



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH HOLY EUCHARIST

Second Sunday in Lent • March 16, 2025 • 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.*

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 401

Leoni

“The God of Abraham praise!”

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

PENITENTIAL ORDER

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, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

KYRIE PANTOKRATOR • *Please see attached*

A Song of Penitence

“Almighty Lord Most High draw near”

Keiser New

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 LESSONS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

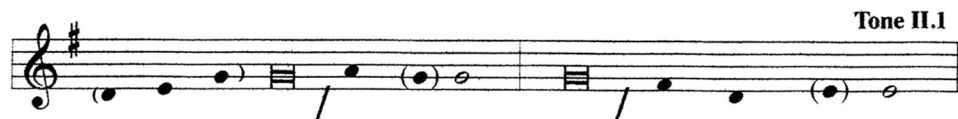
Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 5-6, 10-11, 17-18 *Dominus illuminatio*
(The people remain seated as they chant the psalm with the choir)



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

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

One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing / I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days / of my life;

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

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

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

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

O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort / your heart; *
wait patiently / for the LORD.

A READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILIPPIANS

3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN • 455

Dunedin

"O Love of God, how strong and true"

THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Canon Dr. John P. Mitchell

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

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 for Sean, our Presiding Bishop ; for Carlye, our Bishop Diocesan, and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Newark.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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. We pray for the wisdom and fortitude to avert the catastrophe of global warming.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

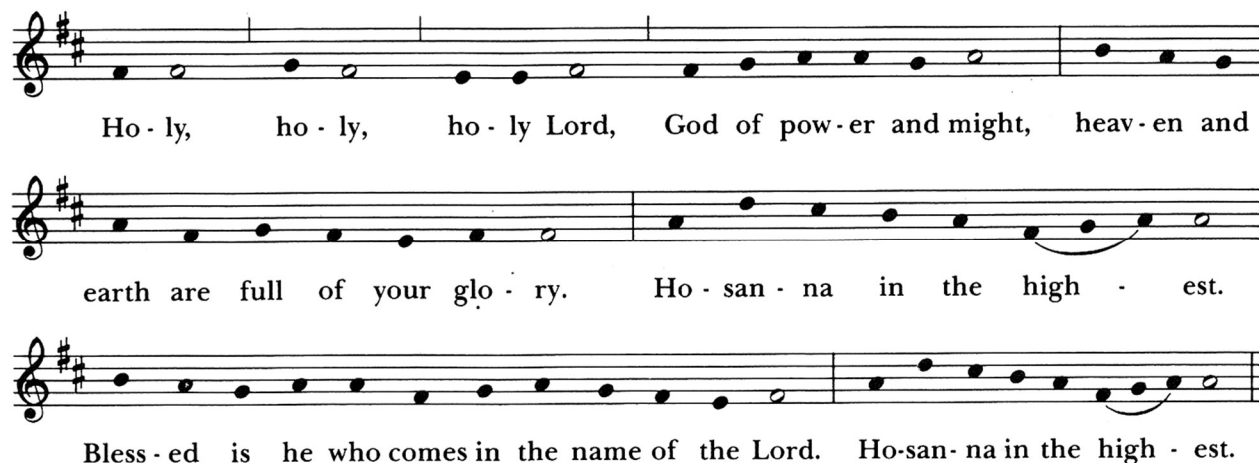
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially Teresa, Brett, Elmada, John L., Sister Eleanor and Michelle; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

SANCTUS • S 124

David Hurd (1950)



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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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. **AMEN.**

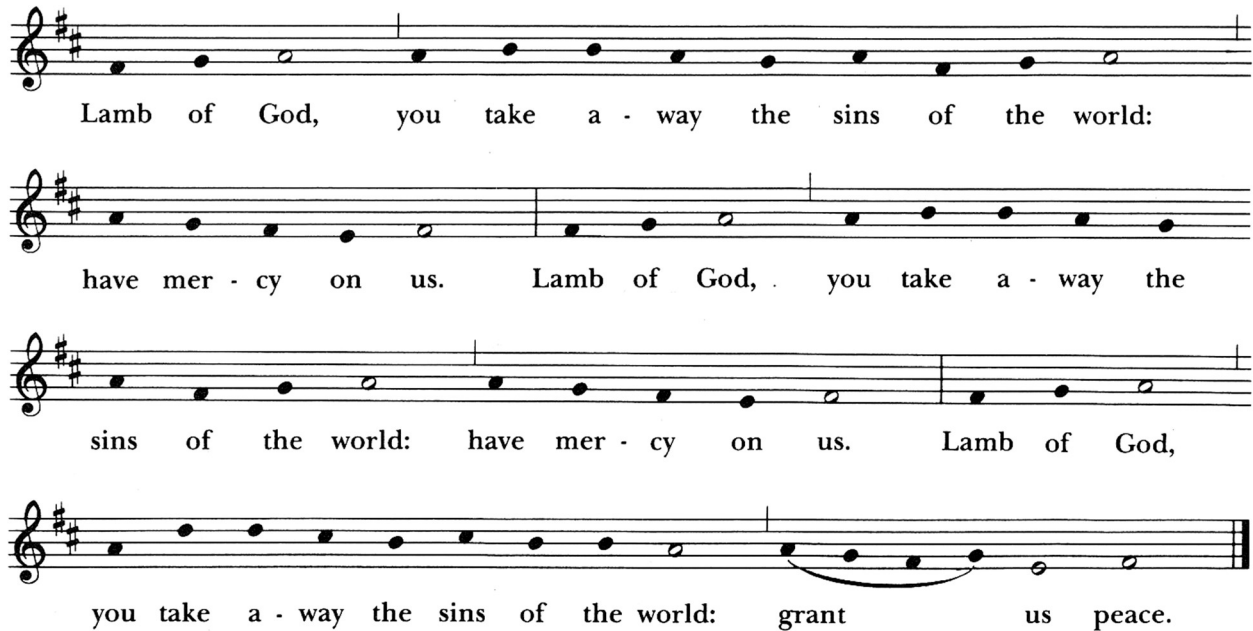
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 & FRACTION ANTHEM • S 161

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei
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.

COMMUNION HYMN • 328

Song 46

“Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord”

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN • 675 (vv. 1-3, 5)

Bourbon

“Take up your cross, the Savior said”

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

LEADING AND SUPPORTING OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

The Rev. Canon Dr. John P. Mitchell *Celebrant and preacher*

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

Mr. Kevin Bidwell *Server*

Ms. Kathy Cascone *Lector*

Mr. Robert H. Gangewere, Jr. *Organist and Choir Director*

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KYRIE PANTOKRATOR

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some
 2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and
 3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our
 4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the

splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,
 pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,
 sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,
 hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days

re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your
 that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of
 and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and
 the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of

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 word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.
 grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.
 par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.
 all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.