March 5, 2023
Second Sunday in Lent

9 & 11 AM
Holy Eucharist — Rite I

Welcome!

We will have sealed cups and wafers on the left side (facing the altar) and the common cup on the right side (pulpit side). It is truly a gift to be able to kneel alongside one another again and partake in the body and blood of Jesus together. We will not be offering the option of intinction as it has proven to spread illness more than drinking from the cup. If you would like to receive a blessing from a Priest, come forward and cross your arms at the rail.

Listening assistance devices are provided – ask any usher

ST. JOHN'S MISSION IS TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST
inspire
aspire
perspire

Children's worship bulletins and bags are located in the vestibules

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Winarski.

Holy Eucharist — Rite I

Prelude *When in the hour of utmost need* J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn — 556 v 1,2,4 *Rejoice ye pure in heart*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People ***His mercy endureth for ever.***

Collect for Purity

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 we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Kyrie *(spoken)*

Priest Lord have mercy upon us.
People ***Christ have mercy upon us.***
Priest Lord have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.
People ***And with thy spirit.***
Priest Let us pray.

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.***

The Word of God

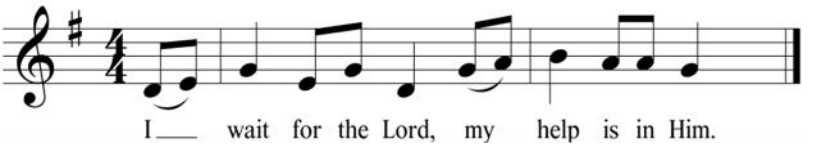
The Old Testament *(seated)* Genesis 12:1-4a

"The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

The Psalm — Psalm 121



1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. **REFRAIN**

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night. **REFRAIN**

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore. **REFRAIN**

The Epistle — Romans 4:1-5,13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn — 671 vi-3 *Amazing Grace*

The Gospel Reading **John 3:1-17**

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And 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."

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

Sermon The Rev. Mark D. Riley

A brief silence is observed following the sermon

Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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.

Prayers Of The People Rite I

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Archbishop Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Rev. Curry, our Presiding Bishop; and The Rt. Rev. Haynes, our Bishop; and for Samantha and Mark, our clergy, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially President Biden, Governor Youngkin, and Mayor Tuck, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, especially those involved in the war in Ukraine, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor to all those who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our prayer list. Are there others?

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of: Byron, Judy, and Mike. Are there others?

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. John and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Are there others?

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin *(kneeling)*

Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Comfortable Words

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Welcome and Announcements *(seated)*

Offertory Music

Jesus, priceless treasure — A. W. Leupold

As the Hart desireth the waterbrooks — Healey Willan

Doxology *(standing)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer I

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

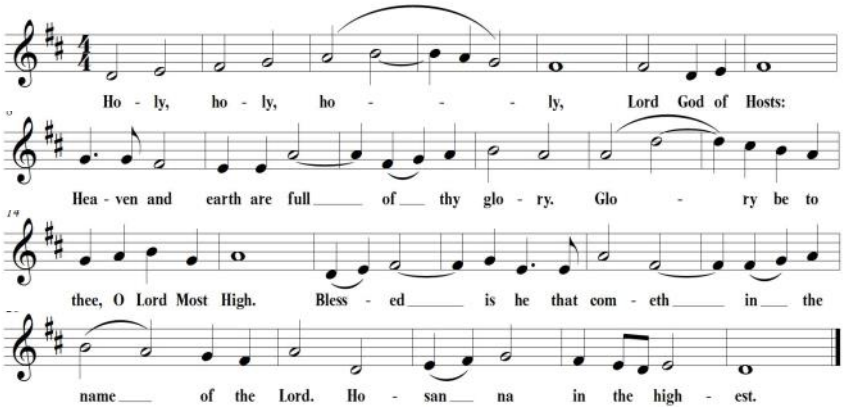
People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

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

Sanctus



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....

...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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer *(together)*

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 *(Silence is kept)*

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Agnus Dei

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

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.

The Invitation

The Distribution

Communion Music *11:00 God So Loved the World*

Post-Communion Prayer *(kneeling)*

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.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn — 558 *Faith of our Fathers*

Dismissal

Postlude *Rejoice ye pure in heart* Robert Hobby

Participating In Today's Service

LEMs 9AM Bettyrene Pope, Elizabeth Zimmerman
Ushers 9AM Charlie Edmonson, Frank Edgar, Jr.
Altar Guild 9AM Lynn Kirkland, Susan Edmonson
Acolyte Master 9AM David Bishop
Music Director/Organist Deborah Carr
Coffee Hour Nancy & Bill Beach

11AM Stephen Rous, Elizabeth Phillips
11AM Scott Curtis, Warren Coleman
11AM Linda & Brian McMahon
11AM Wendy Cumming
Special Music 11AM St. John's Choir
Flower Delivery Jane Price

Calendar
March 5 - 11, 2023

Sunday, 3/5
9AM Holy Eucharist—Rite I
10AM Christian Formation
11AM Holy Eucharist—Rite I
12PM Coffee Hour

Monday, 3/6
8PM AA
9PM Compline

Tuesday, 3/7
10:30AM St. Anne's Guild
9PM Compline

Wednesday, 3/8
3PM Bible Study
5:30PM THRIVE
6PM Lenten Program
7PM Choir
9PM Compline

Thursday, 3/9
11AM THRIVE
12PM Bulletin Deadline
8PM AA
9PM Compline

Friday, 3/10
9:15AM Women's Al-Anon

Prayers And Thanksgivings

We pray for healing in the lives of Ruth Purinton, Bill Harper, Mary Scalisi, Charlotte Weber, Diana Youngclaus, Kevin Rowe, Ron Forbes, Mary Virginia Strup, Martha Messersmith, John Hutson, Susan Cowling, Inmates and Staff at Hampton City Jail, Bob Ridle, Regina Cicchetti, Eileen, Brenda Ayers, Linda Carwile, Jessica McCready, Kaleb, Frank Robert, Mike Fox, George Edmonson, Lauren, John Stant, Pam Lawson, Dave Forrest, Paige, Mimi, Sue Tillery, Cabel Potts, Bobby Phillips, and Julia Mulherin.

