  
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do / not know my ways.”
11. So I swore in my / wrath, \*  
“They shall not enter / into my rest.”

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1.11

Lector A reading from Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

and in your wea - ri - ness lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my Star, my Sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till pil - grim days are done.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

John 4:5-42

*All stand*

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

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

*Celebrant* So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty

again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

*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 – FORM III

Book of Common Prayer 387

Lector Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church; In the Anglican Communion we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

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

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you. In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for licensed lay ministers: Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, Lay Preachers, and Lay Worship Leaders.

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Lector Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest;

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lector We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*I invite the congregation to add your thanksgivings or petitions either aloud or in the silence of your hearts.  
Silence*

## THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## 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** Like as the hart

Herbert Howells

### OFFERTORY BLESSING

All **All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### 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:

## **SANCTUS**

Hymnal S.124

David Hurd

*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

*Book of Common Prayer 364*

*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** Sicut cervus

Giovanni da Palestrina

## 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* Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal - 690

Cwm Rhondda

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven; feed me now and ev - er -  
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
be thou still my strength and shield.  
I will ev - er give to thee.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** O God, thou faithful God

Johannes Brahms

## MUSIC NOTES

Our prelude and postlude this morning were among the very last compositions that Brahms (1833-1897) wrote. During the summer of 1896 Brahms went to a cabin in the Alps to rest, likely knowing that his health was failing. There he composed eleven chorale preludes, representing his final musical thoughts. These pieces are not only the last works of a composer, but also something of a farewell to a century and a way of life. The prelude puts the hymn tune in the pedal as a cantus firmus with the other voices working as a fugue. This is the first of the eleven pieces and also the most complex. The postlude is mainly for the hands and only brings in the pedal at the last phrase of the hymn. Brahms alternates the placement of the hymn tune, using the upper and lower voice.



**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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*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*

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