



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND PARISH DAY SCHOOL

*We strive to bring all people to a closer relationship
with God and each other in Jesus Christ.*



Sunday, March 14, 2021 – 10:15 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

Music pages are indicated in blue and can be found near the back of the bulletin.

Prelude *Ah Holy Jesus*

Rogers

St. John's Ringers

Silence is kept.

Welcome

The bells will ring 12 times for those lives lost during each month of the pandemic.

Opening Acclamation

BCP 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The Decalogue *Please kneel as you are able.*

BCP 350

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

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

Silence may be kept.

All 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

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.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading *Please be seated.*

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm *Read in unison.*

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Second Reading *Please be seated.*

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

The Gospel of the Lord *Please stand.*

John 3:14-21

Read first in Korean and then in English.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Joanne Tetrault

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able; said by all.*

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 *Remain standing.*

The Lector and People pray responsively. At the conclusion of each petition,

Lector God is near to the broken-hearted;

People **and saves those crushed in Spirit.**

The Peace *Remain standing.*
Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Offertory

Text “SJEC” to 73256 or donate at www.stjohnsec.org/give.

Offertory Anthem *In Christ Alone*

Getty & Townsend

Katie Tich and Eric Tich, soloists

Eucharistic Prayer 2 — From Enriching Our Worship

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing :



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. John and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *Pray in unison.*

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

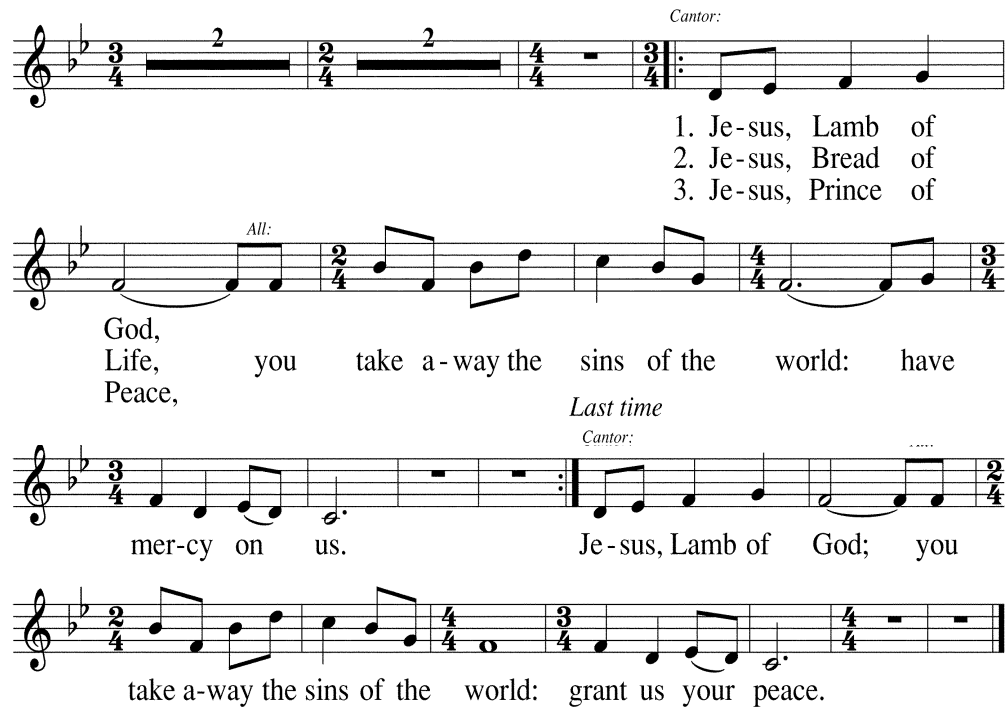
Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Fraction Anthem – Agnus Dei *Jesus Lamb of God*

Haugen

Cantor:



1. Je-sus, Lamb of
2. Je-sus, Bread of
3. Je-sus, Prince of

All:

God,
Life, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
Peace,

Last time
Cantor:

mer-cy on us. Je-sus, Lamb of God; you

take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

Celebrant Behold what you are;

People **May we become what we receive.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer *Pray together.*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Immediately following the livestream service, Holy Eucharist will be available at the side door of the church from 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. Please stay in your car and wear a mask.

Communion Anthem *Gabriel's Oboe*
St. John's Ringers

Morricone, arr. McChesney

The Post-Communion Prayer *Pray together.*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Solemn Prayer

Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel and the Celebrant says

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

M-2

Dismissal

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

Postlude *The Fall of Man was on Adam's Sin*

Bach



Reflection

This Sunday, we'll hear "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... ." According to some sources, it is the most frequently quoted passage of Scripture, the "memory verse par excellence," according to one commentator.

But John 3:16 is part of a larger narrative in which Nicodemus comes to Jesus by dark of night, seeking enlightenment about who Jesus is, and exactly what he's up to. Jesus speaks of being born again, born from above; being of the spirit; being the light which the darkness shall not overcome. In short, the famous passage tells us, the "why" of Jesus's very life (and death, and resurrection) is God's love.

Further, the John reading opens with a reference to a little-known passage from the Book of Numbers in which Moses made a bronze serpent to save the people, after a plague of real serpents killed many who complained against God and Moses. Are we to equate the lifting of the serpent on a pole and the lifting of Jesus on the cross? God's love, again? It is tricky terrain.

