

A SEASON OF REFLECTION, REPENTANCE, AND RENEWAL

HISTORIC CHURCH • 2023 SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.

We welcome you here at St. John's to be met by God, who already knows you and loves you.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH & PARISH DAY SCHOOL Ellicott City, MD

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Today's readings and hymns (\*Sunday/10:30 a.m. only) are noted on the insert. Pages from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and Service Music section (S) of The Hymnal 1982 are also indicated throughout the service bulletin.

During the season of Lent, ministers enter in silence. Stand as you are able.

#### WELCOME

#### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

BCP 351

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins. Celebrant People God's mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Celebrant

> 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

(Kneel as you are able.)

LITANY OF RECONCILIATION (from Coventry Cathedral)

Celebrant All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class

from class,

God forgive us. People

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not Celebrant

their own,

People God forgive us.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste Celebrant

to the earth.

People God forgive us.

Celebrant Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

People God forgive us. Celebrant Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the

refugee,

People God forgive us.

Celebrant The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

People God forgive us.

Celebrant The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

People God forgive us.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

Celebrant Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as

God has forgiven you. And may God pardon you from all your sins

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People Amen.

KYRIE (Spoken 5:00 p.m. & 8:45 a.m.)

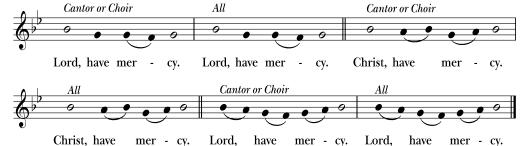
Celebrant Lord have mercy.

People Christ have mercy.

Celebrant Lord have mercy.

\* KYRIE (Sung at 10:30 a.m.)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY (Chanted by the Celebrant.)

See insert

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE FIRST READING (Please be seated.)

See insert

(At the conclusion of the reading)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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THE PSALM (Read or sing as directed by the Lector.)

See insert

THE SECOND READING

See insert

(At the conclusion of the reading)

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

\* GOSPEL HYMN

See insert

THE GOSPEL (Please stand.)

See insert

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

(At the conclusion of the Gospel)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON (Please be seated.)

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand.)

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: (At the conclusion of each petition,)

Leader Lord, in your mercy;
People Hear our prayer.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help

us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the

sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

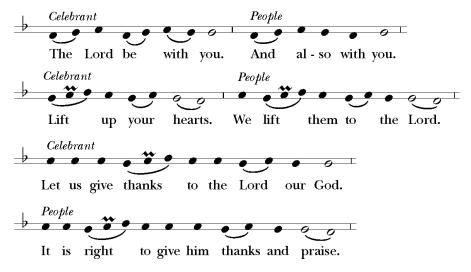
I appeal to you, all, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans* 12:1

For your convenience, you may scan the QR code on the back of the bulletin.

#### \* OFFERTORY ANTHEM

See insert

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2 FROM ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP (Stand as you are able.)



#### 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.

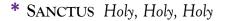
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

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

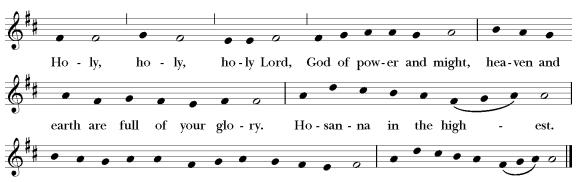
Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.



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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

(Please kneel as you are able.)

#### 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.

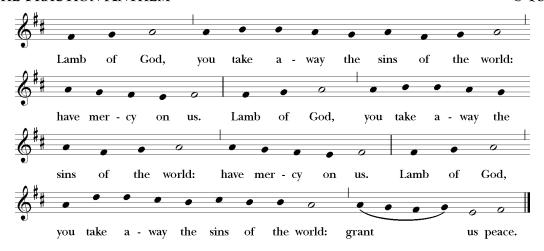
#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

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Celebrant Behold what you are;

People May we become what we receive.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

#### **COMMUNION**

This is God's Table, and at this Table, God feeds us and blesses us with what we need to be the Church, Christ's body in the world. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized – children as well as adults – receive Communion, for together we are the Body of Christ. Everyone is welcome to receive Communion or a Blessing. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the minister. To receive a Blessing instead of Communion, cross your hands across your chest. The minister will affirm God's blessing on you.

