

St. John's Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

February 26, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Welcome!

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.



Scan to fill out online 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!

Children are always welcome to be in church with their families. We encourage you to sit up front, as children 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. Our staffed nursery is open from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday mornings for children age 5 and younger. Parents are welcome to drop little ones there for part or all of the service, and there is a changing table and rocking chair should your child need to be changed, fed, or soothed.

Cover image: Who's Carrying My Cross by Donna Gallant



ORDER OF SERVICE

THE VOLUNTARY Praeludium

Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)



Zoltán Kodály was a Hungarian composer, ethnomusicologist, pedagogue, linguist, and philosopher. Throughout his adult life, Kodály was very interested in the problems of many types of music education, and he wrote a large amount of material on teaching methods as well as composing plenty of music intended for children's use. Beginning in 1935, along with his colleague Jenő Ádám, he embarked on a long-term project to reform music teaching in Hungary's lower and middle schools. His work resulted in the publication of several highly influential books. He is well known internationally as the creator of the Kodály method of music education.

THE GREAT LITANY

All stand.

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

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

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

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

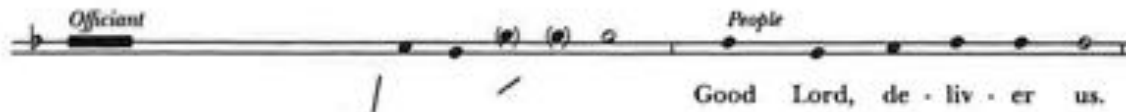
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

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

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

Officiant 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.

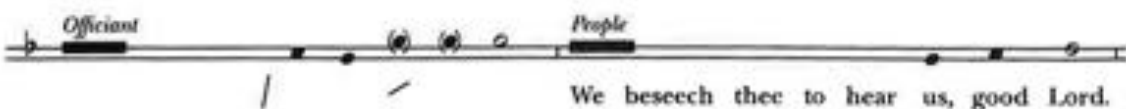
From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestil-/ence, and
fámine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from
dying suddenly and / unprepared,
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 Temptation,
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,

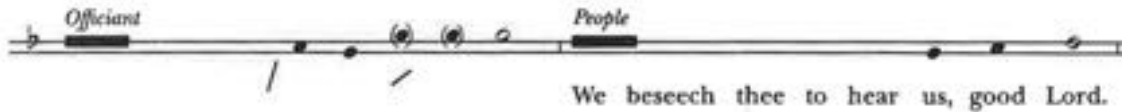
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

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.



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 rais-
 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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

People **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7

All sit.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 32

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



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, ***
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; ***
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” ***
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. *Antiphon*
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; ***
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

Antiphon

THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:12–19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 142 Lord, who throughout these forty days

ST. FLAVIAN

All stand and sing.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1–11

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Margie Baker

All sit.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people say the words in bold.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering especially Carolyn Dodd.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant 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.

THE PEACE

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 Introit and Kyrie *from* Requiem

Gabriel Fauré (1845–1924)

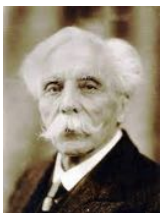
Words: from *Missa pro defunctis*

Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine: et lux perpetua luceat eis.
 Te decet in hymnus, Deus in Sion: et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
 Exaudi orationem meam, ad te omnis caro veniet.
 Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

*Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee:
 and light perpetual shine on them for ever.
 Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion; thy praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem.
 Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.
 O hear us; O Lord God, hear thy faithful servants' prayer; to thee shall all mortal flesh return.*

Kyrie eleison.
 Christe eleison.
 Kyrie eleison.

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



Gabriel Urbain Fauré was a French composer, organist, pianist, and teacher. He was one of the foremost French composers of his generation, and his musical style influenced many 20th-century composers. Among his best-known works are his Pavane, Requiem, Sicilienne, nocturnes for piano, and the songs "Après un rêve" and "Clair de lune." Fauré said about his Requiem: "Everything I managed to entertain by way of religious illusion I put into my Requiem, which moreover is dominated from beginning to end by a very human feeling of faith in eternal rest."

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

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All stand.

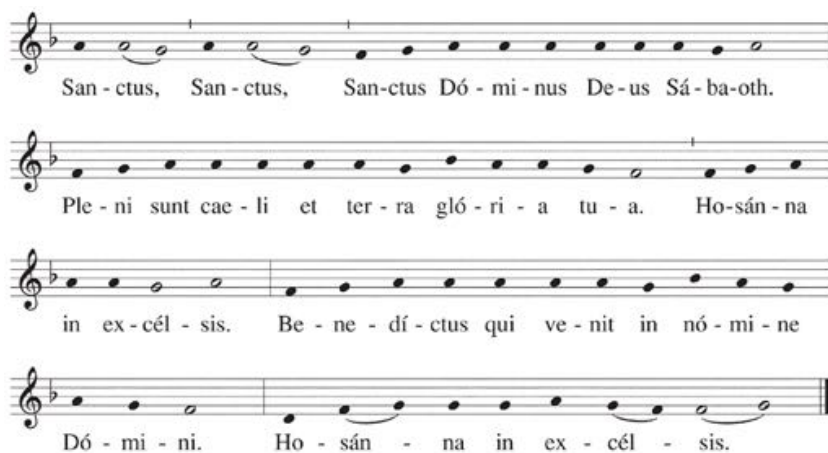
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise him, all creatures here below;
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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.*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.