We give thanksgivings for the birthdays of Byron Gibson (3/6), Judy Steffens (3/9), and Mike Connly (3/11).

Announcements

Lent Soup and Faith Conversations: Starting on March 1st, we will meet every Wednesday for a simple meal of soup, salad and bread. One person from St. John's will share part of their faith story. Don't worry—you won't be asked on the spot. This is strictly volunteer. There will be small table conversation if people are moved to share in a small group. It's amazing what you can learn from someone else's experience. This is also an opportunity to get to know people a little better. We will meet from 6PM to 7PM in the parish hall. Our Second speaker will be Jim Klotz, and Wendy Connly will share March 15th. Bob Harper will share on March 22nd, and Betsy Clark on March 29th.

Rite 1 Service: Welcome back Rite 1! It is the practice of St. John's to use Rite 1 at both services during Lent. It's a little different than what we usually do and if you did not grow up with it, it might seem a little foreign at first. Rite 1 has a more penitential and contemplative flavor than Rite 2 which fits well with the scripture that accompanies this season. The season of Lent is a time of repentance and also reorientation. It's an opportunity to reorient your life so God can be at the center.

Disaster Relief Contribution Challenge for Earthquake Relief: Because the need for funds to assist in all aspects of the earthquake disaster in Turkey and Syria is great, the Charitable Trust wishes to maximize contributions by challenging St. John's members with a dollar for dollar match up to $5,000. Parishioners have donated $2,061 to date. The need is great and the time is now. All collected funds will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development earmarked for earthquake relief. It is easy to participate. Simply write your check to St. John's with "earthquake' in the memo line. If you prefer cash, please put it in the marked envelope you'll find in your pew. Drop it in the collection plate, or mail or bring it to the church. Because time is of the essence in this campaign, please make your generous contribution by February 26. The Charitable Trust thanks you for your participation in this important gift match program.

Adult Christian Formation: Sunday we continue our study of Esther using The Good Book Club. Reflections and questions are provided by The Rev. Elizabeth Felicetti, who is rector at St. David's in Richmond. She is also co-authoring a book with Samantha (forthcoming from Eerdmans). Materials provided. We meet on the stage at 10AM. All are welcome, please join us. For a reading schedule and information: www.goodbookclub.org.

Children and Youth Christian Formation: We have two Christian Formation classes for children and youth ages 3-7 and ages 8 and up on Sunday mornings at 10AM. All are welcome!

Children's Bulletins: We have bulletins for children ages 3-6 and 7-12 available at each service. Ask an usher for one or both.

In person study returning: Interest has returned for an in person Bible study at St. John's. Mark is currently trying to gather names of people who would be interested in gathering in the parish hall for a weekly study. If you are interested please email Mark. mark@stjohnshampton.org

Bible Study: We continue our study of Romans. We meet via Zoom. We welcome all visitors!

Gluten Free Communion Options: Sealed communion packets with gluten free wafers are currently unavailable—it is our hope we'll be able to offer them before the end of March. Gluten free communion wafers are currently available. Communion can be taken in one kind if the common cup makes you nervous!

Chanco Lenten Retreat: Tired of Covid? Weary from watching the news? Need some gentle time for your spirit? Then it's time to register for this year's **Lenten Retreat, "Let Love Be the Desert,"** taking place on **March 17-18**. Led by Angier Brock, the retreat will invite us to step away from busy-ness and fatigue to enter a quiet space where scripture, poetry, and reflection can nourish us. The retreat will include journaling, group discussion, and silence, with time after lunch for walking Chanco's labyrinth, strolling through the woods, engaging in a quiet indoor reflective activity, or simply sitting. Those wishing to spend some time outdoors should wear clothes and shoes suitable for that day's weather.

Book Club: The St. John's Book Club will meet Monday, March 13, at 4 pm on the stage in the Parish House. For that meeting we will read through page 161 in *The Marriage Portrait* by Maggie O'Farrell. New members are welcome! For more information, please contact Susan Edmonson at 757-325-6676 or edmonson4@cox.net.

St. Anne's Guild: **The** St Anne's Guild will meet on Tuesday, March 7th at 10:30am in the Parish House. Janice Markham will speak to us regarding her research into donkeys of the bible and hopefully give us an update on her adopted rescue donkey, Mr Beans. Greta Harrison will make a short presentation about her daughter Yassy. Sally Morgan will provide snacks. All are welcome to attend.

Healing Prayer: Healing Prayer is being offered weekly in the chapel during Holy Eucharist at both services. If you would like prayer for healing or any request, our prayer team will be in the chapel during Holy Eucharist to pray with you.

Samantha on Vacation: Samantha is on vacation celebrating her parent's 60th anniversary. She will return March 9th

Office hours Monday: The office will be open from 10am-3pm this Monday, March 6th. Normal hours will resume March 7th.

Nursery Closure: The Nursey will be closed March 19th.

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