

SAINT JOHN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST – 11:15 AM

Traditional Rite



March 27, 2022
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome from the Rector

Greetings on behalf of our vestry leadership and the people of St. John's.



St. John's is a community of faith formed and nurtured by its worship, love, and Christian service. St. John's Church was founded October 1924. Our current sanctuary was built in 1953.

We work hard to articulate the historic faith of Anglican Christianity and practice the liturgical customs and traditions of the historic Book of Common Prayer. St. John's is driven by a love for Jesus Christ, fidelity to Holy Scripture, to sacred Tradition where the historic faith was birthed and formed and to the continual pursuit of Truth guided by divine revelation.

We use the **Book of Common Prayer 1928** at 7:30 am Wednesday morning in the chapel (followed by breakfast at the Old Neighborhood Grill, 1617 Park Place Avenue), 6:00 pm Saturday afternoon, and 8:00 am Sunday morning. On Sunday morning 9:00 am we use the **Book of Common Prayer 2019** and at 11:15 am the **Book of Common Prayer 2019** "Traditional Rite".

Our **Mission Statement** reads: "*With God's grace, St John's Church is seeking to be a welcoming community living the Christian faith, dedicated to the work of Jesus Christ, through reverent worship of Almighty God, exercising daily prayer, providing fellowship, Christian formation, and outreach, that by faithful stewardship we will take the message of Christ into the world through our daily lives.*"

St. John's is a Parish of the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) and the Episcopal/Anglican Diocese of Fort Worth. Our Bishop is the Right Reverend Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D.

God bless you for being with us this morning.

Fr. David F. Klein, Rector
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Gathering of the People – Opening Hymn

Please talk to God before Mass and to each other afterwards. The opportunity for people to prepare properly for worship by saying their prayers before the service begins is of the greatest importance.

Prelude

“Air in F Major”

George Frederick Handel

Opening Hymn 438

“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord” Woodlands



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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The Liturgy of the Word

The Procession of the Cross and ministers and clergy. The People standing. When the Opening Hymn is complete the Celebrant begins the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed the Lord who forgives all our sins!

People His mercy endures forever. Amen.

The Celebrant prays the Collect of Purity.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Kyrie Eleison S-91

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Celebrant says to the People.

The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant offers the following prayer.

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, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the hearing of God's Word.

The Lessons from Holy Scripture

First Reading – Joshua 5:1,9-12 As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, their hearts melted and there was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

And the LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." And so the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho.

And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-8

The Psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

1 I will always give thanks unto the LORD; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; *
the humble shall hear this and be glad.

3 O praise the LORD with me, *
and let us magnify his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me; *
he delivered me out of all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were made glad, *
and their faces were not ashamed.

6 Look, the poor man cries, and the LORD hears him, *
and saves him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD camps round about those who fear him, *
and delivers them in time of need.

8 O taste and see how gracious the LORD is; *
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Reader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: *as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.*

Amen

New Testament – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 470 "There's a wideness in God's mercy"

Beecher

The Gospel Book is processed out to the congregation.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

The Reading of the Holy Gospel

All standing, the Priest reads the Gospel,

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

St. Luke 15:11-32 Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Please be seated.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand. The Celebrant introduces the Nicene Creed, saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

**I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick
and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one, holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *Amen.***

The Prayers of the People

Please kneel. The person appointed says

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and for the world.

Silence

Almighty and ever-living God, who by thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also, so to lead the nations of the world into the way of righteousness; and so to direct and dispose the hearts of all our leaders, especially *Joseph*, our President, *Greg*, our Governor, and *Mattie*, our Mayor, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may truly and impartially administer justice, upholding integrity, and truth, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to thy servants *Foley*, our Archbishop, *Ryan*, our Bishop, *Fr. David*, our Rector, *Fr. Randall*, assistant priest, and *Fr. Bob* associate priest that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations, and strengthen us to fulfill thy great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all thou hast commanded.

