



**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 8, 2020
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

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 서 오 **welcome**
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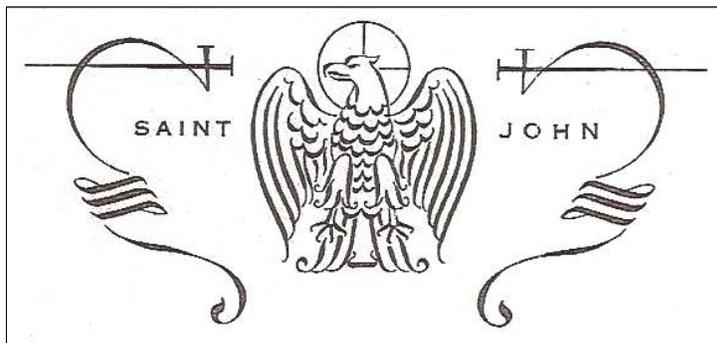
A WARM WELCOME AND A BLESSED SUNDAY

Welcome to St. John's Episcopal Church. We are an historic church and we are an international church. Nearly twenty different languages are spoken by this diverse and energetic Christian family representing all the different types of homes we grew up in spread across the world.

Saying "welcome" in many different languages is only one of the ways in which we welcome you. We also welcome you to deepen your faith, explore your spirituality, and discover a community committed to putting into daily practice the teachings of Jesus and of Holy Scripture.

Lastly we say welcome by inviting you to enjoy refreshments immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass. As a family we share food and fellowship every Sunday before we head off to the other activities of the day. Please join us. Refreshments are served in Eccleston Hall, which is located in Canterbury House, the apartment building located directly behind the church. Anyone will be happy to show you the way.

Whether this is your first time visiting St John's, or you have been a member of this church since your birth, the welcome we extend is genuine and heartfelt. We are very glad you are with us this morning. May God bless you in the prayers, praise, and worship you offer Him this day.



THE FIRST MASS OF THE DAY

8:00 AM

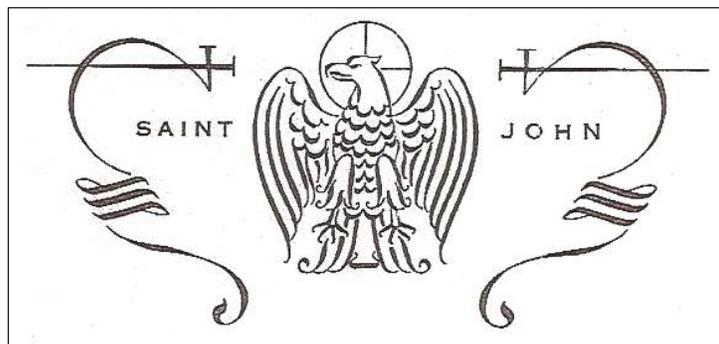
Rite One

The Book of Common Prayer

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THE SUNG MASS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

THE ENTRANCE RITE

THE VOLUNTARY

Please join in the congregational responses printed in bold

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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Lift high the cross
Crucifer

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER AND DECALOGUE

THE KYRIES

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Hassler/McGregor

Unison or harmony

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

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THE SALUTATION

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy en - dures for ev - er.

THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant, Deacon, or Cantor *People*

(Each commandment monotoned) A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

Setting: Howard E. Galley (1929–1993).
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The People kneel for the Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:
 I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
 You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Celebrant continues

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us sins, and to cleanse us all from unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant and people pray together saying:

**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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

THE TRISAGION S-100

Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

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

The psalm is read responsively by the people

PSALM 121 *Levavi oculos*



- 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 a- | sleep.
- 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.
- 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 | ev-er | more.

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
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THE GOSPEL

John 3: 1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John

Glory to you, Lord Christ

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."

Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev'd. Canon Charles Simmons

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

Intercessor: Brothers and sisters, wait patiently for the Lord. Trusting our merciful God to hear us, we pray, "Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call; have mercy on us and answer us."

Almighty God, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us citizens of your heavenly kingdom. Show us your ways, O Lord, and give us the strength to stand firm.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Forgive us, gracious God, for the violence and anger in our own hearts. Open our ears and hearts to listen to your prophets and heed their call to repentance.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

We long, O God, to behold your fair beauty. Open our eyes to the beauty all around us. Inspire our hearts to sing out and make music to you.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

We pray, O God, for all those who have no place to call home. In their day of trouble keep them safe in your shelter; hide them in your dwelling. May they find housing in this life and find their home in your heart forever.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Lord Jesus, you desire to gather your children as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Be the light and salvation of those who are lost and alone. May all in need know your goodness and mercy.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Lord Jesus, in the fullness of time make all things subject to yourself and transform us, with all your saints, that at the last we might be confirmed to your glorious likeness.

