



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.

**The Rev. Nathan 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**

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Cantor – Doug Rogez
Greeters / Oblationers – Emily Mooney and Aaron Mooney
Lay Readers / Chalice Bearers – Xander Rodgers,
Dana Billingsley, and Steve Orwig
Acolytes – Truitt Kolb and Charley Kolb
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The Third Sunday in Lent – Year B

Rite I – Holy Eucharist – March 17, 2024 – 10:15 AM

The Word of God

Prelude

Processional

The Hymnal, #441

Jesus Christ our Lord

441

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
*5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

1 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of
2 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
3 love up - on my way, from the cross the
4 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that
5 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of

1 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
2 cross for - sake me: lo, it glows with peace and joy.
3 ra - diance stream - ing adds new lus - ter to the day.
4 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
5 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Words: John Bowring (1792-1872)

Music: Rathbun, Ithamar Conkey (1815-1867)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
Celebrant 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 he may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

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 with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.**

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

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.

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his **way**? *
By keeping to your **words**.
- 10 With my whole heart I **seek** you; *
let me not stray from your **commandments**.
- 11 I treasure your promise in my **heart**, *
that I may not sin **against** you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O **Lord**; *
instruct me in your **statutes**.
- 13 With my lips will I **recite** *
all the judgments of your **mouth**.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your **decrees** *
than in all manner of **riches**.
- 15 I will meditate on your **commandments** *
and give attention to your **ways**.
- 16 My delight is in your **statutes**; *
I will not forget your **word**.

The Second Lesson

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.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal, #474

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
where the young Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the cross of Christ, my God:
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Holy 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Nathan Carr

The Nicene Creed

BCP 327

**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 of God, Light of 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 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 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

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.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

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.**

The Celebrant may add sentences from scripture

Please stand

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

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

Come See the Place Where Jesus Prayed St. John's Choir

Beall & Carter

*Come see the place where Jesus prayed;
come touch the garden wall.
Beneath a starless midnight sky,
his Father heard him call.*

*Come see the place where Jesus walked
when he was led away.
Come see the dusty road he took
to Calvary that day.*

*Come see the place where Jesus died
upon a windswept hill;
they pierced his hands, his feet, his side;
and then the world grew still.*

*Come see the place where Jesus lay
within a stone-cold tomb;
come touch the garments folded there;
come kneel within the room.*

Doxology

The Hymnal, #380 (verse 3)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

Celebrant 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.**

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 a Proper Preface is sung or said

Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus

The Hymnal, #S114

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he who cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel or stand.

Then 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, our selves, 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 offenses, 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.

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

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

Agnus Dei

The Hymnal, S158

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP 337

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 we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

We Share the Gifts of God

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal, #170

1. To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.
They did not know, as we do now,
that glorious is your crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.

2. In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
they snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier's joke.
They did not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.

3. A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.
They did not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your Kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 339

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in 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, 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.

Sending Out of the Lay Eucharist Visitors

Celebrant or Deacon: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread and one cup.

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.**

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

1. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conquering ranks
combine. [Refrain]

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
[Refrain]

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to
thee. [Refrain]

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.
[Refrain]

Dismissal Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please hold these souls in your ongoing prayers:

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

Altar Gifts

It is time to make donations for 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

21 Douglas E Traywick

Anniversaries

17 – Jeff & Trish Morgan

20 – Chris & Sarah Greenley

Announcements

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.

Tuesday, March 19, at 5:30, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph with a brief Eucharist in the Mary Chapel. All are welcome.

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. 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.

Sign up TODAY to bring a food item for the upcoming Agape Dinner, Thursday, March 28. We will need Cheese, Bread, Fruit, Olives, Wine and Grape Juice. Signup sheets are available in the Narthex. Please wash the fruit and slice the cheese before bringing to the church. ALL food items must be here no later than 3:00 on the afternoon of Maundy Thursday.

It is also time to sign up for the Watch at the Altar of Repose (Mary Chapel) beginning Thursday evening, following the Maundy Thursday service, ending at Noon of Good Friday.

While Fr. Nate is on sabbatical from the Academy, his email will not be available to him. Until further notice, if you wish to reach Fr. Nate by email, please send it to **nathan@commonplacebooksokc.com**.