We pray for our world that faces so much darkness and violence. We pray for the people suffering war conditions and the threat of war. We pray for our government

and military leaders at every level to have clear minds to respond to bring peace. We pray that all people can walk the path of peace, the path of forgiveness, the path of equality.

The Gospel reading today reminds us that the Lenten season is an opportunity to put our spiritual house in order! God is loving and always ready to forgive! So must we be likewise. Let us pray for the grace we need to set things right between ourselves and others and with God.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity *especially* : Hugh, Lou, Felicia, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Vivian, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie, Terry, Ricky, Paul, Carolyn, Sherry, Joni & Chelsea, Diane, Danushka, Cole...John & Angie, Molly, Barb.

We pray for all medical professionals, first responders, and health care personnel and workers, *especially* Dr. Kate Stevens, Dr. Chris Stevens, Dr. Will Lowe, Dr. Thomas Truelson, Dr. Mariana Yager, Becky Fry, Allysa Slaughter, Renee Lavelle, Abby Blakely, Bryan Blakely, Christy Merritt, Robyn Virden, Dr. Jeff Paetz, Grace Beaupré, Fr. Bob Bosworth, and Mallory Parkey.

For those having birthdays this week: *Bruce Slaughter, Mary Sue Coffman, Nina Stevens, Cathy Mason, Jacob Belk, Fred Bader, Shelley Lowe, Sara Ward*

For those having wedding anniversaries this week:

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants who have departed this life in thy faith and fear, *especially* ... that thy will for them may be fulfilled, and we beseech thee to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of the **blessed Virgin Mary, St John the Apostle** and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate; who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *AMEN*

The Confession and Absolution of sin

The Celebrant says the following

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins and are in love and charity with your neighbors and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

or

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence

The Celebrant and People kneel and pray.

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
maker of all things,
judge of all men:**

**We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and
wickedness,
which we from time to time most grievously have
committed by thought, word, and deed
against thy divine Majesty,
provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.**

**We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;
the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,
the burden of them is intolerable.**

**Have mercy upon us,
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee
in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen***

The Celebrant stands and offers absolution.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And with thy spirit.*

Announcements. The preparation of the Altar.

Offertory

“Adoramus Te, Christe”

Dubois

THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

The Liturgy of the Altar

The People standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says.

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.

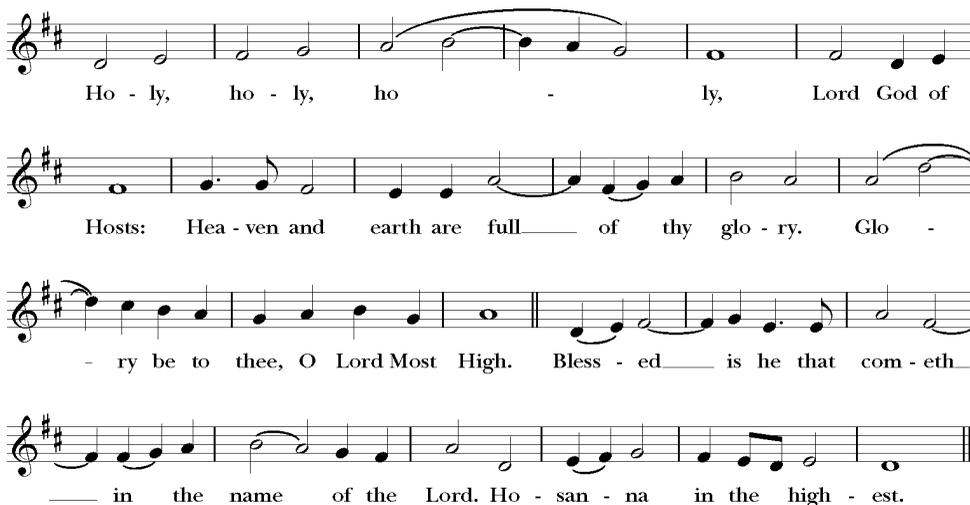
People *It is meet and right so to do.*

The Celebrant continues

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Here the Celebrant prays the Proper Preface of the season. Then continues...

