



St. John's Episcopal Church

"Our mission is to know and to share the love of Jesus Christ"

February 22, 2026

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One (1, 2, 3)

Organ Voluntary

Il Vecchio Castello- from " Pictures at an Exhibition " - Modest Mussorgsky

The Great Litany (4)

Chanted

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States (or of this nation), and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of [_____ and] all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear 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,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day ⁽⁵⁾

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And with thy spirit.**

One: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 ⁽⁶⁾

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the

garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’“ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32 *Beati quorum* (7)

Sung by choir and congregation

Adapted from *Wondrous Love*
by William Bradley Roberts



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for-given, *
and whose sin is put a-way!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no **guilt**, *
and in whose spirit there is no **guile**!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-way, *
because of my groaning all day **long**.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and **night**; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of **summer**.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to **you**, *
and did not conceal my **guilt**.
- 6 I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the **LORD**.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my **sin**.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of **trouble**; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach **them**.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from **trouble**; *
you surround me with shouts of de-liverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should **go**; *
I will guide you with my **eye**.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-**standing**; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,

or else they will not stay near **you.**”

11 Great are the tribulations of the **wicked**; *

but mercy embraces those who trust in the **LORD.**

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the **LORD**; *

shout for joy, all who are true of **heart.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19 ⁽⁸⁾

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Blue Hymnal #150 - *Forty days and forty nights*

Forty days and forty nights
thou wast fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled.

Should not we thy sorrow share
and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer,
strong with thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press,
Jesus, Savior, hear our call!

Victor in the wilderness,
grant we may not faint nor fall!

So shall we have peace divine:
holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine,
such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear,
ever constant by thy side;
that with thee we may appear
at the eternal Eastertide.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11 ⁽⁹⁾

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Many: **Glory be to thee, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

Many: **Praise be to thee, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon ⁽¹⁰⁾

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

The Nicene Creed (BCP p. 326) ⁽¹¹⁾

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 Great Litany covers both the Prayers of the People and the Confession.****

Anniversary and Birthday Blessings

God grant you ma-ny years. God grant you ma-ny years.

God grant you ma-ny years.

The Peace (BCP p. 332) (12)

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (13)

Miserere mei, Deus - Antonio Lotti

Presentation Hymn

Blue Hymnal #377, v. 1 - *All the people that on earth do dwell*

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Great Thanksgiving (BCP p. 333) (14)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin, by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who dies for us and rose again.

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

Sanctus

Blue Hymn #S 124 - *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.*

The Lord's Prayer (BCP p. 336) ⁽¹⁵⁾

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread ⁽¹⁶⁾

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Blue Hymnal #S 163 - *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (BCP p. 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.

Invitation to Communion (BCP p. 338)

Communion (BCP p. 338) ⁽¹⁷⁾

Communion Hymns

Blue Hymnal #146 - *Now let us all with one accord*

Now let us all with one accord,
in company with ages past,
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord
in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant, so long revealed
to those of faith in former time,
Christ by his own example sealed,
the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Lord, our sinful race
has not returned, but falsified;
author of mercy, turn your face
and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
in your own image were we made;
help us, lest in anxiety,
we cause your Name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive;
so when our wanderings here shall
cease,
we may with you for ever live,
in love and unity and peace.

Lift Every Voice and Sing Hymnal #188 - *It is well with my soul*

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my
 2. Though sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be

1. way, When sor - rows like sea - bil - lows roll;
 2. come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol,
 3. thought— My sin— not in part, but the whole—
 4. sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,

1. What - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
 2. That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
 3. Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
 4. The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de -

1. say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
 2. taste, And has shed His own blood for my soul.
 3. more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 4. ascend, "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,
 It is well with my

— It is well, it is well with my soul.
 soul,

Blue Hymnal #318 - *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face*

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
 here would I touch and handle things unseen;
 here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;
 here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
 here would I lay aside each earthly load,
 here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need another arm save thine to lean upon;
 it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
 my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness;
 mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
 thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Post Communion Prayer (BCP p. 339)

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 Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant: 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. With whom will you share this communion?

Eucharistic Visitors: (they say the names of those they will visit.)

Congregation: **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread one cup.**

Final Blessing (BCP p. 339)

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.**

Hymn at the Retiring Procession

Blue Hymnal #388 - *O worship the King*

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing his power and his
love!

Our shield and defender, the Ancient
of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with
praise.

