



**The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2023
9:30 AM**

*Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength;
for pardon only, and not for renewal.*

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome here, just as you are, to experience God's transforming love.

St. John's is a compassionate Christian community of healing, hope, and hospitality at the heart of Centreville's Historic District. First consecrated on July 14, 1854, St. John's was partially burned in the Civil War, rebuilt, expanded, and is now home to many faith communities. To learn more about us, talk to one of our clergy, chat up a neighbor, join us after worship for coffee, and visit us at stjohnscentreville.org.

Today's service follows the red Episcopal Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and features some new service music. Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals in your pew or on the purple cardstock Service Music in your pew. Participate as the Spirit moves you!

Services are live-streamed, so please be aware that you are being recorded. Cell phone use—texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

**Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Word of God**

The Prelude

The Processional Hymn: H 690 "Guide me, O thou great Jehovah"

Cwm Rhondda

Penitential Order: Rite Two

BCP, p. 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. **His mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

BCP, p. 350

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 352

The Kyrie

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The Collect of the Day: *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

BCP, p. BCP, p. 219

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.**

Children's Story

Our youngest parishioners are invited to come forward for today's story. They'll adjourn to children's chapel, returning in time for Communion.

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.

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

The Response: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, *Confitemini Domino*

BCP, p. 746

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, * **and his mercy endures for ever.**

Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim * **that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

He gathered them out of the lands; * **from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; * **they were afflicted because of their sins.**

They abhorred all manner of food * **and drew near to death's door.**

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, * **and he delivered them from their distress.**

He sent forth his word and healed them * **and saved them from the grave.**

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy * **and the wonders he does for his children.**

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. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

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The Gospel: John 3:14-21

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski**The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP, p. 392

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Holy Communion

The Offertory

At this time, the gifts of God in bread and wine and the gifts of the people are collected and brought forward in thanksgiving. Thanks to all who have pledged a portion of their time, talent, and treasure to God's mission here at St. John's.

As the Spirit moves you, please give generously by cash or check, use the QR code at right to donate online, or text STJOHNSCENTREVILLE" to 73256 to give using your mobile device. Donations of food and other items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries and the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter can be given to the usher or to the church office.



The Presentation of Alms & Oblations: H 380, v. 3 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, p. 369

Sanctus

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Great Amen: *Danish Amen*

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The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Fraction Anthem: *Agnus Dei*

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Communion Hymn: H 620 "Jerusalem, my happy home"

Land of Rest

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: H 302 "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

Rendez a Dieu

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Arrangements are given to the Glory of God.

Holy Week and Easter. Invite family and friends to join us in Holy Week and Easter.

- *Palm Sunday*, March 24, 9:30 AM
- *Maundy Thursday*, March 28, 7:30 PM
- *Good Friday*, March 29, Noon & 7:30 PM
- *Easter Sunday*, March 31, 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, followed by our Easter Egg Hunt

Candy! Our Easter egg hunt requires candy! Please bring donations of candy to church or to the church office so that our many plastic eggs can be stuffed ahead of time.

Palm Crosses and Easter Egg Stuffing, March 23, 10 AM, Rooms 207/208. Help us prepare for Holy Week by joining us to make palm crosses for Palm Sunday and stuff the Easter eggs for Easter.

Serve Meals at the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter. St. John's will be serving meals at the Katharine K. Hanley Family Shelter every second Tuesday of the month. Sign up to join us March 12, or contact Deacon Steve for more information.

Firewood! Firewood has returned! Warm your winter, and light up the darkness with firewood from St. John's. Pull up around back, make a suggested donation cashlessly via QR code, and drive away with your bundle of firewood. All proceeds benefit St. John's mission and outreach efforts in Centreville and beyond.

Coffee Hour. Please join us in the hall after the service for coffee and refreshments.

Adult Lectionary Forum. Grab a snack and join us in the library to discuss today's readings.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant:	The Rev. Kevin Laskowski	Usher:	Tom Jones
Deacon:	The Rev. Deacon Steve Busch	Lector:	Susan Davis
Music Director:	Mandy Hull	Alms Counters:	Katharine Lavery, Larry Pike
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