

St. John's Episcopal Church
Arlington, Massachusetts

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17th, 2024



Sunday Worship Service

We welcome you to St. John's Church!

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DELEGATES

Alewife Deanery –Emelia Blankson (2025) & Jan Ford (2026)

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Diocesan Delegates – Frank Foster (2025); Joe Curro (2026)

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HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude: “*O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig (Oh innocent Lamb of God)*” J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Processional Hymn: “*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*” #448 in 1982 Hymnal

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

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.” Mark 12: 29-31

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1: 8,9

The Celebrant continues:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People:

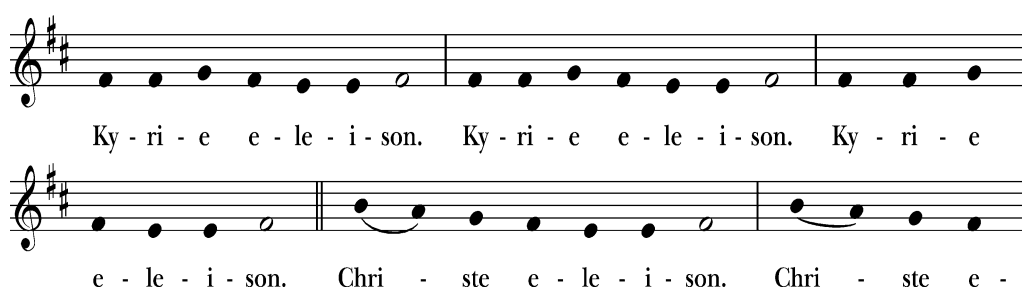
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son 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 us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Kyrie

S86 in 1982 Hymnal





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(Please stand.)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect for Today:

All: Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Readings

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 51: 1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Epistle: Hebrews 5: 5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;
as he says also in another place,
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

#474 in 1982 Hymnal

(Sing vs. 1&2 before the reading and after vs. 3&4 after the reading.)

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel: John 12: 20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Canon Gregory Perez

Celebrant: Let us now reaffirm our faith with the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

In our prayers today we remember those on our parish prayer list: Mike Bent; Emelia Blankson; Nancy Brown; Chris Capaldo; Claire & Ralph; Barbara Curro; Presiding Bishop Michael Curry; Gene & Donna Downing; Jack; Kelly; Lester; Rick Miller; Connie McKinley; Lucy Pachter; Cale & Liz Putnam; Savannah; Dawn Shearer; David Sullivan; Phil & Pat; Tristan; Vivien; and Don Webb.

We remember also Military Families and Military Chaplaincies.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Pray for Church of the Good Shepherd in Wareham; St. James the Fisherman Church in Wellfleet; Church of the Messiah in Woods Hole; Diocesan Congregational Consultants; and all churches in the Diocese closed or merged.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Church in Wales.

Remembrances: In loving memory of Priscilla McKenney by the McKenney family.

Form II **BCP p. 385**

Concluding Collect

The Peace

Announcements

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Music: “Mille Regretz” Josquin Desprez (ca. 1450 – 27 August 1521)

Doxology #380, v. 3: (Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.)

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP p. 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 him thanks and praise.

(Please kneel if you are able.)

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth...

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: **WLP 785**

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Words: Variation on a traditional liturgical text. Music: Composer of melody unknown; arr. based on a two-part version as taught by Pablo D. Sosa (b. 1933).

Phonetic Pronunciation:

San----to, san-----to, san----to, mi cor---a---zon te a--dor---a!
Sahn-toh, sahn-toh, sahn-toh, mee koh-rrah-sohn tay ah-doh-rah!
Mi cor---a---zon te sa---be de--cir: san---to e---res Se---nor.
Mee koh-rrah-sohn tay sah-bay deh-seer: sahn-toh eh-rehs Se---nyohr.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 Maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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, almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.
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 God, now and for ever. AMEN.

