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The Fifth Sunday in Lent HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

April 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

Masks are now optional at St. John's. We encourage anyone who is unvaccinated or more comfortable wearing a mask to continue to do so. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home or wear a mask until you feel better. Thank you!

It is our custom to be silent before the service, so as you take some time to pray, please turn off all electronic devices. All you need to participate in the service is found in this bulletin and in the blue hymnals in each pew.

If you are new to St. John's, or have been attending a while but the parish office doesn't yet have your information, please fill out our online newcomer form by scanning the QR code or going to sjparish.net/newcomer-form.

Our ushers are here to create a welcoming and safe space for worship; please let them know if you have questions, need assistance, or become aware of a health or safety concern. They have hearing assist devices available for those who need them. We're glad you're here!



Scan to fill out onlin newcomer form.

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as they will be more engaged if they can see and hear what's going on. Children are welcome here just as they are; please don't feel you must leave every time your little one makes a sound! We have children's bulletins, books, and other quiet activities available in the narthex (the entrance with the red doors) for children's use during the service. A nursery staffed by high school students is available on Sunday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents are also welcome to use the nursery if you need a changing table or a quiet spot. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Allegro cantabile from Symphony V

Charles Marie Widor (1844–1937)

SILENT PROCESSION

All stand.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People God's mercy endures forever.

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with

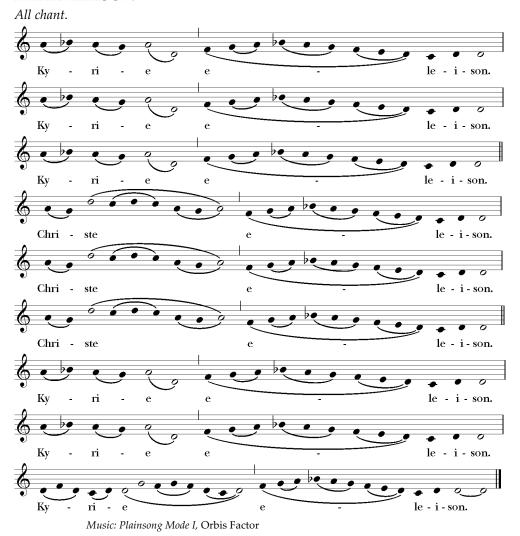
all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All remain standing or kneel.

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 ELEISON



Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.**

All sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:16–21

hus 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.**

THE PSALTER Psalm 126

The people say the words in **bold** and sing the antiphon as indicated.



- 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. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 382 King of glory, King of peace *All stand and sing*.

GENERAL SEMINARY

THE GOSPEL John 12:1–8

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

It 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."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE NICENE CREED

All stand.

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

The people say the words in **bold**.

As we move toward Holy Week, let us offer our prayers for all of God's people who yearn for hope and healing.

For the Church and all its people, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that in worship and witness, all people may come to know the extravagant grace poured out in Jesus Christ. Merciful God, hear our prayer.

For this parish family, that we who are continually forgiven by Christ and anointed with mercy may serve others in Jesus' name. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For peace, that the thunder of weapons may be silenced and warriors lay down their arms, and that we may see a springtime of harmony and peace in Ukraine. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For all those throughout the world whose lives are threatened by war, famine, and disaster, that their fortunes may be restored with goodness, reconciliation, and peace. Merciful God, **hear our prayer**.

For a spirit of openness on our journey of faith, that we may recognize and embrace the new things God is doing in our hearts and in our world. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the hungry and the homeless, those in doubt and distress, and for all who suffer, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may know the power of Christ's resurrection, and the hope Christ offers. Merciful God, hear our prayer.

For those who have died, remembering especially Ramzi Ayash, that they may come with joy to claim the prize of life eternal. Merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of eternal life who made a way for us in the wilderness. Receive the

prayers we offer this day, and grant that we may joyfully proclaim the good news to all people and serve the poor and needy with Christ-like compassion, as we praise you, O Holy

Trinity, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

THE WELCOME

All sit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM Surely he hath borne our griefs

Karl Heinrich Graun (1704–1759)

Text: Isaiah 53:4

Surely, surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100^{TH}

All stand.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

All stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

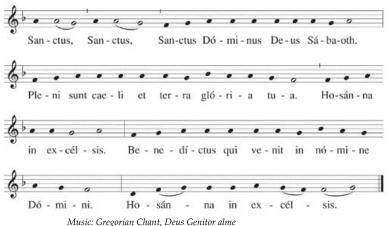
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God 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. You bid your faithful people to cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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 SANCTUS

All chant.



Translation: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All remain standing or kneel.

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.

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,

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

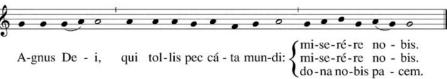
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

THE AGNUS DEI

All chant.



Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

Translation: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's.

If you would like a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

If you have mobility limitations and would like a priest to bring Communion to you in your seat, please let an usher know. A healing minister is available to pray with you today; go to the baptismal font after you receive Communion.

THE COMMUNION ANTHEM We shall walk through the valley

Spiritual

arr. Undine Smith Moore (1904–1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace; we shall walk through the valley in peace.

Refrain:

If Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrow there; there will be no sorrow there. *Refrain*



Undine Eliza Anna Smith Moore, the "dean of Black women composers," was an American composer and professor of music in the twentieth century. Moore was originally trained as a classical pianist, but developed a compositional output of mostly vocal music—her preferred genre. Much of her work was inspired by Black spirituals and folk music. Undine Smith Moore was a renowned teacher, and once stated that she experienced "teaching itself as an art."

THE COMMUNION HYMN 474 When I survey the wondrous cross

ROCKINGHAM

All remain seated and sing.