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising thee, and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Prayer of Consecration

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy Divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice; yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen**

The Celebrant then says.

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Celebrant and People together pray.

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. The Celebrant says.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Celebrant and People together say.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen**

Celebrant and People sing the Agnus Dei. S-158

Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the People, the Celebrant says.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in this sacrament with faith and thanksgiving. Amen

or this

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The clergy and lay servers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately administer the Blessed Sacrament to the People.

Communion Music “Breathe on Me Breath of God” The Handbell Choir

Communion Hymn 343 “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless” St. Agnes

After Communion and during the ablutions and clearing of the Altar the following hymn is sung.

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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The Post Communion Prayer and Blessing

After Communion and the Altar is cleared, the Celebrant says.

If the service is being streamed the following prayer for Spiritual Communion is offered with faith and desire.

For Spiritual Communion for those participating online.

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. **Amen.** 2019 BCP p. 677.

The Celebrant then prays with those present.

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People together pray.

Almighty and ever living God, we most heartily thank thee, for that thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received 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, which is 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**

The Blessing

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn 288 "Praise to God, immortal praise"

Dix

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
 3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
 flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
 and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825) Music: Dix, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

The Dismissal of the People of God to service and prayer

The Priest dismisses the People with these words.

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Dix"

PARISH NEWS

Weekly News for the Family and Friends of St. John's Church

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MEMORIALS & PRAYER

MEMORIALS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF ALMIGHTY GOD...

- † **THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** – no flowers during the season of Lent.
- † **THE LADY CHAPEL FLOWERS** - no flowers during the season of Lent.
- † **THE SANCTUARY CANDLE** – given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of her granddaughters, Jessica and Samantha Williamson by Trish Williamson.
- † **THE DE PROFUNDIS BELL** – will ring on Mar 30 in memory of Jacqueline Matthews offered by Trish Williamson; and on Apr 1 in memory of Jack Fry offered by Olga Fry.
- † **PRAYER LIST (3-wk cycle)** : Hugh, Lou, Felicia, Wanda, Jim, Diane, Glenna, Ann, Vivian, Cindy, Vic, Courtney, Katie, Marie, Terry, Ricky, Paul, Carolyn, Sherry, Joni & Chelsea, Diane, Danushka, Cole, Monica & Josephine...John & Angie, Molly, Barb, David, Paul, Kirstie, Scott
- † **THE MINISTRY OF THE FORT WORTH PREGNANCY CENTER**
- † **THE CHILDREN AND STAFF AT COOK MEDICAL CENTER**
- † **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS:** Dr. Kate Stevens, Dr. Chris Stevens, Dr. Will Lowe, Dr. Thomas Truelson, Dr. Mariana Yager, Becky Fry, Allysa Slaughter, Renee Lavelle, Abby Blakely, Bryan Blakely, Christy Merritt, Robyn Virden, Dr. Jeff Paetz, Grace Beaupré, Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D, and Mallory Parkey.
- † **FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**
- † **FOR THOSE TRAVELING:**
- † **BIRTHDAYS:** Bruce Slaughter, Mary Sue Coffman (27); Nina Stevens (28); Cathy Mason (29); Jacob Belk (1); Fred Bader, Shelley Lowe, Sara Ward (2)
- † **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Visitors' Information

Visitor's Card

Help us get to know you! Please fill out a Visitor's Card, located at Pews and place it in the Offering Plate or hand it to one of the clergy.

Hospitality

"Coffee Hour" is after the 9:00 am mass.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer cards are in each pew for your prayer needs. To access the parish prayer chain, email the office@stjohnsfortworth.com or call 817-927-5341.

Counseling Office

Fr. Bob Bosworth, Ph.D. Pastoral Associate is on staff as a licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor for individual, marriage, and family counseling. Hours are Tues and Fri 10am-7pm and Sat 10am-4pm. Appointment required. Call 859-475-4475 or visit: Dr-Bosworth.com

How to Join St. John's?