(Pause for silent prayer)

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

Remember, O God, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting, as we bring to you our intercessions on behalf of those for whom we pray, especially Carol, Deborah, Nicky, Ashley, Adele, Marian, Emanuel, Nicholas, Violet, Carole, George, Dave, Aurelia, Francis, Tina, Mona, Arthur, Elba, Donna Jean, William, Mark, Billie, Carla, Inga, Charlie, Mary, and all whom we carry in our hearts.

We come to you in grateful thanksgiving for all the blessings of this day, especially Eleanora Gjoka, Jacob Greaker, Roy Costello, Lori Wood and Alyson Cramer who are celebrating birthdays this week.

Hearken to our voice, O Lord, when we call;

Have mercy on us and answer us.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

The Celebrant will give a Concluding Collect, and the people respond

AMEN

THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE WELCOME AND THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant sings the Proper Preface of the day

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

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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 CANON

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

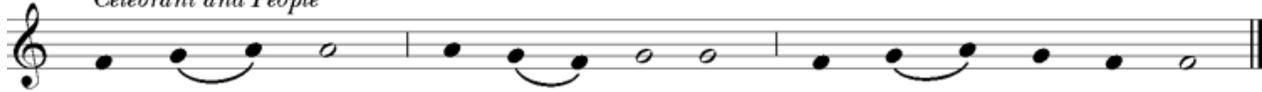
Celebrant



There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

Celebrant and People



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G major (one flat) with a treble clef. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half).

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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.