O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy
space.
His chariots of wrath the deep
thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of
the storm.

The earth, with its store of wonders
untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of
old,
hath stablished it fast by a changeless
decree,

and round it hath cast, like a mantle,
the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can
recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the
light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to
the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the
rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as
frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to
fail;
thy mercies, how tender! how firm to
the end!
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and
Friend!

Dismissal (18)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Voluntary (19)

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 557 - J. S. Bach

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Notes about our worship

- (1) Gathering for worship: When we enter church we greet one another and take time to pray to center our souls on God's generous love. The Book of Common Prayer (Maroon Book in the Pew) has personal prayers for worship on pages 833-835. At St. John's this time is often a bustle of hugs and conversations as a loving community knits itself together for worship.
- (2) Children are a delight to have in worship. Please spare no worries about the noises children make; we welcome children as they are. We have a Children's Corner with activities for children and Children's Chapel as well. They will come back during the Passing of the Peace.
- (3) Worship in Traditional Language: One option for worship in the Episcopal Church is called Rite 1 which preserves the archaic and poetic language of the 17th century. We use this Rite on occasion because its language is transcendent and beautiful, but also because it reminds us that worship happens in a different time and space - kairos not chronos - made possible by God's gracious presence in word, sacrament and community.
- (4) The Great Litany: The text of the Great Litany is the first liturgical prayer translated into English by Thomas Cranmer during the Reformation in England. This Litany of Prayers was traditionally used in procession in the streets of a parish during times of strife, stress and natural disaster.
- (5) Collect of the Day: A prayer written for every Sunday of the year reflecting the scriptures for the day and the theme of the season.
- (6) The First Lesson: A portion of scripture from the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) is our first reading from the Bible. The Hebrew Bible is the Bible as Jesus knew it in his lifetime and tells the story of God's long history of loving and redeeming humanity.
- (7) The Psalm: The 150 Psalms in the Hebrew Bible are the hymn book of the Jerusalem Temple. We continue to praise God with these beautiful lyrics. The Psalter is also available in the Book of Common Prayer in a beautiful translation on pages 585 to 808.
- (8) The Second Lesson or Epistle: A portion of scripture from one of the New Testament Letters or Books that come after the Gospels. Many readings are from St. Paul's letters to the earliest churches meant to help them learn the Good News of Jesus and how to live a with-God life.
- (9) Gospel Proclamation: Gospel is the Greek word for the "Good News." We stand to hear the Gospel as a sign of respect. We turn toward the Gospel Book because only through the Gospel do we know Jesus: his character, his teachings, and his saving story. The Gospel Book is handled with special reverence and surrounded with candlelight to honor the life-giving, liberating Word of God. We process the Gospel to illustrate how the Gospel moved from East to West, from Jerusalem, then to Rome, and then the rest of the world. Many Episcopalians make the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart before hearing the Gospel to welcome the Word into our minds, speech, and hearts.
- (10) Sermon: Clergy who are educated, set apart, and empowered by the Holy Spirit for this role offer a sermon to help the congregation go deeper into the Good News and apply it to our lives. On occasion lay preachers also offer reflections.
- (11) The Nicene Creed: Creed comes from the word Credo which means "heart." The Creed tells the story of God and reveals the character of the one God in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We trust this God with our hearts and souls because of how God has blessed us with the

revelation of God's undying love. Western and Eastern churches agree that the Nicene Creed contains the basic teachings of the Christian faith.

(12) The Passing of the Peace: The congregation greets each other with words of peace to represent our mission of reconciliation in all parts of our life. Jesus taught us to make peace with our neighbors before approaching the altar. Jesus taught us, "Blessed are the peacemakers." At the peace we are practicing a commitment and skill commended to us by God who is the ultimate peacemaker.

(13) The Offertory: We give our monetary gifts in tribute to God's generosity to us. Our gifts are tokens representing the fact that all we have comes from God alone. We bring the offering plates to the altar to celebrate the source of our providence.

(14) Eucharistic Prayer: Eucharist is the Greek word that means "thanksgiving." In the words and actions that follow, we give thanks to God for God's saving work in history that culminates in the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We do what Jesus taught us to do- which is to remember him in the breaking of the bread and sharing of the wine. In the Episcopal Church, we know that Jesus is actively present in the bread and wine shared by the community. In the bread and wine we remember that God held nothing back in his desire to love us into freedom.

