The prelude music offers a time for prayerful preparation for worship.

**Please silence all devices.**

**GATHERING MUSIC**

*Meditation from Thaïs*

Jules Massenet

At the tolling of the chime (3 times) please stand, if able.

In observance of Lent, the clergy and choir will process silently.

**OPENING SENTENCE AND THE DECALOGUE**

**Celebrant** Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

**People** His mercy endureth for ever.

**Celebrant** God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People** Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**Celebrant** Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**People** Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**Celebrant** Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**People** Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**Celebrant** Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**People** Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

**Celebrant** Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**People** Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

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Celebrant  Honor thy father and thy mother.

People    Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  Thou shalt do no murder.

People    Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People    Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  Thou shalt not steal.

People    Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People    Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Celebrant  Thou shalt not covet.

People    Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Celebrant  Hear what our Lord Jesus saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.  Matthew 22:37-40

CONFESSION  

{\textit{recited by all}}

Celebrant  Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

(silence is observed)

 Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION  

Celebrant  The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.

People    Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR*

\textbf{Sunday, March 15—The Fourth Sunday in Lent}  
Holy Eucharist Rite I \hspace{1cm} 8:00 am  
Church

Combined St. John’s Café & Basics Class \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Meditation Room

Kayoro Clinic Update \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Fireside Room

Children’s Choir Rehearsal \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Music Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Chancel

Godly Play \hspace{1cm} 9:45 am  
Classrooms

Sung Eucharist Rite I \hspace{1cm} 10:00 am  
Church

Coffee Hour \hspace{1cm} 11:15 am  
Gathering Space

Evensong \hspace{1cm} 4:00 pm  
Church

\textbf{Monday, March 16}  
Men’s Alanon \hspace{1cm} 6:00 pm  
Meditation Room

Vestry Meeting \hspace{1cm} 6:00 pm  
Fireside Room

\textbf{Tuesday, March 17}  
Handbell Choir Rehearsal \hspace{1cm} 5:45 pm  
Music Room

Down Syndrome Support Group \hspace{1cm} 6:00 pm  
Gathering Space

\textbf{Wednesday, March 18}  
Prayer Shawl Gathering \hspace{1cm} 9:30 am  
Gathering Space

Bible Study \hspace{1cm} 11:00 am  
Library

Youth Choir Rehearsal \hspace{1cm} 5:30 pm  
Music Room

This I Believe Lenten Series \hspace{1cm} 6:00 pm  
Gathering Space

Youth Lenten Movie Series \hspace{1cm} 6:00 pm  
Fireside Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal \hspace{1cm} 7:30 pm  
Music Room

\textbf{Thursday, March 19}  
Faith in Action Meeting \hspace{1cm} 5:30 pm  
Gathering Space

Stories AA Meeting \hspace{1cm} 6:00 pm  
Fireside Room

Sung Compline \hspace{1cm} 7:00 pm  
Church

Big Book AA Meeting \hspace{1cm} 7:30 pm  
Fireside Room

\textbf{Saturday, March 21}  
Music Commission Meeting \hspace{1cm} 10:00 am  
Library

\textbf{Sunday, March 22—The Fifth Sunday in Lent}  
Pack the Pews Sunday for Minnesota FoodShare Holy Eucharist Rite I \hspace{1cm} 8:00 am  
Church

Holy Eucharist Rite I \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Meditation Room

Sunday Forum \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Fireside Room

Children’s Choir Rehearsal \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Music Room

Adult Choir Rehearsal \hspace{1cm} 9:00 am  
Chancel

Godly Play \hspace{1cm} 9:45 am  
Classrooms

Sung Eucharist Rite I \hspace{1cm} 10:00 am  
Church

Coffee Hour \hspace{1cm} 11:15 am  
Gathering Space

*Please visit \url{www.stjohnsstpaul.org/news-events/calendar/} for a full calendar of events.
WELCOME

GUESTS
We are delighted that you have come to St. John’s to worship God this morning. If this is your first time here, please fill out a guest card and place it in the offering plate, or sign the Visitor’s Book at the back of the church. We invite you to make St. John’s your church home. Join us downstairs in the Gathering Space, directly beneath the church, for refreshments and fellowship after this service.

