THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MARCH 1, 2020

10:00 AM
WELCOME

Thank you for coming to St. John’s to worship this morning. We believe everyone who passes through our doors is a blessing from God. We’re glad you’re here.

Below are answers to some of the questions you might have about St. John’s. If you don’t see the information you need, please ask an usher and we’ll help you out!

First time at St. John’s? Introduce yourself to any of the clergy or a greeter after worship. We would love to meet you! Interested in more information about our music program or ministries? We’d be glad to connect you with someone. Fill out the welcome book at the back of the church, or fill out a visitor card found in the pew rack, and then place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher. We’ll drop off some bread to thank you for visiting!

Assistive Devices: Everyone needs a little help sometimes. Large-print Bibles and hearing-assist devices are available at the back of the church. Just ask an usher!

Communion: All are invited to take Communion, no matter your age or religious background. The loaf is gluten-free. If, due to mobility issues, you cannot walk to the altar rail, let an usher know and communion will be brought down to you.

Children: We welcome everyone, including children of all ages, to participate in all our worship services and to take Communion.

- In the back of the church, there is a rocking chair and a soft space where children can sit and play on the floor. There are also “Busy Bags” with activities for kids to take into the pews.
- If, for any reason, you and your child need to leave the church during the service, you can still hear the service over the speakers in the lower level below the worship space.
- At the 10am service, parents can also choose to use the nursery, on the lower level below the worship space, for children up to age 4.

Godly Play: Most Sundays we offer Godly Play (children’s Sunday school) during the 10am service. Children may join the procession down to their classrooms during the Opening Hymn. If you have any questions please feel free to ask an Usher or Greeter and they will point you in the right direction.

Coffee Hour: After 10am worship, come share treats and beverages in the gymnasium.

Restrooms: Located on the lower level down any set of stairs. We also have an elevator and handicap-accessible restrooms on the lower level—ask an usher for directions.

Electronics: Please silence your cell phone and refrain from using flash cameras during the worship service. Thank you!
Responses in **bold** are spoken by everyone.

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the **black book** in the pews.*

Hymns can be found in the **blue hymnal** in the pew rack. Hymn numbers that start with “S” come from the front section of the hymnal.

You can simply listen to the Scripture readings, or follow along in the **red pew Bible** on the given page number.

You can always remain seated if you are not comfortable standing or kneeling.

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**About today’s Worship: Seeing, Noticing, and Welcoming God in Lent.**

The Holy Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, the seventh Wednesday before Easter. Over 40 weekdays and six Sundays, Lent is a penitential season in which we humbly return to being in right relationship with ourselves, with our neighbors, with God, and with all of Creation. The tone of our liturgy is therefore more somber, contemplative, and subdued. There are fewer adornments in the church, we do not say or sing “alleluia,” and we use clay pottery instead of our usual silver Eucharistic vessels. The word “Lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning “Spring” and refers to the lengthening of daylight in the northern hemisphere. Lent is traditionally a time to prepare for the sacrament of Baptism at Easter when Christians around the world join the newly baptized in renewing our Baptismal Covenant as we celebrate our risen life in Christ. We will break our “alleluia fast” at the Easter Vigil when we joyfully announce the resurrection of Christ.

**Liturgical Color:** Lenten Purple is traditionally the color of servanthood, royalty, and inward discernment. Purple reminds us to practice humility and penitence, to love and to serve others, to fast and to pray contemplatively, thereby following the way of Jesus our servant-king.

If you have any questions about liturgies at St. John’s, please email our Associate Rector at craig.lemming@stjohnsstpaul.org

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**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Prelude**

*Choral Dorian*  
Jehan Alain

**The Great Litany**

Hymnal, S67
**OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

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

*People*  God’s mercy endures forever.

**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 our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People*  Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*  
**Pew Bible, pp. 2-3**

*Reader*  The Word of the Lord.

*People*  Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 32**  *Please join the choir, as indicated in bold.*

*Cantor*  

(Verse appointed for the day)

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/* given, * 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 conceal 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 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.

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19 Pew Bible, pp. 1029-30

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

HYMN #488 Be thou my vision Slane

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11 Pew Bible, p. 881

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.
NICENE CREED  

said by all, standing as you are able

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 PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

WELCOME

The Rev. Jered Weber-Johnson, Rector

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

ANTHEM

Hide not thou thy face

Richard Farrant

Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord,
and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure;
for we confess our sins unto thee
and hide not our unrighteousness.
    For thy mercy's sake,
    deliver us from all our sins.

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

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

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…

…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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts…

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

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.
Jesu, grant me this, I pray, ever in thy heart to stay;
Let me evermore abide hidden in thy wounded side.

If the evil one prepare, or the world, a tempting snare,
I am safe when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.

If the flesh, more dangerous still, tempt my soul to deeds of ill,
Naught I fear when I abide in thy heart and wounded side.

Death will come one day to me; Jesu, cast me not from thee:
Dying let me still abide in thy heart and wounded side.

**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 #147 Now let us all with one accord Bourbon

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 Reverend Craig Lemming

Preacher
The Reverend Jered Weber-Johnson

Deacon
The Reverend Margaret Thor

Director of Music
Richard Gray

Altar Guild
Dusty Mairs, Caroline Church, Shirley Cooper, Phyllis Frisby, Patty Byrne Pfalz, Bill Sherfey

Acolytes
Sabine Krall, Thomas Rinkoff

Readers
Mark McInroy, Madeleine Wagner-Sherer

Verger
Bob Linehan

Ushers
Barbara Lindeke, Jeff & Peggy Olsen, Diane Power

Greeters
Brad Parsons, Sally Sand

Coffee Hour
Bob Baumann & Bill Sherfey

Altar Flowers are given in thanksgiving for the lives of:
Theodore & Genevieve Pilacinski

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