

1st Sunday in Lent
9:00 am 22 February 2026

*We invite you to prepare for the service in quiet meditation and prayer.
Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal 1982.
“BCP” refers to pages in the red Book of Common Prayer.*

About The Great Litany
Book of Common Prayer, p. 148

Today’s service begins with the Great Litany, a series of sung petitions and responses dating back to 1544, five years before the first English *Book of Common Prayer*. It is our oldest original English language rite.

Originally, it was intended to be prayed every Wednesday and Friday, but over the centuries it came to be used primarily on the first Sunday in Lent. From the earliest days, it was often sung or prayed in procession. Today we reclaim this age-old tradition.

The words of the Great Litany are meaningful, deep, and all encompassing, covering nearly every aspect of our common life. In a world still torn by strife and unrest, these continue to be prayers worth praying.

As the choir processes around the congregation, kneel as you are able, listen deeply to these ancient petitions, and join in the responses. Thank you for starting your Lent here with us at St. John’s.

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary Fantasia cromatica, SwWV 258
Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

The Great Litany (Please kneel) BCP 148

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

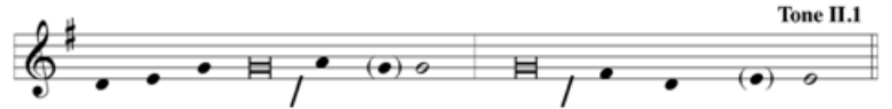
A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. [Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7]

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

Psalm 32 (The choir sings verse 1, verses 2-12 are sung by all)



- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are for /given, *
and whose sin / is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the Lord im/putes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit / there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered a/way, *
because of my groan/ing all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me / day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat / of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my /sin to you, *
and did not / conceal my guilt.

- 6 I said, “I will confess my
transgressions to the / Lord.” *
Then you forgave me the guilt / of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in time of / trouble; *
when the great waters overflow,
they shall / not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from / trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of / deliverance.
- 9 “I will instruct you and teach you in
the way that / you should go; *
I will guide / you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule,
which have no under / standing; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not / stay near you.”
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the / wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust / in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / Lord; *
shout for joy, all who / are true of heart.

Forty days and forty nights (Stand).....Hymn 150

The Gospel

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. [Matthew 4:1-11]

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

Children’s Chapel

Pre-K through 3rd grade children gather at the front steps of the chancel for a blessing before processing to Children’s Chapel.

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

The Nicene Creed (Stand).....BCP 358

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory.....*Steal away*
arr. Martha Sullivan

If you are worshipping with us in person, we encourage you to place your gift in the offering plates as they are passed in the pews. For instructions on online and text giving, see the back panel of this bulletin.

Presentation of Gifts (Stand).....Hymn 152, v.5

Grant, O thou blessed Trinity;
grant, O unchanging Unity;
that this our fast of forty days
may work our profit and thy praise!

Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

The Sanctus Hymn S 124

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

The Fraction Anthem Hymn S 161

Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion. Approach the altar in a double line via the center aisle. Stand or kneel at the rail and receive the Bread in your hand. You may sip from the common cup or allow the minister to dip the Bread in the Wine for you. If you prefer a blessing, fold your arms across your chest. If coming forward is difficult, tell an usher and a minister will bring Communion to your pew.

Intercessory prayer is available during Communion at the rear of the nave near the baptismal font; trained ministers offer brief, confidential prayer and anointing for comfort, healing, or strength.

Communion Hymns 140, 141, 142, 315

The Post Communion Prayer (Kneel)..... BCP 366

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are sent forth to take Communion to the sick or homebound, the following is said.

Celebrant N., we send you forth in the Name of this Congregation, to N. bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Blessing

Eternal Lord of love (Stand).....Hymn 149

The Dismissal BCP 366

Voluntary..... *Andante Allegro* (Organ Sonata in D, K. 287)
Domenico Scarlatti

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Childcare

Free, professional childcare is provided 8:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each Sunday.

Hearing System

To access our hearing loop system, set your hearing aid to tele-coil or “t” telephone mode. If your hearing aid does not have this capability, wireless headsets are available at the north tower entrance or from an usher.

Large Print Bulletins

Large print bulletins are available in the south transept amd north tower for the visually impaired. Pick one up by the door or ask an usher.

Altar Flower Dedications

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to honor loved ones. Visit the GIVE page on St. John’s website or contact the church office for assistance.

Weekly Services

SUNDAY

7:45 a.m.....Holy Eucharist (Rite I).....Sanctuary
9:00 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary
service is livestreamed
11:15 a.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.....Sung ComplineSanctuary

WEDNESDAY

12:10 p.m..... Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Chapel
with Healing Prayer
5:30 p.m..... Evensong..... Chapel
Sung by the Choristers

Parish Prayer List

Please take this list home each week and commit to praying daily for your fellow parishioners.

Prayers: Mtr. Leslie Roraback, Diana Daktere, Baby Honor Isabelle Strauss, John, Ben, Sharon & Nathanael Lyle, Tina, Ray, Corinna Strayer, Mary Lee, LiAnn, Mimi, Joan Collier, Diane Tatley, PD, Mildred

The Departed: Earl Yarborough, Pat Horn, George Taylor

Our Clergy: The Rev. Lonnie Lacy, Rector; The Rev. Leslie Roraback, Associate Rector; The Rev. Dcn. Joe Bakker, Deacon; The Rev. Dcn. Melanie Salsgiver, Deacon and Seminarian