

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

10:00 AM

WELCOME!

YOU are welcome here, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, sex, national origin, marital status, family makeup, socioeconomic status, or political persuasion. St. John's Episcopal Church is a community of people who gather to acknowledge our need for divine and human love, and to respect our common humanity.

At St. John's, ALL ARE WELCOME.

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you've been attending for a little while, and you'd like to learn more about us, please take a 'Welcome' card from our pews, complete & place the 'Connect' side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information on the back of this bulletin.

Our mission

LINKING LIVES IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST



Christ in Glory

Basilica of San Vitale, Ravenna, Italy
from *Art in the Christian Tradition*

Our vision

*WE JOYFULLY GATHER TO PRAY, WORSHIP, LEARN AND SERVE
AS WE SEEK TO FOLLOW JESUS, AND INVITE ALL TO JOIN US
ON A SACRED JOURNEY OF HOPE AND TRANSFORMATION*

Following the pattern of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, RITE II

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Whisler

Please stand as you are able

Hymn - "Jesus shall reign where're the sun"

#544 in The Hymnal 1982*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 thro' to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
 Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

LM

A Penitential Order

p 351 in The BCP

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **God's mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

Confession of Sin

p. 360 in The BCP

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

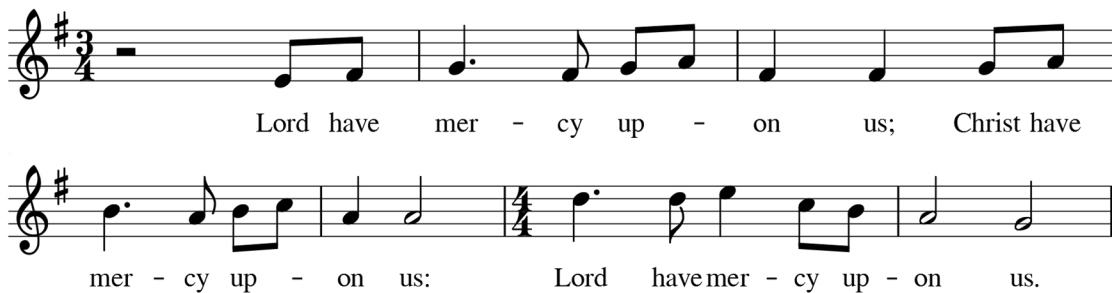
Silence

Together **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.**

Absolution

Celebrant 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.**

Kyrie



Lord have mer - cy up - on us; Christ have
mer - cy up - on us: Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

First Lesson - Jeremiah 31:31-34

Deb Blackhurst

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall

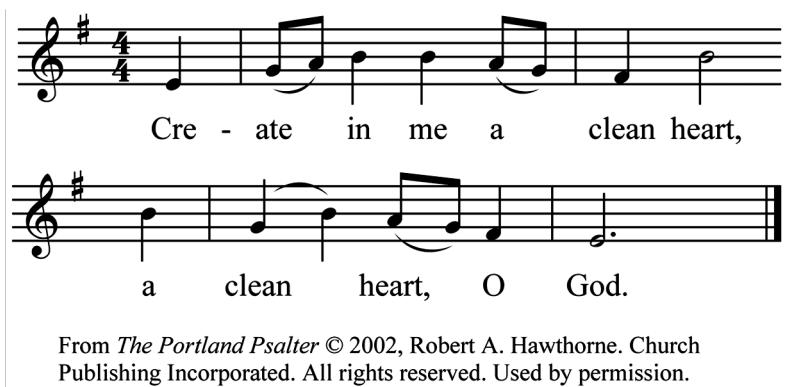
they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 51:1-13 - *Miserere mei, Deus*

Cantor will invite the congregation to join in on the Refrain



Cre - ate in me a clean heart,
a clean heart, O God.

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| <p>1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.</p> <p>2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.</p> <p>3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.</p> <p>4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.</p> <p>5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.</p> <p>6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother’s womb.</p> | <p>7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.</p> <p>8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.</p> <p>9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.</p> <p>10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.</p> <p>11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.</p> <p>12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.</p> <p>13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.</p> |
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Second Lesson - Hebrews 5:5-10

