



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 7, 2021 – 10:15 a.m.
The Third Sunday of Lent

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Prelude *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*

Mueller

St. John's Choir

Silence is kept.

Welcome

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

Willa

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. Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading *Please be seated.*

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Read in unison.*

Psalm 19

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading *Please be seated.*

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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

The Gospel Hymn *Change My Heart, O God*

M-1

The Gospel of the Lord *Please stand.*

John 2:13-22

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.**

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *Please be seated.*

The Rev. Dr. Katrina Grusell

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.*

After each petition the response will be a period of silence.

The Peace *Remain standing.*

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

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

Offertory Anthem *I Heard the Voice of Jesus*

arr. Wagner

Lissa Bounds-Hammond & Susan Fedors, 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 :

Sanctus *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Schubert

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.

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 Hymn *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

M-2

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 mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *You are Mine*

M-3

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Reflection

This Lent, the stories of Jesus come from two different sources. The Lenten Gospels began in Mark. Now, in the third week of Lent we turn to the Gospel of John. Fresh from a wedding in Cana of Galilee, where Jesus turned water into wine, Jesus comes to the Temple in Jerusalem. There, he confronts exploitation and the Temple sacrificial system. Making a whip of cords, he drives out people, sheep, and cattle; Jesus turns over the tables of the money changers. We witness in Jesus righteous indignation for the perversion of the Law and its effect on those seeking God. This exorcism of the Temple as the Passover approaches sets the stage for ongoing confrontations between Jesus and his own people, as Jesus seeks to restore the people of Israel to right relationship with God.

1. When you imagine Jesus full of righteous indignation in the Temple, what emotions stir in you?
2. How do you assess your relationship with God? What signs or sources of information provide insight into your relationship and any changes you might need to make?
3. What tables in your life need to be overturned in order for you to be drawn closer to God's love?

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alicia, Alma, Autumn Aje, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, Virginia Berg, William Eric Boin, Maya Bragdon, Kelly Brown, Barbara Burris, Cathy, Oliver Chang, Melissa Chavez, Teddy Clarke, Ron Cumello, Diane, Jeffrey Edmonds, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, June Elder, Amy Gebhard, George, Tom Goetting, Frank Grondahl, Kevin Grondahl, James Grubb, Jennette & Richard Hamilton, The Rev. Randy Haycock, Natalie Cox Hennes, Chris Jones, Kathy & Joe, Kathryn & Jim, James Kreckel, Cathy Kulpinski, Amy Lederer Shapiro, 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, Jonathan Weston-Dawkes, and Allen "Mitch" Wright.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Nicholas Davey

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.

M-1

Gospel Hymn *Change My Heart, O God*

Eddie Espinosa

♩ = 80

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ev-er true.

5 Cmaj7 Am7 Dm7 Gsus G C

Change my heart, oh God. May I be like You.

9 Esus/B E Am7 Dm7 G C

You are the pot - ter. I am the clay.

13 Esus/B E Am7 Dsus D Gsus G

Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

17 Cmaj7 Em7 Dm7 Gsus G C

Change my heart, oh God. Make it ev-er true.

21 Cmaj7 Am7 Dm7 Gsus G C

Change my heart oh God. May I be like You.

Communion Hymn *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

L. Wolfe & K. Dorsch

Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place, I can
 feel His might - y power and His grace. _____ I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see
 glo - ry on each face. Sure - ly the pre - sence of the Lord is in this place
 In the midst of the faith - ful the ris - en Christ said He would
 There's a Ho - ly hush a - round us as God's glo - ry fills
 be, It does - n't take ve - ry ma - ny, it can be just two or
 this place; I touch the hem of His gar - ment, I can al - most see
 three. And I feel the same sweet spi - rit that I've felt oft times be -
 His face. And my heart is o - ver - whelmed with the full - ness of His
 fore; Now sure - ly I can say I've been with the Lord. _
 joy; I know with - out a doubt I've been with the Lord. _



I will come to you in the si-lence, I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am hope for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
 I am strength for all the des-pair-ing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 I'm the Word that leads all to free-dom, I am the peace the world can-not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 sha-dows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em-brac-ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. Do not be a-fraid, I am with you.
 come and rest in me.
 all will know my name.
 up, now walk and live!



I have called you each by name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you



home. I love you and you are mine.

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