



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.

****Please silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices
before the start of the service. Thank you.****

**The Rev. Nathan D Carr – Vicar
The Rev. William Font – Priest Associate
The Rev. Lisa Chronister – Deacon
Cynthia Cortright D.M.A. – Organist / Choir Director
Daisy Leyva-Lara – Children's Coordinator
Victoria Moon – Nursery Attendant**

Serving Today

**Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Nancy Steward and Devie Maxwell
Lay Readers / Chalice Bearers – Babette Patton,
Aaron Mooney and HL Watson
Acolytes – Olive Kate Carr,
Ezra Carr and Graham Newberry
Live Streaming – Stuart Chai and Mark Anderson
Children's Activities – Victoria Moon**

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The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B

Rose Sunday

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

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #686

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The Christian Life



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.**

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

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.**

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

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is **good**, *
and his mercy endures for **ever**.
- 2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed **proclaim** *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the **foe**.
- 3 He gathered them out of the **lands**; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the **south**.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious **ways**; *
they were afflicted because of their **sins**.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of **food** *
and drew near to death's **door**.
- 19 Then they cried to the Lord in their **trouble**, *
and he delivered them from their **distress**.
- 20 He sent forth his word and **healed** them *
and saved them from the **grave**.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his **mercy** *
and the wonders he does for his **children**.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of **thanksgiving** *
and tell of his acts with shouts of **joy**.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn

The Christian Life

The Hymnal, #691

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1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)
 Music: Olivet, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
 People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend William Font

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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Leader 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

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

Go Not Far From Me, O God
The St. John's Choir

Zingarelli

*Go not far from me O God,
Cast me not away.
In the time of age, Cast me not away.
In the time of age, Forsake me not.
Forsake me not, When my strength faileth me,
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise,
That I may sing,
Thy glory and honour,
All the day long.*

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	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	Therefore, let us keep the feast.

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, #321

1 My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless numbers let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

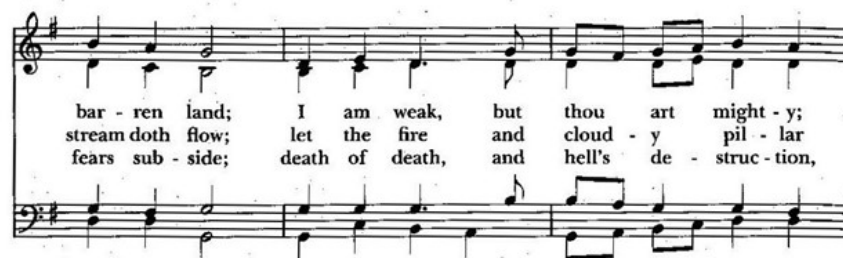
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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The Christian Life




1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt.
 Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

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Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God

Postlude

PRAYER LIST

Please hold the following people in your 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

The flowers and candle for Rose Sunday were donated by Vivian and John Dewar. The candle is in memory of Jane Dewar White; and the flowers in thanksgiving for triplet granddaughters, Ally Claire, Camey, and Caroline.

Birthdays

11 – Sarah Carr

Anniversaries This Upcoming Week

16 – Nathan and Sarah Carr

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

Though the Lenten potlucks and presentations have passed, please remember that the Stations of the Cross services will continue each Wednesday through March 27. This intimate experience will help you better understand and feel Jesus' final walk. Please join in any or all these short services.

CANDY, CANDY, CANDY – Easter is coming, and it is time to bring candy for the Easter egg hunt on Easter morning. **PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE!!!!** Please bring your donations by Palm Sunday, March 24.

AND MORE CANDY!! St. John's has been asked to collect candy donations for goodie bags for each child attending the upcoming **"Eid" (rhymes with "feed") Festival** that marks the end of the month-long dawn-to-sunset fasting of Ramadan. To meet Islamic dietary laws, there is a list of acceptable candies in this week's Fab Friday. **THEY DO WANT CHOCOLATE**. Please place your donations in the designated collection basket in the narthex by Palm Sunday, March 24.

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

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.

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

**Weekday and Special Services • Special Events – Church and
• Special Events – Outside Groups**

Monday, March 11 – 5:00 Summit Christian School Spring Program
Wednesday, March 13 – 5:30 Stations of the Cross

**For full calendars of Weekday, Sunday and Holy Week Services and Events,
refer to your most recent Fab Friday or the front bulletin board in the Narthex**

St. John's Episcopal Church

EASTER MUSIC

Name of Donor _____

In Memory of _____

Or

In Thanksgiving for _____

Or

To the Glory of God.

Amount enclosed \$ _____

*Please mail your donation to the Church Office or place in the
alms basin or collection plate with this form.*

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EASTER FLOWERS

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Or

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Amount enclosed \$ _____

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