Mike Spencer

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

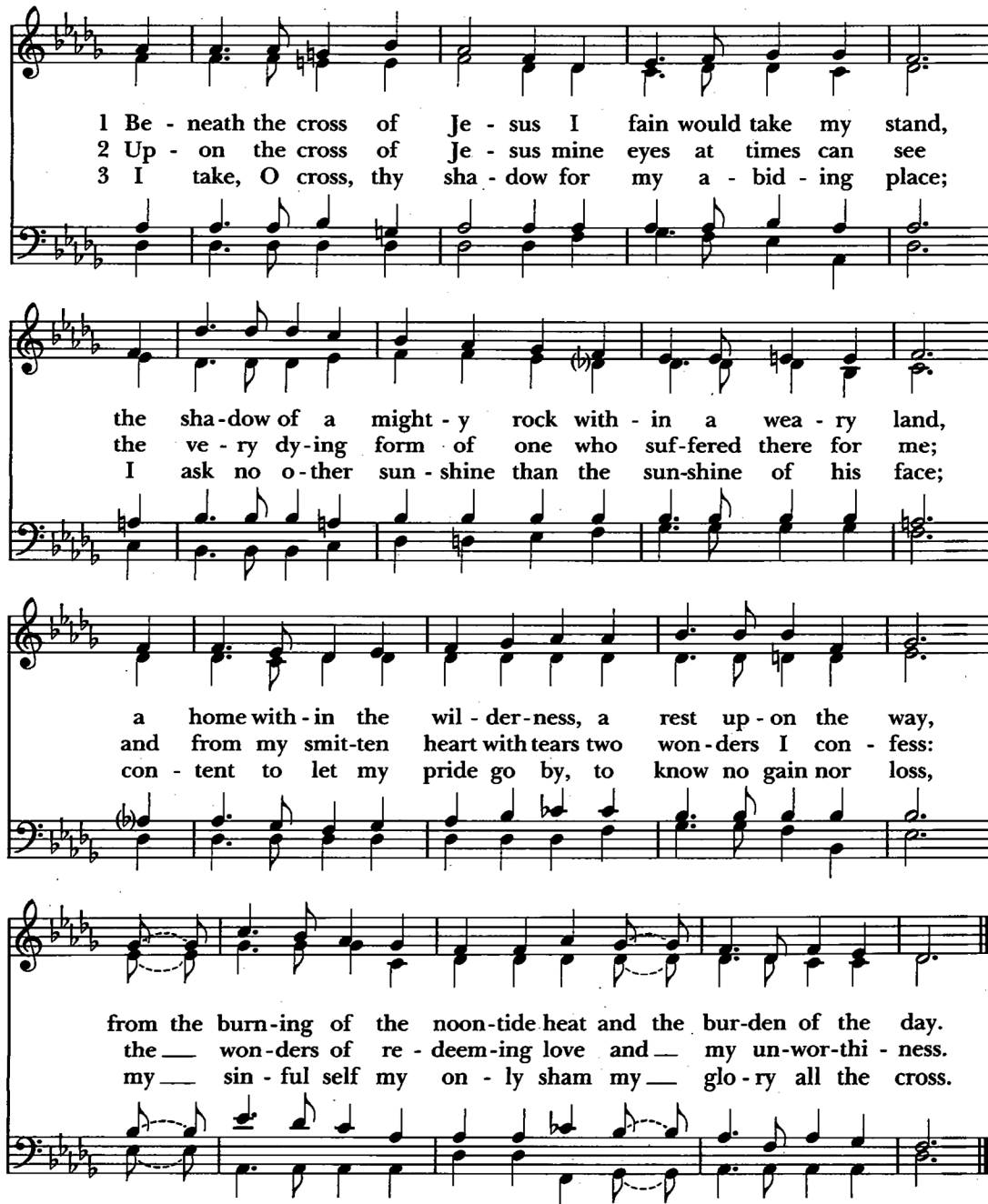
“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Procession
Gospel Hymn - "Beneath the cross of Jesus" (verse 1)

#498 in The Hymnal 1982*



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
3 I take, O cross, thy sha - dow for my a - bid - ing place;
the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;
a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
the — won - ders of re - deem - ing love and — my un - wor - thi - ness.
my — sin - ful self my on - ly sham my — glo - ry all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane (1830-1869), alt.

Music: *St. Christopher*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

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Gospel Reading - John 12:20-33

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat

falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

Gospel Hymn - “Beneath the cross of Jesus” (verse 3)

#498 in **The Hymnal 1982***

See previous page. . .

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson

Anthem - “O Love”

Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir

Please stand to say together

Nicene Creed

p. 326 in **The BCP**

**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 Form IV

p. 388 in The BCP

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
 Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for the dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan; the community of St. John's; and our partner congregation, St. Philips, Grand Rapids.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Pray especially for our youth confirmands and those supporting them on this path of learning and growth.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Pray for Ian, Cathy & Juan, Beth, Anita, Doug, Janeene, Kristi, Arra, Penny, Ashlee, Susan & Bob, Norma & Dean, April, Char, the Sullivan family, Margaret & Gene, Betty, and John. Pray especially for those in our human family who are dwelling amid the storms of war, violence, and upheaval.
Prayers and thanksgivings are invited.
Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please be seated

Offertory Music - "Jesus Loves Me"

Joyful Noise

Jesus Loves me, this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong.
They are weak, but he is strong.

Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves,
For the Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Chorus

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

Chorus

Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

Chorus

Final Chorus

Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves,
[*slowly*] For the Bible tells me so.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be - low, Praise
God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly - Ghost.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also 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.
 Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People Glory to you for ever and ever.
 Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People By your will they were created and have their being.
 Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.
 Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.
 Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please stand or kneel as you are able

Celebrant And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him...
... Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant Lord God of our Ancestors...
... Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

p. 364 in **The BCP**

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

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

p. 364 in **The BCP**

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive communion. St. John's uses gluten-free bread, and wine. Individually sealed cups with gluten-free, allergen-friendly hosts, and grape juice are available by request. Please follow the directions of our ushers.

A Prayer in lieu of Sacramental Reception

attributed to *The Rev. Charles Curtis*

Those worshipping with us on our live stream are invited to use the following prayer as our in-person congregation receives Communion.

O blessed Jesus, our Savior and Lord, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of your body and Blood. We love you above all things, and we long for you in our souls. Since we cannot now receive you in your sacramental Presence, grant that we may still be fed by your Holy Spirit in our hearts. We welcome you and embrace you, and unite ourselves wholly to you; and grant, most gracious Lord, that we may evermore dwell in you, and you in us. Amen.

> 1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 > 2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
 3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

Glo - ri - fy Thy name, Glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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 MUSIC: Donna Adkins
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Optional segue to "Majesty."
 No transition is needed.
 GLORIFY THY NAME
 Irregular meter

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.
 Together 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.

Blessing

The priest blesses the people
 People Amen.

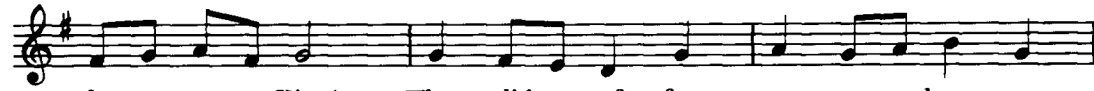
Please stand as you are able

Closing Hymn - "Hail, thou once despised Jesus!"

#495 in The Hymnal 1982*



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
 *4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
 thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
 to a - bide; all the heaven - ly hosts a - dore thee,
 to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
 thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
 seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
 right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
 giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
 plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
 spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name.
 gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

Words: John Bakewell (1721-1819) and Martin Madan (1726-1790), alt.

Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradanseu*, 1710

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Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Don Whitman

Martha Crawmer, cello

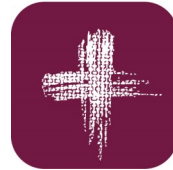
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WORSHIP SERVICES DURING LENT:



SUNDAYS

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (spoken)
10:00am - Holy Eucharist (w/music)



WEDNESDAYS

12:00pm – Holy Eucharist – Elliott Chapel
(quiet, contemplative worship)



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:



PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 24

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (spoken)
10:00am – Holy Eucharist (w/music)



WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK – MARCH 27

12:00pm – Holy Eucharist – Elliott Chapel



MAUNDY THURSDAY – MARCH 28

7:00pm – Holy Eucharist (w/foot washing)
9:00pm to 10:00am (3/29) - Overnight Vigil



GOOD FRIDAY – MARCH 29

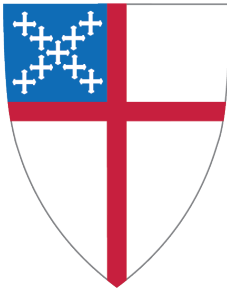
7:00pm – Good Friday Service



EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31

8:00am – Holy Eucharist (spoken)
10:00am – Holy Eucharist (w/music)





SERVING TODAY

Presiding.....The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson
PreachingThe Rev. Alissa G. Anderson
Cantor Amon Eady
Pianist..... Travis Fader
Greeters/Ushers..... Will Koonce, Jacques Randolet
Element Bearers..... HJ Smith, Lee Smith
Announcer..... Dave Whisler
Lectors..... Deb Blackhurst, Mike Spencer
Intercessor Marnie Bash
Crucifer/Eucharistic Minister Karen Newhouse
Eucharistic Minister Doug Germain
Altar Guild Katherine Loyer
Broadcast Technician Alicia Watt
Coffee Hour Host Eileen & Doug Germain
(signup sheet posted on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall)

HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST
MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS

Clergy

The Rev. Alissa G. Anderson*Rector*

Staff

Chris Lauckner*Parish Administrator*
Dr. Amon Eady *Director of Music*
Travis Fader *Organist*
Linda Germain *Children & Youth Director*
Colleen O’Dell *Bookkeeper*
Ellen Woodard *Administrative Assistant*
Nick Lowthian *Sexton*
Vickie Densmore *Janitor*

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2025

Eric Carlson, *Co-Warden*
Bill Kent
Paul Tolly

Class of 2027

Eric Heglin
Susan Rye, *Clerk*
Fred Schuster

Class of 2026

Deb Blackhurst
Angela Garcia, *Co-Warden*
Gail Hoffman

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