



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HOLY EUCHARIST

Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 17, 2024 • 10:30 a.m.

*Welcome to St. John's. We are happy you are joining us in worship today. Our service is printed here, with congregational responses printed in **bold**. Hymns are printed in the hymnals in the pews. Mask wearing is optional.*

PRELUDE

HYMN • 423

St. Denzō

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Blessed be God who forgives all our sins.

God's mercy endures forever.

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."

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

KYRIE • S91

by Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT

God be with you.

And also with you.

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 forever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:9-16 (*Read responsively*)

9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *

By keeping to your words.

10 With my whole heart I seek you; *

let me not stray from your commandments.

11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *

that I may not sin against you.

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; *

instruct me in your statutes.

13 With my lips will I recite *

all the judgments of your mouth.

14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *

than in all manner of riches.

15 I will meditate on your commandments *

and give attention to your ways.

16 My delight is in your statutes; *

I will not forget your word.

A READING FROM HEBREWS

Hebrews 5:5-10

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.

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HYMN • I want Jesus to walk with me

Unison Dm A⁷/E Dm/F A⁷ Dm Am Dm 7

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me; I want
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; in my
 3. When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in

F C/E F A⁷ Em⁷/B A/C# A Dm Em⁷

Je - sus to walk with me; all a - long my
 tri - als, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is
 trou - ble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is

C⁷ Dm Dm/C Bm C Dm Bm Gm⁷ A⁷ Dm Gm Dm 7

pil - grim jour - ney, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 al - most break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 bowed in sor - row, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Spiritual

WALK WITH ME Irreg.
 Spiritual
 Arr. by John F. Wilson, 1964; alt. 1990

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John
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.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes

Let us reaffirm our commitment to Christ and renew our baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to God for all people and the world. Loving God, give us eyes to see your presence in the world, and help us to spread your good news of love and new life to those around us.

Inspire us, O God

We pray that your spirit of wisdom descends upon all in authority in our country. Help them and us to join in unity for the common good; to work for justice; and to fulfill the needs of all our citizens.

Guide us, O God

Strengthen and protect your people throughout the world, in every country and community. Grant the leaders of the nations the wisdom and will to work together to confront human rights abuses, injustice and oppression, and to address climate change. We especially pray for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land.

Protect us, O God

We pray for all who suffer from any illness or trouble; for all victims of violence and oppression; for prisoners and their families; for the unemployed and underemployed; for those battling addiction; and for those who feel isolated and alone.

Comfort and heal us, O God

We pray for all who have died, and for those who miss them.

Raise them up, O God

Let us offer your own thanksgivings and petitions, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE OFFERTORY

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HYMN • I choose love *(first verse sung by choir)*



1. In the midst of pain, — I choose
 2. In the midst of war, — I choose
 3. When my world falls down, — I will
 4. In the midst of pain, — I choose



love. — In the midst of
 peace. — In the midst of
 rise. — When my world falls
 love. — In the midst of



pain, — I choose love. —
 war, — I choose peace. —
 down, — I will rise. —
 pain, — I choose love. —



In the midst of pain, — sor - row
 In the midst of war, — hate and
 When my world falls down, — ex - pla -
 In the midst of pain, — sor - row

From: *Roll Down, Justice!* (CGBK72).

Text: Lindy Thompson.

Music: *I Choose Love*, by Mark A. Miller.

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fall - ing down like rain, I a - wait the sun a -
 an - ger keep - ing score, I will seek the good once
 na - tions can't be found, I will climb to ho - ly
 fall - ing down like rain, I a - wait the sun a -



gain, — I choose love. — I choose
 more, — I choose peace. — I choose
 ground, — I will rise. — I will
 gain, — I choose love. — I choose



love. —
 peace. —
 rise. —
 love. —

PRESENTATION

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Life up your hearts.
We left them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS • S124

by David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 • S161

by David Hurd

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.

HYMN • 321

Rockingham

My God, thy table now is spread

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, 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 Savior. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYER

Bow down before the Lord.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 I'm gon-na live so God can use me
 2 I'm gon-na work so God can use me
 3 I'm gon-na pray so 1 live so God can use me
 2 work so
 3 pray so

an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time! an - y
 an - y
 an - y

Lift Up Your Hearts 854

Words: African American spiritual, P.D.

Music (I'M GONNA LIVE): traditional; arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987) © the Estate of Wendell Whalum

854 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

8 D/F# Em C G/B G

I'm gon-na live so God can use me
 I'm gon-na work so God can use me
 time! I'm gon-na pray so live so God can use me
 time! work so
 time! pray so

12 Em A⁷ D⁷ G

an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 my Lord, an - y time!
 my Lord, an - y time!
 my Lord, an - y time!

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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LEADING AND SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

The Rt. Rev. Carlye J. Hughes *Celebrant and preacher*

The Rev. Sharon Sheridan Hausman *Priest-in-residence*

The Rev. John H. Van Dine Sr. *Deacon*

Ms. Debbie Henschel *Bishop's chaplain*

Mr. Kevin Bidwell *Server*

Ms. Sharon Liparini *Lector*

Mr. Wyatt Sikora *Pianist*

Mr. Carl Hausman *Cellist*

Ms. Cathy Riccobono *Usher*

Ms. Ellen Bomser, Ms. Kathy Cascone, Ms. Sandra Lee Schubert *Choir*

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