

Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church  
March 31, 2019  
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.  
Rite II, Prayer A



Hearing-assistive devices and large print bibles  
are available from the ushers at the back of the church.

### The Word of God

**Voluntary** *Largo* from Sonata V Johann Sebastian Bach

Please stand, if able, as the choir and clergy process in silence.

### Opening Acclamation and Response

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures forever.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Book of Common Prayer, p. 352*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*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.

*People* **Amen.**

### Kyrie Eleison

*Hymnal S89*

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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

*People* **Amen.**

### First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

*Pew Bible, p. 195*

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

*The congregation is invited to join the choir in the following plainsong chant as indicated in bold.*



### Psalm 32

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for- /gi-ven, \*  
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 a -/way, \*  
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 con- /ceal my guilt.

6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the/ Lord." \*  
Then you forgave me the / (guilt of) my sin.

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 under- /standing; \*  
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.

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

*Pew Bible p. 1055-56*

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn #149

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church

*Old 124th*

*Gospeller*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Gospel*

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Pew Bible, p. 954-55*

*Gospeller*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### Sermon

The Rev. Margaret Thor, *Deacon*

### Nicene Creed

*Book of Common Prayer p. 358*

### Prayers of the People

*standing or kneeling, as is your custom*

*Reader*

Restore us, good Lord.

*All*

**For your mercy is great.**

*Reader*

Gracious God,

*All*

**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.**

— *The Collect for St. John's*

### The Peace

*Celebrant*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

### Welcome

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, *Rector*

## The Holy Communion

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. You may kneel or stand to receive communion. The common loaf is gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms. There is a standing station to receive Holy Communion.*

### OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

**Anthem** Drop, drop, slow tears Orlando Gibbons

#### Presentation of the Gifts

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

#### Eucharistic Prayer A

*Book of Common Prayer, page 361*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty...

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:

#### Sanctus and Benedictus

*Hymnal S122*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation...

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith,

All **Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption...

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.

*People* **Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### Breaking of the Bread

#### Fraction Anthem

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

#### Distribution

#### Organ Meditation

**Hymn #345** Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

#### Sending forth Eucharistic Visitors (as applicable)

*Deacon* In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

#### Post Communion Prayer

*standing or kneeling, as is your custom*

*All* **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.**

**Hymn: #401** The God of Abraham Praise

*Leoni*

#### Blessing

#### Dismissal

*Deacon* Our worship here is ended; now our service begins.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### Assisting in the Service

Celebrant	The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson
Assisting Priest	The Rev. Craig Lemming
Deacon and Preacher	The Rev. Margaret Thor
Director of Music	Richard Gray
Altar Guild	Diane Power, Jean Hansen, Sue MacIntosh, Ginnie Schauss, Sarah K. Smith
Acolytes	Jayan Nair, Jude Weber-Johnson
Readers	Cammie Beattie, Bob Linehan
Verger	Linnea Krall
Ushers	Cammie Beattie, Tom Eyre, Diane Power, Barbara Lindeke
Greeters	Jennifer Kinkead, Barbara Lindeke, Eric Odney
Coffee Hour	Sally Sand

*Ellers*

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