(15) The Lord's Prayer: Jesus taught us to pray this prayer. We pray it in this location in our worship because the prayer points to its fulfillment in Jesus. Each line of the prayer is fulfilled only by him and with his help.

(16) The Breaking of the Bread: The priest breaks the bread to remind us that Jesus was crucified, his body broken for us. Jesus taught us to remember his sacrifice of love for us so we would know how much God loves us.

(17) Holy Communion: All are welcome to receive Jesus's gift of undying love in the bread and the wine of communion including children. Holy Communion is a sacrament and we know that God communicates God's love and grace through it no matter our level of understanding. We trust God's promise to be present and to be the bread of life for us.

(18) The Dismissal: The priest, our deacon, ends the worship service with words that invite us to go into the world serving and ministering in the name of Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit. We set apart a holy time for worship that recharges us for living the with-God life every day.

(19) Postlude: If you would like to enjoy the postlude, please move to the front of the church; at the back of the church we will be greeting each other.

Parish Prayer list

If you would like to add or reinstate a name or concern for our parish prayer list, please contact the church office or prayers@stjohnsbangor.org.

For the Sick, Injured, or Distressed, and for those who have requested prayer:

Finley G., Janet M., Esther R., Scott, Christopher, Marcia & Richard, The Ford Family, John N., Donald H., The Hosmer Family, Brenda D., The Miller Family, Earlene B., and Mike Z. **Continued prayers for** –John H., Frank S., Steve S., Kent C., Ann C., Rob, Russell M., Kyra H., Persis S., Duane P., Donald K., Jane Z., Jasmine P., Andrew, Gwen, Susan J., Elena B., Jay B., Susan S., Gary, Mikenzy M., Loretta, David B., Jane P., Kelly M., D., M., L., Katie B., Ross M., Claude K., and MarLynne M.

For our Homebound Members: Lilly P., Earlene B., and Eileen H.

For the World: for Peace and Goodwill among Nations and for peoples in places of violence or oppression, and for the many places in our world where there is danger and desperation. We continue to pray for the people in Ukraine and the Holy Land, especially for the people in Gaza in this time of great suffering, and for the innocent people of Sudan caught in a brutal civil war. For an end to war and all forms of violence. For all who suffer for conscience's sake. For our enemies and those who wish us harm. For all suffering effects of climate change and of natural disasters. For refugees, immigrants, and those who are displaced.

For our Nation: For the healing of divisions and the celebration of diversity; for the recognition that no single viewpoint on any issue, no matter how important, is without human error; and for all who struggle to change our world and its systems of oppression and exploitation.

For the Leaders of our Country, State and Community: Donald J. Trump, President; Members of Congress, especially, Susan Collins, Angus King, Chellie Pingree, Jared Golden of Maine; Janet Mills our Governor; and Susan Hawes our Mayor; for those who administer justice in the courts of this land, that they all may serve our nation and the world with wisdom, civility, and compassion.

For our Military Personnel, especially those of this Parish: Sarah M., Dillan L., and Joshua M. and we also give Thanksgiving for all veterans and their willingness to lay down their lives for our country.

With Thanksgiving for the lives of those celebrating birthdays during the coming week including: Bonnie A., Matilda H., Charlie M., Amelie S., Sheila S., Chris S. and Vanessa Y.

For the Departed: Heather Browning, Clifford Hosmer, Marian Rose Ford, Peggy Smith, and Elizabeth (Betty) McOuat Lameyer Gilmore

Serving on Sunday February 22nd:

Lectors – Kelsi H. and David F.
Acolytes – Grant P., Cindy L. and Isaac P.
Chalice Bearers – Nancy D. and Cindy L.
Ushers – Roger G. and Jeff P.
Counters – Mary W. and Paul J.
Streaming – Barbara C.

Serving on Sunday February 22nd Evensong:

Lectors – Emma P. and Eric B.
Acolytes – TBA
Ushers – Jim B. and Scott K.

Serving on Sunday March 1st:

Lectors – Ann H., Richard W. and Chris M.
Acolytes – TBD
Chalice Bearers – Grant P. and Scott B.
Ushers – Ken H. and John H.
Counters – Marsha C. and Rex. B.
Streaming – Jim B.

This Week at St. John's**No Verbal Announcements During Lent**

To maintain a solemn and focused service during Lent, we will forego verbal announcements during the liturgy. Please take time to read the emailed newsletter or the announcements printed in the bulletin.

