



GOOD MORNING & WELCOME

Welcome to everyone joining us for worship this morning. Whether or not you consider yourselves members of this congregation, we are glad you are here. If the flow of worship should seem unfamiliar to you, relax and let God's presence envelop you, without a worry about when to stand, sit or kneel. If you are new to St. John's, please sign our guest register.

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The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
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**Preacher – The Rev. Nathan Carr
Cantor – Doug Rogez
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The Second Sunday of Lent – Year B

Rite II – Holy Eucharist & Hymns – February 25, 2024 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
eternal and yet ever new;
uncomprehended and unbought,
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2 O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,
we read thee in the sky above;
we read thee in the earth below,
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

The Hymnal, #455

3 We read thee best in him who came
to bear for us the cross of shame,
sent by the Father from on high,
our life to live, our death to die.

4 We read thy power to bless and save
e'en in the darkness of the grave;
still more in resurrection light
we read the fullness of thy might.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

The Decalogue

BCP 317

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Kyrie

The Hymnal, S91

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Christ have mercy upon us. (3X)

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3X)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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. **Amen.**

Lenten Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 22:22-30

Deus, Deus meus

22 Praise the Lord, you that **fear** him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give **glory**.

- 23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his **face** from them; *
but when they cry to him he **hears** them.
- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who **worship** him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall **praise** him: *
"May your heart live for **ever!**"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the **Lord**, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow **before** him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the **Lord**; *
he rules over the **nations**.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in **worship**; *
all who go down to the dust fall **before** him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall **serve** him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for **ever**.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet **unborn** *
the saving deeds that he has **done**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 4: 13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #707

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Nathan Carr

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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 Prayers of the People

Form IV

BCP 388

Celebrant

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

We Confess our Sins and Exchange the Peace

The Celebrant or Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Silence may be kept

Minister 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.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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. **Amen.**

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Blessing Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace; strengthen their trust in your goodness, and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

Offertory Anthem

**Alas! And did My Savior Bleed
St. John's Choir**

Gilbert Martin

*Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?*

*Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!*

*Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer,
died for man the creature's sin.*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.*

Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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 and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **AMEN.**

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

**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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal, S163

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #328

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.

2 Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.

3 Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.

4 Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.

5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
to all believers life eternal yields;

7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow
all nations at the doom, is with us now.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Recessional

The Hymnal, #675

1 Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me.

3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

2 Take up your cross, let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.

4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave:
it guides you to abundant life
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

5 Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK?

**Weekday and Special Services • Special Events for Parishioners
• Special Events for Outside Groups**

Wednesday, February 28

5:30 Stations of the Cross;
6:00 Lenten Potluck and presentation
by The Rev. Canon Stephen Carlson,
Canon for Congregational Vitality

PRAYER LIST

Please hold in our ongoing prayers:

Audrey	Nancy Jones	Monte Pratt
Beverly Bradley	Judd	Mathew Reynolds
Bob	Karl	Kathleen Rhodes
Braiden	Drew Kolb	Rob, Ruthie and
Sarah Brewer	Sarah Kramer	Samuel
Margaret Brown	Jean Ledet & Chad	Adrienne Robertson
Lewis Honor Carr	Dixon	Sahar
Nancy Carr	Gary and Kathleen Lee	Scott Salladin
Jeff Clemens	Denys Lenets	Seth
Kathie Clemens	Kara Lynn	Betty Sinclair
Dave Coleson	Ron Marlett	Family of Kenneth
Sue Collins	Tony Marruchella	Sosna
Sir Michael Dawson	Mary	John Steward and
Stephanie Dunham	Leland Mayo	Lee DeWitt
Dru	Betty & Delbert Millican	Martha Steward
Ed	and Ryan Lightfoot	Nancy Steward
Sharon Ellington	Trish Morgan	Susan
Jean and John Freeman	Christina Morris	Sydney and Troy
Agatha Gasperoni	Paul Mosier	Tina
Myrna Gowman	Deborah Nelson	Tyler and Dru
John Greiner	Joy Nelson	Vicki
Steve Hammontree	Pam	Donna Walters
Aimee Hanneman	Babette Patton	Mary Jo Watson
Kimberly Hopper	Patty	Pat Westervelt Gordon
Dr. J	Penny	Welch
Jack	Peter	Will
Jessica		Ginny Wynn

Altar Gifts

It is time to make donations for the Easter music and flowers.

Please take a moment to consider recognizing the Altar Guild, Organist,
Choir and Bell Choir with a donation.

A form is included in the bulletin for your donation and dedication.

Birthdays This Upcoming Week

March

2 – Whitney Kolb

Announcements

In observance of Lent, please enter the Nave in prayerful silence before all Lenten services.

Save the date for April 6 when St. John's will volunteer for Oklahoma City Beautiful's LitterBlitz. During the "Blitz", we'll be cleaning up a local park. More information and signups will be available closer to April 6.

It is time to make donations for the Easter music and flowers. Please take a moment to consider recognizing the Altar Guild, Organist, Choir and Bell Choir with a donation. A form is included in the bulletin for your donation and dedication. All donations must be received no later than Tuesday, March 26, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

Again this year, we will have a solemn **walk of the Stations of the Cross each Wednesday at 5:30, from Wednesday, February 21 through March 20. The first three Wednesdays (21, 28, March 6), we will gather for a potluck supper and a special presentation at 6:00 in the Wade-Dalton Hall.** Mark your calendar and bring the family to experience the story of Jesus' final walk with the supper and presentation to follow.

VISITORS: Thank you so much for joining us today. Please take a moment to complete a **visitor card, found at the ends of the pews**, and drop it in the offering plate so that we may reach out to you if you wish to stay up-to-date on what's happening at St. John's.

St. John's Episcopal Church

EASTER MUSIC

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Or

In Thanksgiving for _____

Or

To the Glory of God.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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EASTER FLOWERS

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Or

To the Glory of God.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

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