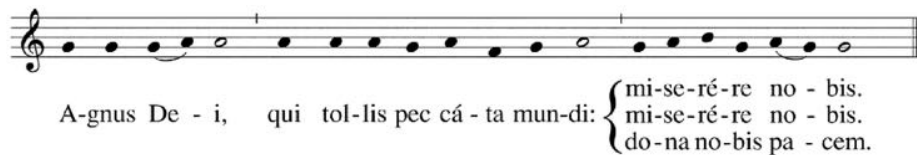
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

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. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion at St. John's. To receive, please kneel or stand at the altar rail. You may choose to receive bread only, intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine, or drink from the cup.

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.

If you would like to pray with our healing prayer volunteer, go to the baptismal font at the back of the church after receiving Communion.

THE COMMUNION MOTET Offertory from Requiem

Gabriel Fauré

Patrick Reardon, tenor

O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Glorïae
libera animas defunctorum
de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu.
O Domine, Jesu Christe, Rex Glorïae
libera animas defunctorum de ore leonis
ne absorbeat eus Tartarus ne cadant in obscurum
Hostias et preces tibi Domine, laudis offerimus
tu suscipe pro animabus illis
quarum hodie memoriam facimus
Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam
Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eus.

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hells and from the bottomless pit.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
Deliver them from the lion's mouth,
nor let them fall into darkness,
neither the black abyss swallow them up.*

*We offer unto Thee this sacrifice of prayer and praise
Receive it for those souls
whom today we commemorate.*

Allow them, O Lord, to cross from death into the life which once Thou didst promise to Abraham and his seed.

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 HYMN IN PROCESSION 690 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

All sing.

THE DISMISSAL

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

THE VOLUNTARY *Ite, missa est* from Organoedia ad missam lectam

Zoltán Kodály

The closing voluntary is a part of worship, extending the beauty of holiness so that the congregation can remember and give thanks for God's Word as it has been experienced this day. All are invited to say Amen at the end of the voluntary as a conclusion to our worship.

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THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY**Celebrant:** The Reverend Todd FitzGerald**Preacher:** The Reverend Margie Baker**Layreader:** Jeff Verney**The St. John's Choir School & Adult Choir****Organist & Choirmaster:** Scott Lamlein**Assisting Organist:** Bruce Henley**Organ Scholar:** Yingying Xia**Acolytes:** Dawson Biondi, Elise Biondi, Danielle Branco**Ushers:** David Grimaldi, Karen Licht, Don Polk, Paul Shaker**Healing Prayers:** Annabel Clapp**Livestream Oversight:** Francis Lamlein**Altar Guild:** June Aziz, Nancy Pedersen**Nursery Workers:** Lilah Lorenzo, Caroline Thaxton, Olivia Thaxton**Sunday School Teacher:** Taffy Wilcox, Akilah Williams, Colin Gillespie, Leah Lorenzo**Coffee Hour Host:** Paul Shaker

Please stay after the service to make sandwiches for the Loaves & Fishes feeding ministry.

LENT DEVOTIONAL

The seventh annual St. John's Lent Devotional, with daily reflections created or chosen by the people of St. John's, is available for pick-up in the narthex and in Hubbard Hall.

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	Sam
Kim Green	Sue	Anita Winters	Paul Epstein
Janet Ray	Whitney Lynch	Mary Jo Keating	Nicole
Brad Babbitt	Don Cole	Robert Connolly	Wendy
Ward Farrell	Tom Reichenbach	Joan Renz	Bob Norton
Paul L. Peck	Tessa Trussell Wolf	Anne Beyersdorfer	Jessica
Virginia Skeelee	Gina Giusto	Gus Murchie	Emma Pinney
Marie Montas	Daisy	Bob Giolitto	Gilda Shepherd
Ella	Robert Beisler	Alison Gillespie	

Those serving in the military:

Alex Thaxton
Christian Dahlstrom

Those celebrating birthdays:

Brielle Worrell	Cricket Barnes	Katy Hart
Joe Duffy	Lynn Brook	Anne Walsh
Scott Lamlein	Alice Fraioli	Jonathan Hammond
Ann Newbury	Rees Pinney	Emma Evica

Those who have died:

Carolyn Dodd, *sister of Martin Dodd*

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace Church, Hartford; St. Martin's, Hartford; and for prison ministry and prison chaplains, and the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.