This week, you are invited to further explore our Sunday readings as well as these questions:

1. The past year has held much darkness. Yet many people have found light and hope in unexpected ways. What does it mean to you to be a person of the light?
2. It is said that we often need to face our fears directly in order to heal (e.g., the Israelites gazing upon the image of a serpent to be saved). Have you ever experienced this? How?
3. Try changing the tense of John 3:16 to the present: "For God so LOVES the world..."; how does that perspective change how you receive it?

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alicia, Alma, Autumn Aje, Beverly, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Virginia Berg, William Eric Boin, Maya Bragdon, Kelly Brown, Barbara Burris, Cathy, Oliver Chang, Melissa Chavez, Teddy Clarke, Ron Cumello, Dale, Debbie, Diane, Jeffrey Edmonds, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, June Elder, Amy Gebhard, George, Tom Goetting, Frank Grondahl, Kevin Grondahl, James Grubb, Martha Guillet, Kelly H., Jennette & Richard Hamilton, The Rev. Randy Haycock, Natalie Cox Hennes, Chris Jones, Kathy & Joe, Kathryn & Jim, James Kreckel, Cathy Kulpinski, Larry, Amy Lederer Shapiro, Robert Lippold, Lorraine, Nancy Maestri, Emily Mello, Carol Mello, Tom & Pat Merson, Michael, Charles Miller, Bob Monkouski, Jerry O'Neill, Beblon Parks, Famebridge Payne, Pete Riker, Marilyn Scala, Heather Schwenk, Shirley & Jack, Pam Sikora, William Skasick III, Russell Stacy, Wallace Stebbins, Steven & Kristen, Bettie Sullivan, Joell Szachara, Karin Tourtellotte, Alicia Townsend, Verity Truby, Michael Turmala, Jennifer Turner, James Vanderheiden, Christine West, Jonathan Weston-Dawkes, and Allen "Mitch" Wright.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Lawrence Albert Jelks, Lynn Greenberg, and John Haywood Smith

FOR THOSE IN HARM'S WAY: Jonas Kelsall, Keith Scharnhorst, Barry Weimer, Kristina Randazzo, Chris Peterson, Mike Jackson, and Scott Geist.

FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER FIRST RESPONDERS who continue to help and protect us in these uncertain times.

Our community shares the compassion of prayer with members and beyond. To have someone included on our prayer list, you may: Contact the Parish Office by phone; or email your prayer request to Tracey Stone at tstone@stjohnsec.org. Names will remain on the prayer list for 30 days. After the initial 30 days, if you wish to have a name stay on the list, please re-submit your request.

Capo 2: *D*
E

G/D
A/E

D
E

A - maz - ing - grace, - how - sweet - the sound, that saved -
 grace that - taught, - my - heart - to fear, and grace -
 Lord has - prom - ised - good - to me, His word -
 earth shall - soon - dis - solve - like snow, the sun -

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E

A/D
B/E

D
E

D/F#
E/G#

3 - a - wretch - like - me. I once - was - lost, - but now -
 - my - fears - re - lieved. How pre - cious - did - that grace -
 - my - hope - se - cures. He will - my - shield, - and por -
 - for - bear - to - shine. But God - who - called - me here -

G
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D
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D
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A/D
B/E

To Coda *D*
E

6 - am found, was blind - but - now - I - see. 'Twas
 - ap - pear, the hour - I - first - be - -
 - tion be, as long - as - life - en - -
 - be - low, will be - for - ev - er -

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 dures.

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E/B

D/F#
E/G#

G
A

D/F#
E/G#

13 - me. And like a flood. His mer - cy - rains, un-end - ing -

Em7
F#m7

A7
B7

1. *D*
E

2. *D*
E

D/F#
E/G#

16 love, a - maz - ing grace. - The My chains are -

19

G A D/F# E/G# G/B A/C#

gone, I've been set - free. My God, my Sav - ior - has ran - somed -

22

D/A E/B D/F# E/G# G A D/F# E/G#

- me. And like a flood, His mer - cy - rains, un-end - ing -

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love, a - maz - ing - grace. - - - - The

⌘ Coda

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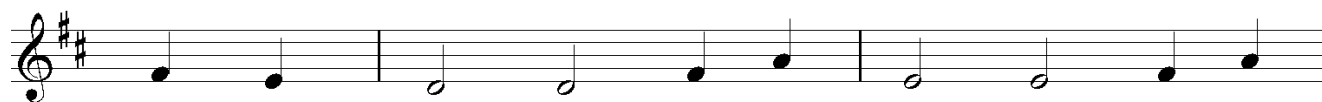
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mine. will be - for - ev - er mine. - You are -

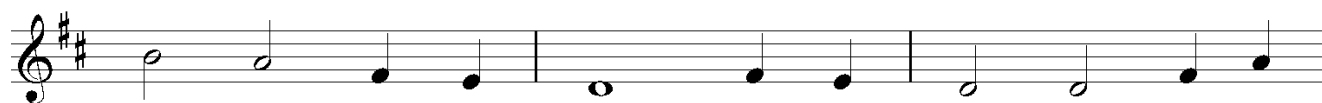
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D E A/D B/E D E

- - for - ev - er mine.



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



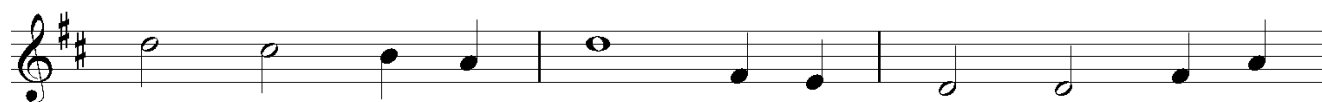
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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