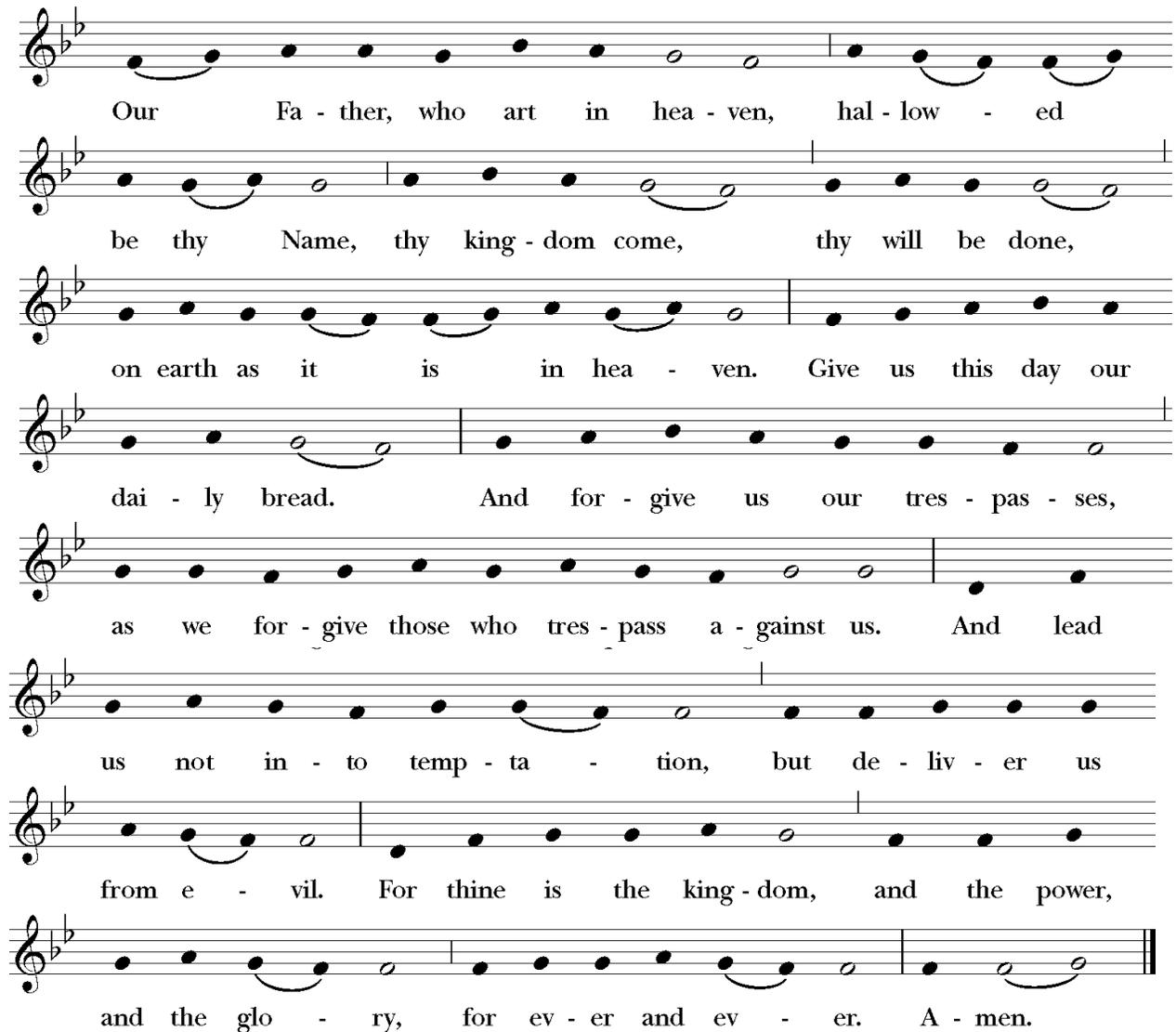
THE GREAT AMEN



A - men. A - men. A - men.

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread.

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

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.

THE INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

THE COMMUNION HYMN 337

And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Unde et memores

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

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 SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Presider gives a blessing. At the conclusion, the people respond

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 691

My faith looks up to thee
Olivet

THE DISMISSAL

The Mass is ended. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE VOLUNTARY

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Celebrant ♦ The Rev'd Canon Charles Simmons

Lay Eucharist Minister ♦ Rick Rowe (8:00 AM),
Steven McCrimmon (10:00 AM)

Lectors ♦ Jeryn Jacob, Chinelo Anosike

Crucifer ♦ Allan Anderson

Acolytes ♦ Allan Anderson

Presentation of Gifts ♦ Carol Thaten, Cate Bridges

Ushers ♦ Ed Teegarden (8:00 AM), Trevor Chase, Franklin Trinity(10:00 AM)

Altar Guild ♦ Carol Thaten, Lynda Laurent, Diane Khan

Coffee Hour ♦ Edwina McCrimmon & Diane Sprosty

THE FLOWERS & EUCHARISTIC GIFTS ON THE ALTAR ARE DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF

Florence Mary Francis

By

Her Children & Grandchildren

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT



1. There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, _____ And I
 (2. There are) bless - ings you can - not re - ceive _____ Till you
 (3. If you) say He saved you from your sin, _____ Now you're



1. know that it's the Spir - it of _____ the Lord. _____ There are
 2. know Him in His full - ness, and _____ be - lieve. _____ You're the
 3. weak, you're bound, and can - not en - ter in, _____ you can



1. sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, _____ And I
 2. one to pro - fit when you say, _____ "I am
 3. make it right if you will yield; _____ You'll en -



1. know they feel the pres - ence of _____ the Lord. _____
 2. going to walk with Je - sus all _____ the way." _____
 3. joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that _____ we feel. _____



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly Dove,



Stay right here with us, _____ fill - ing us with your love.



And for these bless - ings _____ we lift our hearts in



praise; With - out a doubt we'll know _____ that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place. 2. There are

3. If you place. _____

CLERGY ROTA (SUBJECT TO UPDATES)

March

- Sunday, March 15:** **The Rev. Canon Charles Simmons**
- Sunday March 22:** **The Rt. Rev'd. Bishop Andrew Dietsche**
Episcopal Visitation
- Sunday, March 29:** **TBA**

April

- Sunday, April 5:** **Palm Sunday**
The Rev. Canon Charles Simmons
- Sunday, April 12:** **Easter Sunday**
The Rev. Mark Brown
- Sunday, April 19:** **The Rev. Maxine Cleghorn**
- Sunday, April 26:** **The Rev. Maxine Cleghorn**

If any of our parishioners become hospitalized or home bound for a period of time, please be sure to inform:

Parish Office (718-447-1605) or
Edwina McCrimmon
(347-409-9892 or edmcgrimmon@yahoo.com).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COFFEE HOUR

Our hosts this morning for Coffee Hour are:

Edwina McCrimmon & Diane Sprosty

Thank you to all our very generous coffee hour hosts and their helpers. We sincerely appreciate your hard work, dedication and charitable spirit. These very generous hosts and helpers provide a meal as their own personal gift to the parish and the residents of Canterbury House.

Note: *The Full Lay Ministry & Coffee Hour Schedule will be available shortly.*

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

Choir rehearsals will be held each Saturday afternoon from 2-4 PM in the church. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please speak with **Mr. Stephen Hetzel, Organist/Choir Director (347-265-1824 or stjohssmusic@gmail.com)**.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday, March 14, 2020 / Irish Night Dinner; 6:30 PM at

Eccleston Hall; Reservations Recommended (see reservation form in bulletin)
\$30 per person (children under 8 years, no charge)

Sunday, March 15, 2020 / Richmond Inter-Parish Council Lenten Evening Song The Rev.

