

5th Sunday in Lent
11:15 a.m. 22 March 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

Tower Bells

Voluntary **O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß**
BWV 622, J.S. Bach

Jesus, remember me (*Kneel or sit as you are able as you sing*)



Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue (*Kneel*).....**BCP 350**

At the end of each commandment:

People Amen. Lord have mercy.

After the Decalogue, the Celebrant says

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]

The Confession & Absolution

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon and People

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 Celebrant stands and says

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.

The Kyrie **Hymn S 96**

The Collect of the Day

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.

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. [Romans 8:6-11]

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

Psalm 130 (*The choir sings verse 1, verses 2-7 are sung by all*)



- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, / hear my voice; * let your ears consider well the voice of my / supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done a / miss, * O Lord, / who could stand?

- 3 For there is forgiveness with / you; * therefore / you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul / waits for him; * in his word / is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the / morning, * more than watchmen for / the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the / Lord, * for with the Lord there / is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous re / demption, * and he shall redeem Israel from / all their sins.

Thine arm, O Lord (*Stand*).....**Hymn 567**

The Gospel

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I

am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. [John 11:1-45]

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

The Sermon

A brief period of silence follows the sermon.

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

The Prayers of the People (Kneel)

At the end of each petition

Leader We call to you, O Lord;
People Lord, hear our voice.

The Collect for the Diocese

The Peace..... BCP 360

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OffertoryIn paradisum
 Gabriel Fauré

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 responses of the People during the prayer are given below.
 The Celebrant’s words which introduce each response are indicated.*

... you are worthy of glory and praise.



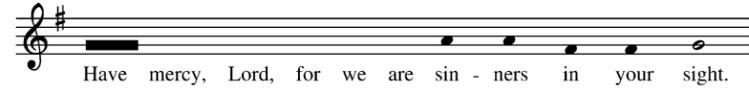
Glory to you for ev - er and ev - er.

... this fragile earth, our island home.



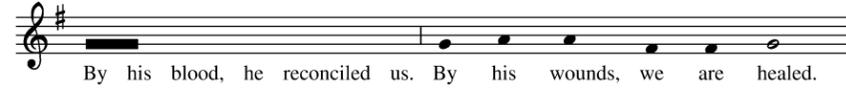
By your will they were cre - a - ted and have their be - ing.

... we turned against one another.



Have mercy, Lord, for we are sin - ners in your sight.

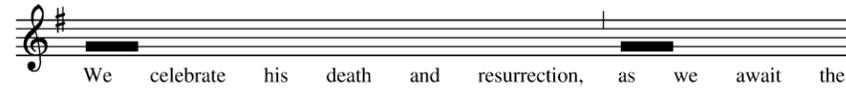
... the way of freedom and peace.



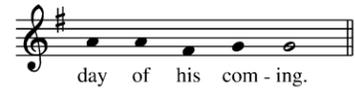
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

The Sanctus Hymn S 124

... this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

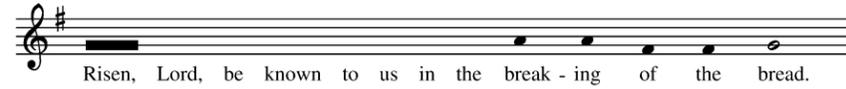


We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the



day of his com - ing.

... serve the world in his name.



Risen, Lord, be known to us in the break - ing of the bread.

... from generation to generation.



A - men.

The Lord’s PrayerBCP 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 MotetJesus, so lowly
 Harold Friedell

Communion Hymns..... 715, 335, 516

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

O love of God, how strong and true (Stand)..... Hymn 455

The Dismissal.....BCP 366

Voluntary..... Allegro moderato (Sonata in F minor)
 Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome!

Since 1829, St. John’s Episcopal Church has sought to love Christ and our neighbors in Tallahassee and the world. Whether you are a lifelong Christian or it is your first time entering a church, welcome. We are glad you are here.

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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 and 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
- 11:15 a.m.Holy Eucharist (Rite II) Sanctuary
service is livestreamed
- 7:30 p.m.Sung Compline..... Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

- 12:10 p.m.Holy Eucharist (Rite II)Chapel
with Healing Prayer
- 5:30 p.m.EvensongChapel
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, Kayla Mills, Baby Teagan, Margaret Pendleton, Annie Bowersox, Steve Kazmirski, Robin St. Onge, Israel Leonard, Mary Kaye, Crystal Ecuyer, Nan & Pop, Jane & Earl, Culpepper family

The Departed: Holly Hinson, Carol Hudson

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