Lenten Liturgy Update

During Lent, we will use Rite 1 for 6 Sundays. My approach is to make use of all of the liturgies authorized by the Episcopal Church in the BCP and Enriching Our Worship (EOW). Rite 1 contains some absolutely transcendent poetic language that needs to be sustained in the prayer life of our tradition. Rite 1 is also more penitential which is appropriate for Lent. Now, some folks have valid reasons to dislike Rite 1 and I respect that. Some of the language in the prayer can be heavy handed when it comes to our sinfulness. Please be careful to balance the fact that God created you (referencing Genesis) "good and very good," and that God loves us so much that God gave all for us in love.

On the first Sunday of Lent we will offer the Great Litany in Procession to begin the service. The Great Litany was the first liturgical text translated into English by Thomas Cranmer during the Reformation in England. On all other Lenten Sundays we will begin with the Penitential Rite. There will be no announcements delivered during liturgies in Lent to preserve the solemn nature of the season.

Holy Week will feature two new additions: 1. My wife Alison will recite the Gospel of Mark from memory on the afternoon of Palm Sunday followed by discussion. On Good Friday, the Dirigo Quartet will present Haydn's 7 Last Words of Christ with 7 reflections on the last words by members of the congregation! On Easter, I will offer an 8 am and 10 am service. 8 am will have one hymn at the end of the service. -Jarrett

Reading with the Rector

Book recommendations from the Rector for your Lenten reading:

Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing up in Christ by Eugene Peterson

The Vision of Ephesians by N.T. Wright

Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman

Being Disciples: Essentials of the Christian Life by Rowan Williams

An Ocean of Light: Contemplation, Transformation, and Liberation by Martin Laird

Alpha

If you are interested in Alpha, please see the Rector. We may have spaces remaining. If not, we will offer Alpha again.

Bible Discovery Group for Intermediate Aged Children During Lent

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Lenten Evensong

Please join us TONIGHT in marking the season of Lent with a Festal Service of Choral Evensong on February 22nd at 4:00pm. The Anglican tradition of sung Evening Prayer invites the congregant into a reflective time of scripture and sung prayer. Rooted in 16th century monastic traditions, Evensong has been a part of the Anglican and Episcopalian Church for centuries. Please join us as we enter into the season of Lent and contemplate the life message of Jesus Christ.

Christian Theology Class

Our next class will be held on Tuesday, February 24th, (note the date change) on Zoom at 6:30pm, covering Chapter Seventeen "Christianity and the World Religions" from the book *Christian Theology: An Introduction*. Please review the following video prior to the class –https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWM4rya5-_s . If you have any questions or would like more information about joining the class, please contact Pat S. at formation@stjohnsbangor.org.

St. John's Mugs

St. John's Mugs are for Sale: Starting this Sunday you can purchase our official St. John's Bangor logo mugs during Coffee Hour after church. Mugs are \$15 each with the option of spending more to sponsor a mug for someone who cannot afford that price. The minimum price is \$10. If paying by check, please make the check out to "St. John's Episcopal Church" and write "Mug" on the memo line. St. John's Bangor mugs are beautifully decorated with our trinity fish logo and suitable gifts for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, and valentines day. Many thanks to Bruce Mallonee for leading this effort! We are selling mugs to offset the cost of the mugs we purchased for coffee hour use. We will save money on paper cups and create less rubbish. Be sure to volunteer to wash mugs in the kitchen on Sundays!

Great Wednesday returns on the 25th of February

Come to one, two or all three parts!

5:30pm - Holy Eucharist in the Church

6:00pm - Dinner in the Undercroft, Suggested donation \$5.00.

7:00pm - Bible Study Class in the Bethlehem Chapel on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, (also available on Zoom)

Those attending from home should have their Bible handy. Those attending in person will have Bibles provided.

Crafting Day

Join us on Saturday, February 28th from 9:00am - 2:00pm for Craft Day! We'll be meeting in the church Undercroft for crafting and fellowship. Bring any craft with you and work in community. All are welcome.

Family Pizza and Fellowship Night

Family Pizza and Fellowship Night on March 14 at 4:30 pm. Mary Frances is preparing a very inspiring & interactive Stations of the Cross (5 total) for families to discover together. The children will also get to eat pizza and popcorn while watching Encanto in the Bethlehem Chapel.

