



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Hear the Spirit ~ See God's Beauty ~ Act in Love**

*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
*March 22, 2026 10am*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude** *Andante Religioso*

Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**Opening Hymn #521** *Put forth, O God, thy spirit's might*

CHELSEA SQUARE

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;  
*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

**Collect for Purity**

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 S-91**

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
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**The Gospel:** John 11:1-45

*insert*

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Following the Gospel*

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rector

*During Lent, we will observe a minute of silence for reflection and prayer between the sermon and the creed.*

**The Nicene Creed**

**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**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Julia; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison; and especially for Bridget, Tony, Lyn, Megan, Cecilia, Lin, David, Alicia, Mateo and Ellen. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence.*

*Celebrant add a concluding collect*

## **The Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Minister and People*

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

*Presider* 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 Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All are invited to exchange greetings of peace.*

## Welcome and Announcements of our Ministries

The Rector



*During the Offertory Hymn, our ushers will pass the collection plate. You are welcome to make an offering by leaving cash or a check in the plate, or by scanning the QR code to donate online via [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly).*

*Whether you are able to support our ministry financially or not, please know that you are invited to full participation in this church on exactly the same terms and conditions as God's grace and love: completely free of charge.*

## Offertory Hymn #308 O food to pilgrims given

PSALM 6

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

*The Presider continues, concluding with:*

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:

#### The Sanctus S-124

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.

*The Presider continues to give thanks, and invites all to join in*

**Presider** Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues praying, concluding with*

**Presider** All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All** **AMEN.**

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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** *The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.*

### **Agnus Dei S-161**



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.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

*All who seek to receive Christ in the sacrament of this meal are welcome to partake of the bread and wine. Please come to the altar up the center aisle and return to your pew down the side aisles. You are welcome to receive both the bread and the wine, bread only, or a blessing. To receive the bread, stand or kneel at the altar rail and the priest will place the host in your hands. The wine is available either from the common cup, or in individually pre-packaged containers on small tables at either end of the altar rail. To receive the wine from the pre-packaged cup, open the foil seal at the top of the container, drink the wine, and place the empty cup into the basket.*

**Anthem at Communion** *Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face* Trad. Manx

**The Postcommunion Prayer** *Please stand as able.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*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.**

**The Prayer over the People** *please kneel as you are able*

**Closing Hymn #665** *All my hope on God is founded*

MICHAEL

**The Dismissal**

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *In dich hab ich gehoffet, Herr* Heinrich Scheidemann (1595-1663)

*You are invited to remain seated in the Sanctuary for the Postlude  
or move immediately to the kitchen for refreshments.*

*Please help maintain a quiet atmosphere in the sanctuary during the Postlude.*

**Ministers Serving Today:**

The Rev. Greg Johnston, Rector

Douglas Witte, Organist and Choir Director

Jane Struss, Vestry Person of the Day

Nancy Armstrong and Kate Gunsch, Readers

Joanne Graziano, Intercessor

Jane Struss and Joanne Graziano, Ushers

Kate Gunsch, Chalice

Catherine Womack, Altar Guild

Barbara Bush, Simon Ringrose and Nancy Savage, Coffee Hosts

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Thanks to everyone who helped make** the Garden Group's sale last Sunday a success! Following today's coffee your, all are invited to join Joanne Graziano in the garden to do a quick bit of spring sprucing for Easter ... and our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. Many hands make light work, so please join us outside for a few minutes of clean-up before heading out.

**Please make your Easter Flower donations today** using the designated envelopes and donation information slips available from an usher and at coffee hour. Information slips must be in the office by this coming Tuesday, March 24. If donating online, please use the drop-down menu and choose "Easter Flowers." In addition, please send the name(s) of those you are honoring to the office via email or note. **Deadline: *this Tuesday!***

**On Thursday, April 2 at 6pm**, we will share our traditional Agape meal followed by Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary. There is a paper sign-up sheet in the kitchen as well as our electronic sign-up. If you can assist with set-up or clean-up or if you plan to bring food or drink to share, please note that when you RSVP.

### **Holy Week and Easter at St. John's**

Sunday, March 29

10am ~ Holy Eucharist for the Sunday of the Passion:  
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 2

6pm ~ Agape Supper for Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 3

7pm ~ Holy Eucharist for Good Friday

Saturday, April 4

12pm ~ Holy Saturday Prayers      7pm ~ Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday  
10am ~ Holy Eucharist followed by Easter Egg Hunt!

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Mr. Matthew Hast and Ms. Shannon Fry, Wardens