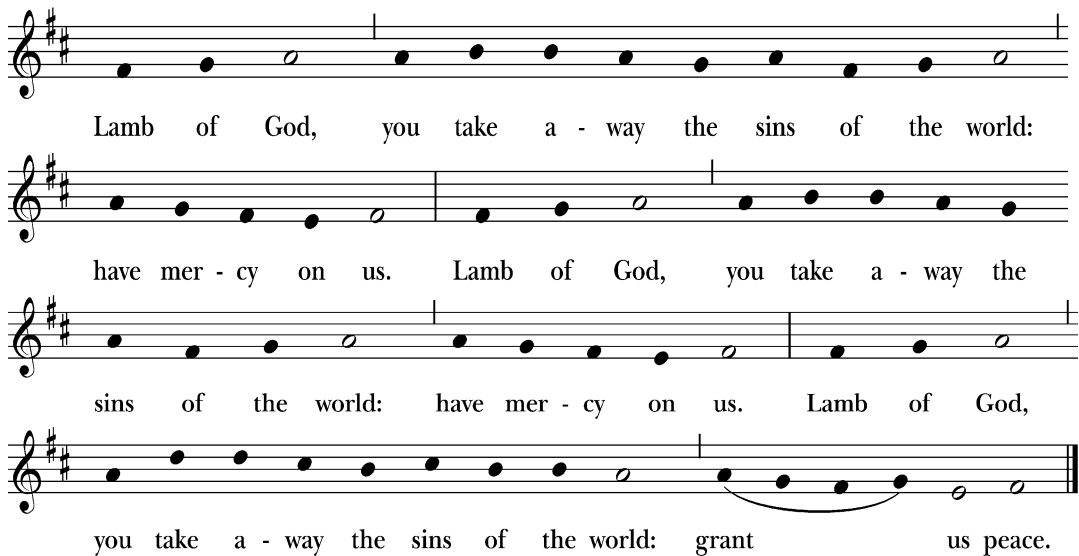
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord’s Prayer **BCP p. 364**

The Fraction **BCP p. 364**

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem: “Jesus, Lamb of God” **S161 in 1982 Hymnal**



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Celebrant: (Communion invitation) The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion: (All are welcome at God’s Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, please stand with your arms crossed. Gluten-free wafers and apple juice are available. Please let the clergy know if you need them.)

Communion Hymn: *“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”* **#88 in LEVAS**

Communion Prayer for People on Zoom: My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

Prayer for the Election of the Presiding Bishop
Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer Offered by Archbishop Hosam Naoum, head of the Anglican province of Jerusalem & the Middle East
O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims, and Christians, and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus’s name we pray. *Amen.*

Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand if you are able.)* **BCP p. 365**

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *“Restore in Us, O God”* **#328 in ELW**



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three-per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit-less fear un - furl our lives like spring-time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search-ing ends, may see you face to face.

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Dismissal

Deacon: (Dismisses the People)
People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “You’ll Never Walk Alone” Richard Rogers (1902-1979) & Oscar Hammerstein, II (1895-1960)

Liturgical Ministers

Lectors: Tirsa Moya & Frank Foster

Crucifer/LEM: Frank Foster

Choir: St. John's Choir

Altar Guild: Mary Jo Larson & Frank Foster

Greeters/Ushers: Cate Barr & Vicki Ford

Nursery Assistant: Sandy Terenzi

Coffee Hour Hosts: Christine Carney & Tirsa Moya

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

OUR MISSION: The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church is to be a vibrant Christian community where lives are transformed by a personal relationship with God; and where all adults and children experience the dignity and grace of God's unconditional love. We share the good news of God's love to all who worship with us, through fellowship with our neighbors, and through our service in partnership with the greater community.

OUR VISION: We seek to always grow in our understanding of God's plan for us as individuals, families, and as a Christian community. Together we will deepen our capacity to serve, to respond to God's call, and to grow our collective ability to be stewards of God's gifts.

MUSIC: The music for the day is listed in this booklet. Hymns are found in the 1982 Hymnal and LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing). On the hymn board, blue next to the numbers indicates the 1982 Hymnal; red indicates LEVAS; and green indicates Wonder Love and Praise – usually there is an insert for that.

CHILDREN: Children are welcome in our worship services! Nursery care is also available for toddlers during the 10 a.m. service in the Nursery room to the right side of the Sanctuary.

COMMUNION: Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Those not receiving the sacrament may come forward with their arms crossed to receive a blessing. Both communion wine & juice are offered. If you desire to be baptized, or have questions about baptism, please see the clergy following the worship service.

RESTROOMS: To access the restrooms from the Sanctuary, exit through the door to the left of the altar, turn to your right, and go downstairs. There is also a handicap-accessible restroom on the same level as the Sanctuary, in the Library – exit through the door to the left of the altar, go through two sets of doors, and the restroom is straight ahead of you on the left.

WELCOME TO ALL WHO GATHER FOR WORSHIP TODAY: If you are visiting, please sign our guest book. We would love to get to know you a little better. Please join us after the worship service for refreshments and hospitality. If you would like to know more about this congregation please feel free to speak to the clergy, the Greeters/Ushers, or with any parishioners. In addition, there is printed material about the congregation at the rear of the Sanctuary.