If you are Anglican or Episcopalian and wish to join St. John's, we will process a letter of transfer. If you are from a denomination, we will let you know when the next Inquirers Class begins. If you are not yet baptized, please see Fr. Klein.

Low-Gluten Hosts

St. John's offers low-gluten (less than 0.01%) communion wafers on request. If you are gluten intolerant, please speak with the clergy.

Parish Contact Information

St. John's Anglican Church is a Parish of the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) and the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth. Our Bishop is the Right Reverend Ryan S. Reed, SSC, D.D.

St. John's uses the 2019 Book of Common Prayer (ACNA) and the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed for Lunch
12:00—1:30 PM

Worship Services and Rites

Sat Vigil: 6:00 pm Lady Chapel.
Sunday Morning: 8:00, 9:00, 11:15,
Wed Morning: 7:30 am Lady Chapel.

Our Vestry

Sr. Warden - Tom Ward 2025
Jr. Warden - Gerald Gregory 2023
Clerk - Rusty Wood 2023

Vestry Members: Jacob Belk 2023, Bob Hampton 2024, Don Lange 2024, Jason Merritt 2024, Christina Pavlovsky 2024, Clay Slaughter 2025, Kendall Smith 2025, Patrick Wells 2023, Trish Williamson 2025.

Treasurer

Bob Hampton

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Gerald Gregory
Jason Merritt
Tom Ward

Next Vestry Meeting in Guild Parlor is Tuesday, **APR 26** at 7:00 PM.

Current Announcements

Receiving the Precious Blood of Christ.

The Chalice has been restored to receive the Precious Blood of Christ by either intinction or directly from the chalice. *One chalice* is reserved for intinction. A *second chalice* is for drinking from the chalice directly.

If you want to receive by intinction please keep the sacred host in your open hand and the chalice-bearer will take the host and dip a small portion of it carefully in the Precious Blood and place the host on your tongue.

If you want to receive directly from the Chalice after consuming the host the chalice-bearer will gently guide the chalice for you.

Of course, you are always invited to receive just the host alone. When at the Altar rail, after receiving the host cross your arms and the chalice-bearer will move to the next person.

HEALTHY PROTOCOLS

Please remember that you can wear a mask when at St. John's for worship and activities. Please use sanitizing stations and protocols for receiving from the chalice. Follow common sense. Stay safe! Stay healthy!

CGS Atriums open for preschool – 5th grade after the 9:00 am service. **After you receive Holy Communion, please bring your child(ren) to the atrium!**

Teen Formation open for 6th grade through high school after the 9:00 am

service. **Brianna Wilcox, Jacob Belk and Patrick Wells.** Class will meet in the Green Room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study: “**The Prophet Isaiah.**” Fr. Klein is leading a study on prophets of the Old Testament on Wed 9:30-10:30 am. Please join us!

Choir and Bell Rehearsal: Practice is on **Thursdays. 6:00 pm is bell choir and 7:00 pm is chancel choir.** Join us. **Alan Potts**

GOOD NEWS DAILY BOOKLETS

Good News Daily booklets have returned! The March edition is now available. You may pick up a copy in the narthex, the chapel entrance, or the office. It will also be featured online on the St. John's website.

ANOINTING IN CHAPEL



We offer prayer and anointing at the 9:00 am and 11:15 am services. *This is done by one of the clergy in the*

Chapel immediately after you have received Holy Communion. If you need anointing, please go into the Chapel.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today we hear one of the most beloved stories in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son. Reconciliation is a prominent theme.

Seeing the younger son returning to him, the son who left the family and squandered his inheritance, the father with love in his heart runs to receive him. Jesus offers this parable as a vision of his loving Father who is loving and forgiving when we, in spite of our sinfulness, ignore him, and then through grace and repentance, we return to him. The remainder of the Lenten season offers us an opportunity to reflect on God's compassion and our need for reconciliation. For Christian who takes their stewardship seriously, they make sure their spiritual house is in order! God is loving and always ready to forgive!