THE PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those worshipping online are invited to offer this prayer silently or aloud.

Gracious and risen Lord, we believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. We love you above all things and we desire to receive you into our souls. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you and unite ourselves wholly to you. Never may we be separated from you. Amen.

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, 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.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant gives the blessing and the people respond, **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN 473 Lift high the cross

CRUCIFER

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

The Minister dismisses the people, and the people respond. Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY Litanies

Jehan Alain (1911–1940)



Jehan Alain, a Parisian composer whose life was cut short when his plane was shot down during WWII, wrote this morning's closing voluntary. Litanies is a breathless and relentless prayer. The desperation of prayer in time of deep need is illustrated by a repetitive litany and rhythms written while traveling on a train – all building to a frenzy. Alain writes, "When the Christian soul in its despair can no longer find any new words to implore the mercy of God, it repeats the same incantation over and over again in blind faith. The limits of reality are surpassed and faith alone continues upward."

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY

Celebrant: The Reverend Todd FitzGerald **Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker **Deacon:** The Reverend Walter McKenney

Layreader: Kimberley Byrd
Psalterer: Ann Hutchinson
The St. John's Adult Choir
Organist & Choirmaster: Scott Lamlein

Organ Scholar: Ted Babbitt

Acolytes: James Baker, Alice Murchie, Claire O'Brien **Ushers**: Don Polk, Laura Roche, Paul Shaker

Healing Prayers: Chris Byrd
Livestream Oversight: Ray Giolitto
Cuild: Botto-Jano Harderson, Ginny Komr

Altar Guild: Bette-Jane Hardersen, Ginny Kemp **Nursery Workers**: Morgan Babbitt, Kiley Murphy

Sunday School Teachers: Angela Allen-Peck, Margie Baker, Matt Ciscel, Susan Thaxton

In your prayers this week, please pray for:

Peace in our world, for those serving our country in the armed services, and for all victims of war and violence.

Residents of the Caleb Hitchcock Center at Duncaster; the George Beach Apartments, Allen Place, Hartford; and the Hughes Health and Rehabilitation Center.

All those whose hurts, burdens, and fears are unspoken or unknown.

Those in need of healing, help, and comfort:

Jim Evans	Susan	Ellie Brown	Kimberley
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Kent Lawrence
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Duccio Rosselli del Turco	Clark Hendley
Brad Babbitt	Mary	Joseph	Maria Ferreira
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Aidan	Edie
Mary A. Looney	Don Cole	Gerry Brooks	Gary Wait
Joanne	Dale Stretz	Dennis Winkleblack	Peter
L.B.	Paul Peck	Kate Coley	Tracy Barth
David Beers, Sr.	Janet	Edythe Freeouf	Barbara Roos

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Buffy Ineson Pat Vance
Elizabeth Simson Philip Chapman
John Amamoo Brad Thomas
Janet Faude Bill Lockery
Billy Ulrich, Jr. David Kaletski, Jr.

Akilah Williams

Those who have died:

Ramzi Ayash, cousin of Carla Abdo-Katsipis

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Holy Trinity, Middletown; St. Andrew's, Milford; St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; and for collaborative ministries and all ministry networks, ECCT regions, region leadership teams, and region missionaries.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Church of Nigeria.

Pipes Alive! Student Showcase, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. Today's Pipes Alive! organ recital will feature several of Scott Lamlein's students, including Kathy and Kelly Roqueza, William Bannon, Ray Giolitto, and Ted Babbitt. Come support the progress of these fine players. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Contribute toward Easter flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones. All are invited to make a contribution (in any amount) to cover the cost of Easter lilies and other flowers to adorn the church on Easter Sunday. Checks should be payable to St. John's with "Easter flowers" in the memo. To send in your contribution and the names of those people you'd like to remember or honor, please either use the flower offering envelopes in the pews, or e-mail the names to Ellen in the parish office (ellen@sjparish.net) and send your contribution by mail. All names must be received by Monday, April 11 to be included in the Easter service bulletins.

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, April 17 after the 10:30 service: Help with preparations! To help us get ready for the traditional egg hunt after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, please take a bag of plastic eggs from the narthex (near the red doors), fill them with candy (no nuts please!), stickers, or other trinkets, and return them to church any Sunday or by 10:10 a.m. on Easter. At that time, we welcome help from adults and youth to hide the eggs outdoors (or inside in the event of bad weather).

Spring Chamber Music: The Larksgrove Duo, Friday, April 22, 7:30 p.m. Through their innovative blending of classical and traditional forms, Larksgrove brings a fresh voice to the musical scene. Peter Zay, cello and guitar, and EmmaLee Holmes-Hicks, violin and fiddle, present unique interpretations of the classics and inventive arrangements of traditional tunes. Free admission, with donations gratefully accepted.

Community Garden Work Day, Saturday, May 7 at 10 a.m. Our next community garden work day is May 7 at 10 a.m. No gardening expertise is needed! Please wear gloves and sun protection, and bring gardening tools if you have them.

The Spring Food Fling fundraiser returns! Friday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10) on sale starting May

1. This favorite event, which raises funds for St. John's ministries, is returning after a three-year hiatus. All are invited to come out for a night of lively conversation, delicious food and drink, and the opportunity to bid on many fun food-related auction items, ranging from homemade goodies and restaurant gift cards to festive dinner parties. Tickets are \$10 per person and include one free raffle ticket. You may purchase tickets with card, check, or cash after the 10:30 service on Sundays, May 1 and 8, and at the door. If you would like to get involved and help plan the event, we would love to have you. Please e-mail Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net if you'd like to help or donate an auction item.





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Pipes Alive!

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Christian formation for all ages 10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services) 5 p.m. Choral Evensong on select fourth Sundays of the month

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