



The Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025
9:30 AM

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 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). Responses are in bold. Music can be found in the blue hymnals 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—sharing about the service via texting, pictures, video, social media—is encouraged, but please silence your devices and disable Wi-Fi during worship.

Holy Eucharist: Rite I
The Word of God

The Prelude

The Processional Hymn: H 401, "The God of Abraham praise"

Leoni

Penitential Order: Rite One

BCP, p. 319

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins. **His mercy endureth forever.**

The Decalogue

BCP, p. 317

Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 320

Absolution

BCP, p. 321

The Kyrie: S 91, "Lord, have mercy upon us"

The Collect of the Day: Second Sunday in Lent

BCP, p. 166

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and 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: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

The Response: Psalm 27, *Dominus illuminatio*

BCP, p. 617

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me, * **yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

And though war should rise up against me, * **yet will I put my trust in him.**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord * **and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *

he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head * **above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; * **have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * **Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me, * **nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away; * **do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

Though my father and my mother forsake me, * **the Lord will sustain me.**

Show me your way, O Lord; * **lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.**

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *

for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who speak malice.

What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the Lord * **in the land of the living!**

O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *

wait patiently for the Lord.

The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord

Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

The Gospel Hymn: H 152, "Kind Maker of the world, O hear"

A la venue de Noël

The Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

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

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Steve Busch

The Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 326

The Prayers of the People

BCP, p. 328

The Peace

BCP, p. 332

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"

BCP, p. 333

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

Sanctus: S 114, "Holy, holy, holy"

BCP, p. 336

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 337

Fraction Anthem: S 158, "O Lamb of God"

Agnus Dei

Prayer of Humble Access

BCP, p. 337

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. To receive the wafer, extend one hand over the other. If you wish to receive the wine, take a sip of the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips. Dipping the wafer into the wine is not permitted. The bishop's customary requires the minister to do it for you. If you wish the minister to intinct, make a dipping motion or point to the minister when you approach. If you would like Communion brought to you, please let an usher know. If you would like to receive a blessing rather than Communion, please cross your arms over your chest as you approach.

Communion Hymn: H 337, "And now, O Father, mindful of the love"

Unde et memoriae

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 339

Announcements

Blessing

Recessional Hymn: H 495, "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!"

In Babilone

Dismissal

BCP, p. 340

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 Worship at St. John's

- Palm Sunday, April 13, 9:30 AM
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:30 PM
- Good Friday, April 18, 12:00 Noon and 7:30 PM
- Easter Sunday, April 20, 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM followed by our Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Candy. Please bring donations of Easter candy to worship or to the office during Lent so that eggs can be stuffed ahead of our Easter Egg Hunt.

Creation Care Garden. The committee is making preparations for the 2025 growing season. Last year, this ministry grew over 216 pounds of vegetables for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. Monetary donations are requested to purchase seedlings and needed garden supplies. Donate by check to St. John's Episcopal Church with the words "Creation Care Garden" in the memo field, or by cash accompanied by a note with your name and address. Online giving coming soon.

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

Adult Lectionary Forum. If you'd like to discuss today's readings in greater depth, grab coffee and a snack, and join us in the library after the service.

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TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant: The Rev. Kevin Laskowski

Usher: Elise Crawford

Deacon: The Rev. Steve Busch

Lector: Susan Davis

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