The Season of Lent

OUTREACH IN LENT! During Lent consider making a monetary gift to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund to assist ministry in the Ukraine. ARDF has received a \$100,000 challenge gift to match dollar for dollar the first \$100,000 received. This means your personal gift can be doubled. The process to give online to ARDF is very secure.

Beyond giving financially to these efforts, your prayers are vital. Prayer really does make a difference! Pray for the Ukrainian people and their leaders, the Russian people and their leaders, the numerous Christian leaders and missionaries in the country, and for the hundreds of thousands of refugees. Ask God to

intervene. <https://ardf.org/relief-ukraine-2022>

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION –

Dr. Jason Merritt will lead us in formation Sundays, Mar 27, Apr 3 and 10 at 10:15 am. His topic is “Jesus as the New Temple”. A study in John’s Gospel.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT –

Mar 30, and Apr. 6.

- Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm.
- Lenten Meal 6:30 pm.
- Teaching 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Fr. Foster will lead a study on C.S. Lewis’ book **Out of the Silent Planet**, which is the first volume in his “Space Trilogy.”

LENTEN LITURGY – Ash

Wednesday is the opening of the season of Lent. The word “lent” is an Anglo-Saxon word for “spring”. It is a penitential season of great devotion and discipline that is 40 days long. Spring is a season of renewal and new birth. Our liturgical season corresponds to this. It is time for personal spiritual inventory and reflection that should lead us to a renewal of faith and practice.

The Liturgical color is a royal purple. For Anglicans it symbolizes repentance as well as the royalty of Christ as King overall. Before Jesus was crucified, he was dressed in a purple robe and a crown of thorns was placed on his head (see Mark 15:17). The purple color

reminds us that Jesus was accused of declaring himself “king of the Jews.”

Pilate had the inscription “INRI” placed at the top of the Cross. (John 19,20) It is an abbreviation from the Latin “Iēsus Nazarēnus, Rēx Iūdaeōrum, which translates “Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews”. (Latin uses “I” and “V” instead of the English “J” and “U”).

Altar flowers are omitted during Lent.

The alleluias, joyful hymns, and the Gloria in excelsis are omitted in Lent.

Anglican “Great Litany” is sung on the First Sunday in Lent.

Almsgiving - Almsgiving is donating money or goods to the poor and needy and performing acts of charity. The root of the word “alms” can be found in ancient Latin and Greek words meaning mercy and pity. Similarly, the root of the word “charity” comes from the Latin “caritas,” meaning love.

Almsgiving is expressing Christian love for others. Lent is a season helping us to step outside of ourselves and focus on others. Contributing to the Outreach Fund at St. John’s or giving money or items to Union Gospel Mission or the Fort Worth Pregnancy Center and online contributions to the Anglican Relief and Development Fund are examples of almsgiving in Lent.

The Cross of Christ is the theme of Lent urging deeper conversion, and

repentance, fasting, self-denial, and prayer.

Fast & Abstinence – On Ash Wednesday the Liturgy called us to exercise the three disciplines of Lent which are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Fasting refers to the quantity of food we eat and refraining from eating between meals. Traditionally, on the day you fast you are permitted to eat one reasonable meal. You can have up to two other meals on the same day, but the total quantity of food for the two additional meals should not equal the amount at the full meals. Keep them simple.

Abstinence as a discipline in Lent refers to abstaining from meat or any soup or gravy or mix made from meat. This is usually on Fridays in Lent. Fish is a popular substitute. The Prayer Book also encourages us to extend this discipline to all Fridays of the year as a spiritual discipline.

What I have written is the traditional approach. If you have health issues and need to change this or maybe fast from something else, that to will work fine.

Reconciliation is offered any time. This is the Sacrament of holy Confession. This is a *strengthening* sacrament providing opportunity to talk through burdens and sins with a priest. Speak with Fr. Klein, Fr. Foster or Fr. Bosworth.

