THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

MARCH 8, 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.

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE  
Largo from Trio Sonata No. 5  
Johann Sebastian Bach

HYMN #142  
Lord, who throughout these forty days  
St. Flavian
OPENING ACCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Celebrant  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People     God’s mercy endures forever.

THE DECALOGUE

BCP, p. 350

Celebrant  Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon    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.

All        Amen.
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant    The Lord be with you.
People        And also with you.
Celebrant    Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People        Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4a

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

Psalm 121

Please join the choir, as indicated in bold.

1 I lift up my eyes to the / hills; *
   from where is my / help to come?

2 My help comes from the / LORD, *
   the maker of / (heaven) and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be / moved *
   and he who watches over you will not / fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over / Israel *
   shall neither / (slumber) nor sleep;
5 The LORD himself watches / over you; *
   the LORD is your shade at / your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by / day, *
   nor the / moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve you from all / evil; *
   it is he who shall / keep you safe.
8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your / coming in, *
   from this time forth for / evermore.

SECOND READING Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 Pew Bible, pp. 1028-29
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

HYMN #635 If thou but trust in God to guide thee Wer nur den lieben Gott
Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

GOSPEL John 3:1-17 Pew Bible, p. 970
Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON The Rev. Craig Lemming, Associate Rector
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.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader    Loving God, with our whole heart,
All       We return to you.

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 the Lord be always with you.
People    And also with you.

WELCOME The Rev. Craig Lemming, Associate Rector
THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY AND PRESENTATION

**Anthem**  
Away, vain world from *St. John Passion*  
Bob Chilcott

Away, vain world, bewitcher of my heart! My sorrow shows, my sin makes me to smart! Yet will I not despair but to my God repair, He has mercy ay (always), therefore will I pray. He has mercy ay and loves me though by His humbling hand He proves me.

Once more away, shows loth (unwilling) the world to leave, bids oft adieu with it that holds me slave. Loth am I to forgo this sweet alluring foe. Since thy ways are vain, shall I thee retain? Since thy ways are vain, I quite (leave) thee. Thy pleasures shall no more delight me.

What shall I say? Are all my pleasures past? Shall worldly joys now take their leave at last? Yea, Christ, these earthly toys shall turn in heavenly joys. Let the world be gone, I'll love Christ alone! Let the World be gone, I care not. Christ is my love alone, I fear not.

**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**  
*BCP, p. 362*

*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:
Celebrant  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.

HYMN #469 There’s a wideness in God’s mercy St. Helena

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 #449
O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Deo gracias

BLESSING AND SENDING OF THE SAINT JOHN’S KAYORO MINISTERS

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 and Preacher The Reverend Craig Lemming
Deacon The Reverend Margaret Thor
Director of Music Richard Gray
Altar Guild Colleen Swope, Sue Cadwell, Shirlee Gooch, Paige Hagstrom, Sabine Krall, Thea Bischof
Acolytes Thea Bischof, Maren Johnson & Jayan Koshy
Readers Jill Thompson, Bill Sherfey
Verger Jennifer & Peter Rosendale, Shirley Sailors, Sally Sand
Greeters Cindy Bertheau, Beth Bowman
Coffee Hour Kathy Brown

Altar Lenten Greens are given in thanksgiving for the lives of:

Lola O. & Daniel W. Ferguson

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