NURSERY
St. John’s welcomes everyone, including children of all ages, to attend the worship service. For children age 5 and younger, parents can also choose to use the nursery. Care is provided starting at 9:00 am in the Undercroft, right beneath the sanctuary. If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service in the Undercroft and Nursery. Simply ask the nursery attendant to adjust the sound. During Coffee Hour, nursery workers will supervise children who want to play in the gym. To reach the gym, follow the hall past the music room and through the double doors.

RESTROOMS
Located in the lower level Undercroft down any set of stairs.

THANK YOU
For silencing cell phones and other electronic equipment. Please do not use flash cameras during the worship service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Please refer to announcement insert for upcoming events.
Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People  And with thy Spirit.

Celebrant  Let us pray.

*COLLECT OF THE DAY  *(said by the Celebrant)*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People  Amen.

(congregation is seated)

FIRST LESSON  Numbers 21: 4-9  *(seated)*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

VOCALISE

Sergei Rachmaninoff

ANTHEM

Lord for thy Tender Mercy’s Sake

ALBRIGHT

Richard Farrant

HYMNAL #303

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

ROCKINGHAM

Sergei Rachmaninoff

HYMNAL #321

Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness

SCHMÜCKE DICH

HYMNAL #339

Father, We Thank Thee

ALBRIGHT

HYMNAL #145

Now Quit Your Care

QUITTEZ, PASTEURS

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

(said by all, standing or kneeling as is your custom)

Almighty and everliving God,
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us
in these holy mysteries
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,
the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope,
of thy everlasting kingdom.
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace,
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

HYMNAL #145

Now Quit Your Care

QUITTEZ, PASTEURS

(Span 3: Women and Children only; Span 4: Men only)

SILENT RETIRING PROCESSION

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Deacon
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People
Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on QUITTEZ, PASTEURS

Jayson R. Engquist

(You are invited to listen the closing music from the front choir stalls.)

PSALM 107: 1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino (sung by all, seated)

Soloist: Give thanks to the LORD, for he (is) good, * [pause] and his mercy endures / for ever.

All: Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed pro-/ claim * [pause] that he redeemed them from the hand / of the foe.

3. He gathered them out of the / lands; *
from the east and from the west, from the north and / from the south.

17. Some were fools and took to rebellious / ways; *
they were afflicted because / of their sins.

18. They abhorred all manner of / food *
and drew near / to death’s door.

19. Then they cried to the LORD in their / trouble, *
and he delivered them from / their distress.

20. He sent forth his word and / healed them *
and saved them / from the grave.

21. Let them give thanks to the LORD for his / mercy *
and the wonders he does for / his children.

22. Let them offer a sacrifice of thanks- / giving *
and tell of his acts with / shouts of joy.
You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*HYMNAL #686* Come, Thou Fount NETTLETON

*(Stanzas 1-2 sung before the Gospel reading, stanza 3 sung after the reading.)*

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

*GOSPEL* John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."
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.
COLLECT FOR St. JOHN’S  
(said together by the congregation)

Gracious God:
by your love you have called us to proclaim with joy
the good news of your Son:
So build us up in the knowledge and love of Him
that we may welcome all people into this community of faith,
and show forth our service to you in our service to others;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(please stand, if able)

THE PEACE

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People   And with thy spirit.
(You may exchange signs of God’s peace.)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to share at the Lord’s Table. At the altar railing you may stand or kneel to receive the bread and the wine. You may drink from the cup or touch the bread to the wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing you may indicate so by crossing your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available on request of the minister distributing bread.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE  (said by celebrant)

ANTHEM  Like As the Hart  
(Herbert Howells
(A paraphrase of this text is found in the Book of Common Prayer on pg. 643)

DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #380, stanza 3)  (standing, if able)  OLD 100TH

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCARISTIC PRAYER II  Book of Common Prayer, p. 340

Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People   And with thy spirit.

Celebrant  Lift up your hearts.
People   We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant  Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People   It is meet and right so to do.

(Celebrant continues)  It is very meet, right and our bounden duty . . .

Therefore with Angels and Archangels . . .
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee,
and saying:

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