

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

March 6, 2022

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

To ensure everyone's safety, please observe the following guidelines. We will continue to follow the latest recommendations and monitor our local public health situation, and will revise these guidelines as needed:

- **Masks are required for all attending indoor services, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Practice social distancing with members of other households.**
- **Greet one another from a distance** with a nod, wave, peace sign, etc.

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 online 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 Contemplation on *Wondrous Love*

Rebecca Groom te Velde (b 1956)

THE GREAT LITANY

All stand.

Officiant O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, *People* Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *People* Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, *People* Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, *People* Have mer - cy up - on us.

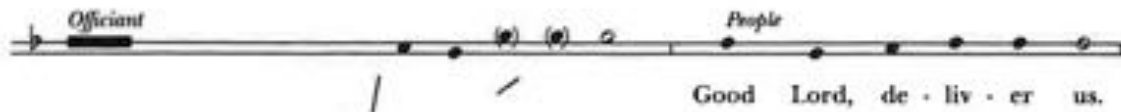
Officiant
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the

devil; and from everlast - ing dam-na - tion,

People
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.



From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all / want of chárity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, / and the dévil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word / and commándment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestil-/ence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and / unprepáred,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, / and Temptátion,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the / Holy Ghóst,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the / day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.



We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in / the right wáy,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show / it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep / all thy péople,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind in- / to thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits / of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and / are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after / thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the / ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom up- / on all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all / may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the / common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor / or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or / torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing / and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and / tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy up- / on all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy / holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to / turn their héarts
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise
 up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan un- / der our féet,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all faithful departed eternal / life and péace,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to
 thy hea- / venly kíngdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.
People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.

Officiant Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
People Chri - ste e - lei - son.
 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan:
 Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the
 weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son
 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

*Deuteronomy 26:1–11**All sit.*

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

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

THE PSALTER

*Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16**The people say the words in bold, and sing the antiphon as indicated.*

God shall give his an - gels charge o - ver you, to keep — you in all your ways.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 **He shall say to the Lord,**
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the Lord your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 **There shall no evil happen to you, ***
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

- 12 **They shall bear you in their hands, ***
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Antiphon*
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 **Because he is bound to me in love,**
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 **With long life will I satisfy him, ***
and show him my salvation. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b–13

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 529 In Christ, there is no East or West

MCKEE

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1–13

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

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Minister The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

All sit.

The Reverend Margie Baker

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**.*

In this holy fast of Lent, let us offer prayers to God who leads us through the wilderness and gives us water to drink.

For the Church and all its people, remembering especially Michael, our presiding bishop; Ian and Laura, our bishops; and our parish clergy, that as we embrace prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we may learn anew that we do not live by bread alone. We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For this parish family, that the Spirit of God will lead us on our journey to freedom and wholeness of life as we face the trials and temptations of daily living. We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that we may fast from evil and grow hungry for peace and justice. We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For the people of Ukraine, that they may prevail in the protection of their homeland, that war will cease, and peace break out everywhere; and for the people of Russia, especially those who resist the war and stand for peace. We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who fear death, failure, or an unknown future, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that all we do may show God's care for them. We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For all those who fear death, failure, or an unknown future, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially those on our parish prayer list, that they may find courage and healing in the face of Christ. We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, remembering especially Shirley Yeames and Herbert Chogel, that they may find a place in the land flowing with milk and honey. We pray to you, O God. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Lord our God who made us in your image. Hear our prayers for all people and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may conquer every test and temptation. Glory to you 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 Kyrie eleison *from* Requiem Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

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

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH*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.***The Celebrant continues.*

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

All chant.

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Dó - mi - nus De - us Sá - ba - oth.
Ple - ni sunt cae - li et ter - ra gló - ri - a tu - a. Ho - sán - na
in ex - cél - sis. Be - ne - dí - ctus qui ve - nit in nó - mi - ne
Dó - mi - ni. Ho - sán - na in ex - cél - sis.

Music: Gregorian Chant, Deus Genitor alme

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.

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,

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

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.

To go forward for Communion, please make a single line in the middle aisle and maintain social distance.

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 *Lacrimosa* from Requiem

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Lacrimosa dies illa
 Qua resurget ex favilla
 Judicandus homo reus.
 Huic ergo parce, Deus:
 Pie Jesu Domine,
 Dona eis requiem. Amen.