The Gospel of Mark told by Alison Boden

Join us on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 pm for The Gospel of Mark told by Alison Boden: A Memorized reciting of the whole Gospel with a discussion to follow.

Announcements and Prayer Requests

Please be sure to submit all announcements and prayer requests to the office by noon on Thursday for them to be included in the weekly announcements and bulletins. Please submit photos / posters as a JPEG. Thank you!

Phishing scam alert

If you receive an email or text from "Rev. Jarrett Kerbel" asking you for a favor and could you please email him back, please don't! Rev. Kerbel will never ask you to purchase gift cards for him and will not email or text you with a vague request of

needing a favor. If you aren't sure about a request that you received from St. John's, please call or email the office at 947-0156 or office@stjohnsbangor.org.

What's Happening This Week

- **Sunday, February 22nd, 10:00am:** Worship, in-person and online followed by coffee hour in the Undercroft. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
- **Sunday, February 22nd, 11:30am:** Bible Discovery Group
- **Sunday, February 22nd, 12:30pm:** Alpha
- **Sunday, February 22nd, 4:00pm:** Lenten Evensong
- **Sunday, February 22nd, 7:00pm:** AA meeting in the Undercroft
- **Tuesday, February 24th, 9:30am:** Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen. Come and serve a warm nutrition meal to our community at the Salvation Army. Contact Claudi and Jim B. for more info at claudia&jim@stjohnsbangor.org.
- **Tuesday, February 24th, 6:30pm:** Christian Theology class on Zoom.
- **Tuesday, February 25th, 5:30pm:** Great Wednesday - 5:30pm Eucharist, 6:00 pm dinner and 7:00 pm class. Come for 1, two or all three parts!
- **Thursday, February 26th, 5:30pm:** Choir rehearsal
- **Sunday, March 1st, 10:00am:** Worship, in-person and online followed by coffee hour in the Undercroft. Nursery and Sunday School are available during the service.
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For more information about these and future events, as well as ways to get involved, check out stjohnsbangor.org.

Opportunities to pray together:

Sunday Eucharist, 10:00am in person and on YouTube

Great Wednesday, 5:30pm Eucharist in the Church, in person

Morning Prayer, Mon-Fri, 9:00 am on Zoom and Facebook, Tuesday - Friday in person in the Chapel

Evening Prayer, Mon-Fri, 5:15pm on Zoom

Nursery Care and Children's Chapel

Children should arrive between 9:45 and 10:00 am in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings for Nursery care, ages 0-3, and for Children's Chapel, ages 4-10. In Children's Chapel, we celebrate the boundless curiosity and wonder of our young ones as we delve into the stories and lessons of the Bible. We aim to cultivate a nurturing and engaging environment that teaches our youngest members the stories of their faith and promotes spiritual growth and a strong sense of community. For inquiries or to register, please contact Mary-Frances Beesorchard at children@stjohnsbangor.org.

Lent 2026: Learning & Growing Opportunities

Great Wednesday Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. A lively and inspiring exploration of Paul's beautiful treatise on how to live in community in service of Jesus. Come to one, come to all. We meet in the chapel starting at 7 pm and you can also connect by Zoom.

A Book Recommendation: The Rector recommends the book "The Vision of Ephesians: The Task of the Church and the Glory of God" by N.T. Wright for your edification during Lent. N.T. Wright is one of the greatest expositors of the Bible in the Anglican tradition and a very influential scholar. All of his books are highly recommended.

Alpha: All Questions Welcomed!

Is there more to life than this? Why and how do I pray? What is my meaning and purpose?

Alpha looks at these and other questions through a series of presentations and conversations that provide an introduction to the Christian faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Millions of people have found a fresh and engaging space and time to ask their most probing questions about God as they consider the life of faith. Alpha invites all participants to experience the life giving and soul reviving, walk with God. We will have a table set up for High School youth, as well.

If you are interested in Alpha, please see the Rector. We may have spaces remaining. If not, we will offer Alpha again.

Morning Prayer: Pray through Lent with Morning Prayer at 9 am in the Chapel. Also available on Facebook at 9 am and for the rest of the day. The Rector is always ready to show you how to pray the Daily Office at home on your own or as a family.

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*Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great
devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, to prepare, I invite you,
therefore,
in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and
repentance;
by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. -
Invitation to a Holy Lent (BCP)*

The Ministers: *All the members of this church because we believe in the “priesthood of all believers” (1 Peter 2:5).*

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