Stations of the Cross, a devotion that started very early in the Church in

Jerusalem. Christian pilgrims would come to Jerusalem to pray and walk the “Via Dolorosa” (the Way of Sorrow) which followed the actual path and footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his death on Calvary. For us today, we walk the “Way” from Station-to-Station reflecting and praying on what our Lord did to accomplish our redemption.

STEWARDSHIP DURING LENT -

Let us look at this passage from St. Mark’s gospel. “*Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood*” (Mk 12:43-44).

Stewardship anytime of the year challenges us to give back to God with love! When Jesus praises the widow for giving “*all she had, her whole livelihood*” (Mk 12:44), he is showing her disposition, meaning her spiritual attitude toward the whole of life. We have no information about her situation. But most likely it was very modest and maybe even living from hand to mouth. It’s likely she has known hardship, disappointment, and loneliness. No family seems to be around to help share the burden. But she is not bitter or angry. She gives openly and freely from what she has without complaining or holding back. She is generous, as God is generous,

giving out of his superabundance of love.

So, what is a point of the story? We might say that the Lord is reminding his disciples (all of us) that how and what we give will impact on the way we live. If we give from whatever is left over, nothing really changes in our lifestyle or in our attitude toward the people we are helping with our charity. On the other hand, if we give from our livelihood, we must make sacrifices, and adjustments that requires a shift in our thinking and our attitude.

Jesus wants us to know *that if our heart is guided by love, we always have something to give*. So, he praises the widow’s generosity because he recognizes the depth of her love. This is her true gift to God. She is truly a generous steward because her sacrificial gifts come from a heart overflowing with love.

Service Rota

Fourth Sunday in Lent: Mar 27

Sun, 8:00 AM

Andrew Martin - Chalice and Reader

Sun, 9:00 AM

Finn Belk - Acolyte

David Leaseburg - Acolyte

- Acolyte

Clifford Bronson - Chalice

Tom Ward - Chalice

Diane McCusker – Prayers

Dishon Samaranayake- Reader

George Joe – Usher

Will Lowe - Usher

Sun, 10:15 AM

Coffee Hour-Hospitality: Renee,
Mike and Christina Pavlovsky

Sun, 11:15 AM

Annaliese Merritt - Acolyte
Mallorie Merritt - Acolyte
Jason Merritt - Chalice
Steve Sparks - Chalice
Dorian Johnson – Prayers
Jason Merritt - Reader
Bob Hampton – Usher
– Usher
Vestry: Gerald Gregory and Don
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Fifth Sunday in Lent: Apr 3

Sun, 8:00 AM

Denise Porter - Chalice and Reader

Sun, 9:00 AM

Ben Leaseburg - Acolyte
Michael Leaseburg - Acolyte
- Acolyte

Don Lange - Chalice
Tiffany Gildner - Chalice
Kristy Leaseburg – Prayers
Bill Kendall- Reader
Patrick Wells – Usher
Will Lowe - Usher

Sun, 10:15 AM

Donut Sunday

Sun, 11:15 AM

Mallorie Merritt - Acolyte
Annaliese Merritt - Acolyte
Jason Merritt - Chalice
Chris Stevens - Chalice
Jason Merritt – Prayers
Kendall Smith - Reader
Marty Smith – Usher
Bob Hampton – Usher
Vestry: Rusty Wood and Tom Ward

Lenten Outreach Opportunity – Fort Worth Pregnancy Center

The Fort Worth Pregnancy Center is currently in need of the following items:

- Diapers Size 1-6
- Pull Ups
- Wipes
- Nail Clippers
- Baby Shampoo/Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Diaper Cream
- Gender Neutral bibs, burp cloths, socks infant mittens
- New Baby Clothes for Baby Gifts (Size Newborn 0-9 months)
- Gently used maternity and baby/toddler clothes & shoes size NB – 4T (Size 2T-4T most needed)
- Baby accessories (carriers, bouncers, swings, etc.)

You may deliver your donated items directly to the Fort Worth Pregnancy Center (3221 Cleburne Rd., Fort Worth, TX 76110) or you can bring them here to St. John's, and we will deliver them for you.