Choral Evensong, TODAY at 5 p.m. This evening's service of Choral Evensong will feature the St. Patrick & St. Anthony Gallery Choir. Choral Evensong is an ancient service of prayer, chant, and music to center your soul and prepare you for the week ahead. Free with donations welcome.

New online Bible study series begins Monday, February 27, 7 p.m. in Zoom. The Monday night online Bible study will begin a new series on February 27 on Matthew's Holy Week parables. This series will go through April 3. All are welcome for one, several, or all sessions. The Zoom link is included in the Thursday and Sunday e-news, or you can email Margie at margie@sjparish.net to be added to a dedicated email list to receive the link each Monday.

Women Together beginning a new book study, Tuesday, February 28 at 2 p.m. Women Together is a group of women from St. John's, other Episcopal churches, and friends that gathers weekly to explore our Christian faith and practice through book discussion, prayer, and fellowship. We meet on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:15 p.m. in the Reception Room at St. John's. On February 28, we will begin discussing *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time* by Marcus J. Borg. If you can, please read the first chapter before the February 28 meeting. Don't worry if you haven't received your book yet, just read what you can! The books we choose are usually available at libraries and online booksellers. Please contact Sarah Kieffer at kieffer2468@gmail.com if you would like additional information.

New church directory coming! In a few weeks, we will print a new parish directory. The directory is also available online through the **Realm Connect** app for your tablet or smartphone. **IMPORTANT: If you do NOT want to be included in the parish directory, let Ellen know by March 1.** Contact Ellen also if you need help signing up for Realm, our new member management software.

St. John's Primary Choir rehearsals March 5, 12, 19 after the 10:30 service. Children age 3 to 7 are invited to rehearse with our Primary Choir, and sing at the March 26 10:30 Holy Eucharist. Rehearsals will be after the 10:30 service for the first three Sundays of March. A light snack will be provided, and we'll be done by 12:15. Contact Scott Lamlein at music@sjparish.net if your child will participate.

Choral Music for the Soul, Sunday, March 5 at 3 p.m. Join the St. John's Choir School and Adult Choir along with the Farmington Valley Symphony Orchestra as they present the sacred music of Gabriel Fauré and the Organ Symphony No. 3 by Camille Saint-Saëns. Free admission with donations welcome.

Christmas in March? Yes! 2023 Christmas Festival planning meeting, Sunday, March 12, after the 10:30 service. We are getting an early-bird start on the festival this year, and we'd love your help to review what the festival has been and could be like, and discuss potential new ideas. On Sunday, March 12, immediately after the 10:30 service, please meet in the Reception Room if you are interested in helping to plan the event, or simply want to learn more about it. Email Annabel Clapp at annabeltrickett@yahoo.com or Steve Crocker at sj_crocker@yahoo.com for more information or to express your interest. The Christmas Festival is one of the major fundraisers for St. John's and we would love to start the planning stages with volunteers ready to take on various roles.

Spring Fling & Food Auction, Friday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m. While it may be cold now, spring will soon arrive and with it our annual Spring Fling—a combined fundraiser and parish evening event for adults. Please save the date of Friday, April 28. If you'd like to help with planning, e-mail Julia O'Brien at jpowellob@comcast.net. There will be roles big and very small for all who want to participate. Think spring!

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**Sunday,
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St. John's Lent Bible Study

MATTHEW'S HOLY WEEK PARABLES

Join us Mondays in Lent as we explore the parables Jesus shares in the final days before his arrest. What do these parables have to teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven and following Jesus?

Feb. 27 Introduction & parable of the two sons

Mar. 6 Parable of the wicked tenants

Mar. 13 Parable of the wedding banquet

Mar. 20 Parable of the bridesmaids

Mar. 27 Parable of the talents

Apr. 3 Parable of the sheep and the goats

Mondays at 7pm in Zoom. Email margie@sjparish.net with questions.

St. John's Church

PRIMARY CHOIR

Children ages 3 to 7 are invited to sing at the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 26.

Rehearsals (and light snack) after church on March 5, 12, and 19. We will meet in Hubbard Hall at 11:45 and be done by 12:15.



Questions? Contact scott@sjparish.net

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8 a.m. Spoken Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed at sjparish.net/services.

Choral Evensong or Celtic Eucharist at 5 p.m. on select Sundays.

Daily Morning Prayer by phone at 6:45 a.m. Monday through Friday

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Ralph Valentine	<i>Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus</i>

VESTRY

Ginger Gillespie.....	<i>Warden</i>
Stewart Murchie	<i>Warden</i>
Anne Harney and David McCary	<i>Co-Treasurers</i>

2021–23: Annabel Clapp, Robert Eikel, Julia O'Brien

2022–24: Lissie Brooks, Marcos Donnelly, Rosa Guzzo, Mary Sypek

2023–25: Angela Allen-Peck, Eleanor Barnes, John Nowacki, Tom Oberholtzer