\* COMMUNION HYMNS

See insert

(Please kneel as you are able.)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (Please pray together.)

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Please be seated.)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

THE BLESSING

\* CLOSING HYMN See insert

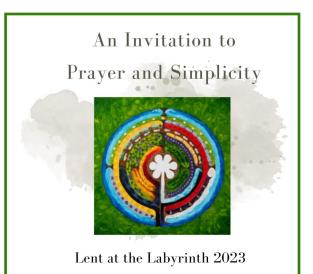
DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays of Lent beginning March 4th 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## **Sundays:**

Feb. 26; March 5, 12, 19, & 26 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Good Friday, April 7 (Stations of the Cross), 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lent is a time to *simplify* and concentrate on the basics. Why not use the discipline of 40 days in Lent to take up an invitation to pray and walk the labyrinth? Walk with us or walk alone. Materials to assist will be available at the Labyrinth or you can download them from the www.stjohnsec.org/parish-events.

## HISTORICAL TOUR

## St. John's Episcopal Church





SATURDAY, APRIL 22 10 AM - 12 PM



As we continue to celebrate our 200th Anniversary, we invite parishioners and the community to come learn more about the history of St. John's, the Historic Church including the stained glass windows, and the Garden Labyrinth.

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#### **WORSHIP**

Saturdays, 5:00 p.m.: Historic Church

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주일 성찬예배 오전 10:30, 한국어 성찬예배는 Resurrection 채플에서 드립니다.

Monday & Wednesday Evenings, 9:00 p.m.: Compline on Facebook Live Tuesday Centering Prayer: 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:00 a.m. (Zoom) Find more worship information at https://www.stjohnsec.org/worship

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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT March 26, 2023 • 10:30 a.m.

**HYMNS** 

Gospel: #487 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life (vs. 1 & 2 before; vs. 3 after)

Offertory: A selection by the Matsiko World Orphan Choir

**Communion:** Mourns the Tree (St. John's Choir)

#335 I am the Bread of Life

Closing: #610 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

## THE COLLECT

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.** 

## THE FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may

live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

THE PSALM HYMN: Psalm 51 (vs. 1-7; congregation sings the refrain) David Isele



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

## Refrain

- 5 Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 6 Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.
- 7 Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

## Refrain

## THE SECOND READING: Romans 8:6-11

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.

## THE GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

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.

## The Matsiko World Orphan Choir Concert

TODAY: March 26th • 4:00 p.m. Historic Church







The concert is FREE! Donations will benefit education in Liberia.

# **Special Collection**

to purchase grocery gift cards to supplement our Easter Baskets for our friends at Collington Square & ARC of Howard County





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#### REFLECTION

This Sunday is the last Sunday in Lent. Today's readings celebrate the new life promised to believers through Jesus, the Christ. Ezekiel announces that, at the word of the Lord, God will restore the people and breathe into them God's Spirit. In Romans, Paul asserts that those who belong to Christ have Christ's Spirit living within, enlivening and empowering them. Jesus demonstrates his power to give life by raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. As you read and reflect on our readings this week you are invited to consider the following:

- 1. How is Jesus offering you new life in this unprecedented time?
- 2. In what ways are you preoccupied from seeing God's purpose for your life?
- 3. What metaphor would be descriptive of your yearning for spiritual renewal?
- 4. What if anything do these stories do to restore your spirit?

#### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Amy, Judy Anderson, Deb Avant, Beverly Baker, Jacyn Baker, William Boin, Oliver Chang, Dick Clark, Liz & Leslie Damon, Bill Dixon, Leslie Edmonds, Steven Edmonds, Bob Elliott, Marti Guillet, Michael Hackley, Bettye Howard, David, Sian, & Morgan Kenner, Lorraine, Ed & Karen McCaulley, Charles H. Miller, Patty O'Connor, Famebridge Payne, Phyllis Petty, Jean Purcell, Liam Reigel, Ruby Reilly, Scott Robert, Wallace Stebbins, Donald Stone, Alicia Townsend, and Michael & Mary Tompkins.

#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

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.