*Sorrowful day,
 When rising from the dust,
 Guilty man to be judged.
 God have mercy,
 Compassionate Lord Jesus,
 Grant them peace. Amen.*

THE COMMUNION HYMN 343 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

ST. AGNES

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 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

ST. FLAVIAN

All stand and sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY Fantasy on O God our help in ages past

Christa Rakich (b. 1952)



*Our organ music today is presented as part of Woman Composer Sunday, which was launched in 2021 to provide a platform for some of the wonderful music composed for organ by women. The day went from an initial idea to a successful event in a little more than weeks. The event is sponsored by the Royal College of Organists (UK), the American Guild of Organists, and the Society of Women Organists (www.societyofwomenorganists.co.uk). **Rebecca Groom te Velde** (b. 1956) is a third-generation professional organist, following both parents and her grandfather. The Region VIII winner of the AGO National Playing Competition in 1979, she was selected to participate in the Flor Peeters International Master class at Mechelen, Belgium. She has performed in numerous states as well as in Germany, England, and Canada, and has published articles with *The Musical Times* and *The American Organist*. In 1991, she assumed her present position as organist of First Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, OK.*

*She is an active performer, composer, clinician, and adjunct instructor of music at Oklahoma State University. **Christa Rakich** (b. 1952) is St. John's Organ Artist-in-Residence, an international concert organist and recording artist, and professor of organ at Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Her arrangements for organ are beautifully written in the style of baroque composers, in this case Johann Pachelbel.*

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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:** Jyothsna Diaz**Psalterer:** Paul Smith**The St. John's Adult Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Organ Scholar:** Ted Babbitt**Acolytes:** James Baker, Dorian Ciscel, Elsa Ciscel**Ushers:** Dave Grimaldi, Karen Licht, Don Polk, Paul Shaker**Healing Prayers:** Karen Licht**Livestream Oversight:** Fraz Lugay**Altar Guild:** Rosa Guzzo, Carol Sonne**Nursery Worker:** Morgan Babbitt**Sunday School Teachers:** Angela Allen-Peck, Margie Baker, Matt Ciscel, Susan Thaxton**RESOURCES FOR LENT**

The following Lent resources are available to pick up in the Narthex or Hubbard Hall.

Digital copies of the devotional and calendar have been shared via the e-news.

Lent Devotional

The sixth annual St. John's Lent Devotional, with daily reflections created or chosen by the people of St. John's.

Lent in a Bag

Each bag includes morning and evening devotions (from the *Book of Common Prayer*), Scripture passages, and small items to aid your household's observation of Lent.

Lent Calendars

The middle and high school youth developed a calendar with daily ideas for ways to pray, fast, and give during this holy season.

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	William Bittinger	Joseph	Maria Ferreira
Ward Farrell	Christie	Aidan	Edie
Mary A. Looney	Mary	Bruce Bauer	Gary Wait
Joanne	Tom Reichenbach	Gerry Brooks	Shirley Blean
L.B.	Don Cole	Dennis Winkleblack	Jack & Suzanne Barr
Tracy Barth	Dale Stretz	Kate Coley	Peter

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton

Those celebrating birthdays this week:

Karan Emerick	Geoff Emerick
Candy Green	Edith Connolly
Rich Bartlett	Ronald Hensley
Martha Church	Missy Cipriano
Jenefer Berall	Abraham Thomas
Cooper Swift	

Those celebrating anniversaries this week

Wendy & Rich Bartlett
Giselle & Edwin Genece

Those who have died:

Shirley Yeames, *St. John's member*
Herbert Chogel, *friend of Wes Winterbottom and Beth Rocco*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for St. Monica's, Hartford; Trinity, Hartford; St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; and for all ministries to, with, and for women, and the Girl's Friendly Society.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea.

Adult Forums in Lent, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to follow him and grow into the beloved creatures of God that we were made to be. One of our greatest obstacles to sustaining this growth, however, is our tendency to believe we are independent, self-sufficient, and in control of our lives. During Lent, we will focus on another of the Way of Love practices: TURN. Turning is a set of spiritual practices and beliefs that, by God's grace, can help us to center God's will in our lives, and receive the whole life that God is eternally giving to us. Using Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Baptismal Covenant, we will together think and discuss the idea of "turning" in our Sunday morning adult education sessions.