Jerry Keucher, Guest Homilist

St. Alban's Church; 4:00 PM, 76 St. Albans Place, Sl, NY 10312/718.984-7756

Refreshments provided. Please bring a dessert to share and if you need a ride, contact Edwina at (347) 409-9892.

Sunday, March 22, 2020, 10:00 AM/ Episcopal Visitation, The Right Rev. Andrew L. Dietsche, Preacher and Celebrant. ALL ARE INVITED.

Friday, March 27, 2020 / Fish Fry Night; 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Christ Church, New Brighton, 76 Franklin Avenue

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

***Sunday, April 5, 10:30 AM, Palm Sunday Services, Procession from Von Briesen Park**

***Thursday, April 9, 6:00 PM, Joint Maundy Thursday Soup Supper/Washing of Feet**

Church of the Ascension, 1 Kingsley Avenue

If you would like to make a soup, bring bread or cracker or need a ride, please contact Edwina at 347.409.9892.

***Friday, April 10: 7:30 PM, Joint Good Friday Service "The Passion", at St. John's Church**

***Saturday, April 11: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Church Workday** in preparation for Easter Sunday. Volunteers need! Please come out and help us prepare our church!

***Sunday, April 12: 10:00 AM** Easter Sunday Service. Children's Easter Egg Hunt on The Rectory Lawn following the Service.

2020 ST. JOHN'S VESTRY MEETING SCHEDULE

Vestry Meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month
from 10:00 – 11:30 AM (subject to adjustment if needed)

Saturday, March 7

Saturday, April 4

Saturday, May 2

Saturday, June 6

No formal meeting in July & August unless required

Saturday, September 5

Saturday, October 3

Saturday, November 7

Saturday, December 5

Vestry minutes will be provided upon request.

2020 ST. JOHN'S SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

St. John's Episcopal Church will begin the diligent process of searching for a full-time Rector. Your prayers and input are valuable during this process and we are blessed to have the below individuals serve as committee members. Please speak with them, pray with them during this process.

Ray Gant and David Sprosty, Co-Chairs
Gail Menkes, Vivian Murray and Jeff Zantek, Members
Chinelo Anosike, Alternate Member

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

NIGEL ALLEN, USA
ALEXA CHIARAPPA, USA
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON, USA
MICHAEL NIEDBALA, USA
JAMES WHITE, USAF
JEFFREY ZANTEK, USCG



March 3, 2020

Faith and Facts in a Climate of Fear

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are writing to you about COVID-19, the coronavirus disease currently affecting the lives of many around the globe. Much advice and information has already been disseminated—and rather than repeating it all, we refer you to the *Episcopal Relief & Development* website, which has an excellent page titled *Faith-Based Responses to Epidemics*. You can reach this page by entering <https://episnyd.io/erd> in your browser or by going to www.episcopalrelief.org and following the links.

We also offer these simple guidelines for adaptations of services:

- Remind congregants not to come to church or meetings if they feel ill.
- Clergy should wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before services and use hand sanitizer before distributing communion.
- Provide hand sanitizer for congregational use.
- If desired by the congregation, adapt rituals to minimize personal contact.
- Communion: those who are ill should stay home; those who are concerned may abstain from communion or receive “in one kind” (host only); use of the common cup with proper purificator procedure presents relatively low risk; intinction should be avoided.
- Sharing of the Peace: waving or bowing are perfectly acceptable in place of shaking hands or hugging.

Above all, we should be compassionate, and ground our actions in faith and facts.

Episcopal Relief & Development puts this well on the page linked to above:

Our role in responding, as churches, dioceses and compassionate Christians, is to:

- Combat fear with knowledge in order to encourage preparedness and decrease stigma.
- Maintain operational continuity and continue worship life in the case of potential quarantine and disruption.
- Show God’s compassion and care to those in our communities who are affected.

Today we express our profound gratitude for your own leadership and discernment. We have already read and experienced, in our congregations and communities, thoughtful, measured, and helpful responses to the COVID-19 outbreak.

As becomes necessary and as the situation evolves, we will communicate further.

We close with a prayer.

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(BCP, p. 832)

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR HAVE OTHER NEED

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3/10 Eleanora Gjoka
Jacob Greaker
3/13 Roy Costello
3/14 Lori Wood
Alyson Cramer
3/15 Lillie Johnson
3/16 Abelardo Kenefati
3/18 Steven McCrimmon, Jr.
3/19 Jeryn Jacob
3/21 Ifejola Arowolo
3/25 Phyllis Petersen
3/28 Gilbert A. Schweiger
3/30 Violet Cheeks
Rick Rowe

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Francis DaPello
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Mona Dunn
Arthur Elwell
Elba Espinosa
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Dice Grigg
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Lillie Johnson
Diane Khan
Beatrice Kaliku
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Ilmi Kaziu
Iris Kelly
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