



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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Our mission is to proclaim, by word and example,  
the good news of God in Christ, and to build a spiritual community  
forming Christians of all ages through worship, education, and outreach.

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**Holy Eucharist Rite II – 9:30am**  
**March 10, 2024**

### SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30 Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the house of God.  
Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you;  
After the service speak to one another.*

## The Rector's Welcome

Welcome to Saint John's Church during the Season of Lent. We have a lot going on this season for you to take the opportunity to renew your relationship with Jesus.

First, we have tremendous opportunities for formation on Wednesday nights; this year, we will be answering five hard questions about our faith:

- 1) Why do bad things happen to good people?
- 2) Why does evil exist?
- 3) Do prayers really go unanswered?
- 4) Can science and faith co-exist?
- 5) Are there any sins that are unforgivable?

We also have stations of the cross led by the clergy each Wednesday at 5:30 PM in the church.

Our Sunday schedule also has opportunities to renew your relationship with Jesus! We teach classes after the 9:30 AM service in the parish hall and our regular Sunday services. In addition, we have Sunday School for all children and youth and a youth group that meets in the evening. Saint John's is a parish full of life! We invite all here -- members, friends, and visitors alike -- to join this community in representing Jesus to the world.

As we prayerfully and excitedly approach the feast of the Resurrection, Easter, my prayer is that Saint John's will continue to grow, continue to represent Jesus to our community, and continue to show the love of God to everyone who walks through our doors. If you still need to become a member of this community, what are you waiting for? Join us in our mission to proclaim, by word and example, the good news of God in Christ and to build a spiritual community forming Christians of all ages through education, worship, and outreach.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Chris Wood" with a small cross at the end.

The Rev. Christian M. Wood  
*Rector*

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*The people stand*

**Processional Hymn 489**

*Tallis's Ordinal*

**PROPER ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **His mercy endures for ever.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant*

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. 1 John 1:8,9

*Deacon*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

Almighty and most merciful father,  
**we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**KYRIE:** *Missa "Orbis factor"*

*Plainsong, Mode 1*

*Kyrie eleison*

*Christe eleison*

*Kyrie eleison*

## THE 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 LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

*The people sit*

*Lector* A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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.**

## GRADUAL: 107:1-3, 17-22

Sir Edward Bairstow

*Sung by the Choir*

*O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is gracious, \* and his mercy endureth for ever.*

*2 Let them give thanks whom the LORD hath redeemed, \* and delivered from the hand of the enemy;*

*3 And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west; \* from the north, and from the south.*

*17 Foolish men are plagued for their offence, \* and because of their wickedness.*

*18 Their soul abhorred all manner of meat, \* and they were even hard at death's door.*

*19 So when they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, \* he delivered them out of their distress.*

*20 He sent his word, and healed them; \* and they were saved from their destruction.*

*21 O that men would therefore praise the LORD for his goodness; \* and declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men !*

*22 That they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, \* and tell out his works with gladness!*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, \* world without end. Amen.*

**THE EPISTLE**

Ephesians 2:1-10

*Lector* A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 people stand*

*All elementary-age students will now follow the cross down the center aisle and process to  
Children's Chapel in the parish hall.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN 339**

*Schmucke dich*

**THE GOSPEL**

John 3:14-21

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people sit*

**THE SERMON**

Father Van Wormer

**THE NICENE CREED** (*standing*)

*Celebrant and people*

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** (*Form V*)

*The leader says*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

*The People kneel*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Douglas, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of

God, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For \_\_\_\_\_, for those in hospital \_\_\_\_\_, and those in hospice \_\_\_\_\_, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the recent faithful departed, \_\_\_\_\_; [for \_\_\_\_\_ in whose memory the Altar Flowers are given today;] for all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in

that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed John, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.  
**To you, O Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant concludes with the following Doxology*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All stand*

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people sit*

## **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**Offertory Anthem** *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness* Sir John Stainer

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.*

*The people stand*

**Offertory Hymn 142 Stanza 4**

*St. Flavian*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Preface of Lent*

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:



Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant*

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:

*Celebrant and people*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant*

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.**

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread after which the following is sung*

**Fraction Anthem: Angus Dei S170**

Mason Martens

Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Whoever believes in me shall not hunger or thirst, for the bread which I give for the life of the world is my flesh.

*Celebrant*     The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.*

*If you are not receiving, you are invited to come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms over your chest).*

**Please fill in the kneelers at the altar during Communion from the center aisle out, towards the side aisles.**

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. *[Amen.]*

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. *[Amen.]*

**Communion Motet** *Sing, my soul, his wondrous love*

Ned Rorem

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,  
who, from yon bright throne above,  
ever watchful o'er our race,  
still to man extends his grace.*

*God, the merciful and good,  
bought us with the Savior's blood,  
and, to make our safety sure,  
guides us by his spirit pure.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made;  
all is by his scepter swayed;  
what are we that he should show  
so much love to us below?*

*Sing, my soul, adore his name!  
Let his glory be thy theme:  
praise him till he calls thee home;  
trust his love for all to come.*

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*The people kneel*

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, **heavenly Father,**  
**you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son**  
**our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the**  
**Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and**  
**serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **THE SOLEMN PRAYER AND BLESSING**

*Celebrant*

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.**

And the ✠ blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon  
you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

#### **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Deacon gives the Dismissal*

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand*

**Processional Hymn 690**

*Cwm Rhondda*



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