Pipes Alive! with Angela Salcedo, TODAY at 12:30 p.m. Join us for the next organ recital in our Pipes Alive! series, featuring Angela Salcedo, organ lecturer at the University of Connecticut and director of music ministries at the First Church of Christ, Congregational, in Glastonbury. Free admission with donations accepted.

New online Bible study series begins, Mondays at 7 p.m. Starting tomorrow evening, the Monday evening online Bible study will discuss Jesus' final week, from Palm Sunday through Good Friday, as told in the Gospel of Mark. The Bible study is held virtually in Zoom, and all are welcome to attend any or all sessions. There is no preparation or homework required. The Zoom link is provided in the church e-news, or you may e-mail Margie at margie@sjparish.net and asked to be added to a dedicated e-mail list for the Bible study.

Body & Land: A Dance and Dialogue for Eco-Justice, Saturday, March 19 at 6 p.m. St. John's is delighted to host the *Body & Land* program—a four-part dance work that follows the path of the four seasons, performed by Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet, which is a professional dance company of artist-theologians whose goal is to create spaces where art and faith can flourish. The work uses dance—an embodied art form—to compare the effects of climate change on both human bodies and the body of the earth. The event includes conversation with St. John's clergy and local advocates for climate care. This is a FREE event, and people of all ages are invited to attend. Please come and bring a friend!

Support the people of Ukraine. Episcopal Relief & Development is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Working through the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief & Development will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance. "Ecumenical and orthodox faith networks are on the ground in the border areas of Poland and Hungary," said Abigail Nelson, Executive Vice President, Episcopal Relief & Development. "We will continue to coordinate with these networks, in order to meet the needs of people who have been displaced." Please pray for all those affected. Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's International Disaster Response Fund will provide humanitarian assistance for the crisis in Ukraine. Go to episcopalrelief.org for more information and to donate online.

Blessing Box Shopping List

The Blessing Box or "little free food pantry" located on St. John's front lawn gets used frequently by community residents in need of food. We've talked to a few people who have used the Blessing Box about what types of food are most helpful to them. Many don't have access to kitchen facilities and need ready-to-eat foods. The next time you're grocery shopping, please pick up a few of these items if you're able, and leave them in the Blessing Box. If the box is full, hang onto the items and try again another time. Thank you!

- Peanut butter – Small jars or squeeze packs
- Tuna, Vienna sausages, other shelf-stable meat or fish in cans or foil packs
- Nuts, dried fruit, trail mix, other protein-rich packaged snacks (roasted chickpeas, sesame sticks)
- Protein bars, granola bars
- Cracker packs with peanut butter or cheese
- Bread, rolls, bagels (These items will not work well in warm weather, but right now, the cold will protect them from spoilage and pests.)
- Dairy or alternative milk in shelf-stable packaging
- Applesauce or other fruit in cans, jars, or single-serve packages
- Pop-top cans are useful so a can opener isn't needed. In very cold weather, please avoid donating canned goods, as they can freeze and burst.

Adult education in Lent

What would it look like to

TURN

...from giving it our all
to receiving God's grace?

...from making plans
to being curious about God's plan?

...from relying on ourselves
to relying on God?

*Join us to explore practices and beliefs
that can help us center God's will in our
lives, and receive the whole life that God
is eternally giving to us.*

Sundays at 9:30 in Hubbard Hall

Jesus' Final Week:

a lenten journey through Mark's gospel

Join us for a slow walk through Jesus' final week in Jerusalem. There is so much to ponder: arguments, parables, blessings, curses, loyalty, betrayal, and the death of the Messiah. Join us Monday nights in Lent at 7pm in Zoom.

March 7 Palm Sunday (Mark 11:1-12)

March 14 Monday (Mark 11:13-19)

March 21 Tuesday (selections from Mark 11:20-13:37)

March 28 Wednesday (Mark 14:1-11)

April 4 Maundy Thursday (Mark 14:12-72)

April 11 Good Friday (Mark 15:1-47)



Monthly half-hour concerts on
St. John's mighty Austin organ

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Sunday, March 6, 2022, 12:30 p.m.

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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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