



Second Sunday in Lent | A Penitential Order: Rite I

St. John's Episcopal Church | February 28, 2021 | 8:45 A.M. and 11 A.M.

Roses are placed on the altar in celebration of Shirley and George Cabada's new granddaughter, Ziva Grace, born on February 8, and in celebration of Jennifer Mitchell's new grandson, Santiago Lee, born on February 17.

With great sadness we share that Kathy Bock passed into the greater presence of our Lord Jesus Christ on Wednesday night, February 24.

OPENING HYMN | Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days (v. 1, 4, 5)

Hymn 142

*Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.*

*And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.*

*Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!*

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL (11am Service Only)

Children, preschool age through 3rd grade, are invited to follow the Child Crucifer to Children's Chapel during the opening hymn. Please follow physical distancing and wear your mask!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.
People His mercy endureth for ever.

THE DECALOGUE | *the people kneel if able*

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God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Celebrant Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

CONFESSION

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People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy 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 ELEISON

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Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING | Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:22-30 | *in unison*

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22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him;
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them;
but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known
to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

SECOND LESSON | Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN | My Faith Looks Up To Thee (v. 1, 2)

Hymn 691

<i>My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away; O let me from this day be wholly thine.</i>	<i>May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire.</i>
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THE HOLY GOSPEL | Mark 8:31-38

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.*

THE SERMON

The Rev. Ripp Hardaway

A period of silence for reflection will follow.

THE NICENE CREED

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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;

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.

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.

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.

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 | Form I

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Priest Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC | Great Is Thy Faithfulness (1923) T. Chisholm/W. Runyon Erica Mason, Soloist

DOXOLOGY

Hymn 380 v. 3

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing,

SANCTUS

Hymn S-125

*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.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The people kneel or stand.

Then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. AMEN.

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

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

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (8:45 am service)

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine, I thank you that I have received the sacrament of Christ's presence, the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may I be renewed to love and to serve; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

COMMUNION MUSIC | The Stand (4705248) Joel Houston

*You stood before creation
Eternity within Your hands
And you spoke all life into motion
My soul now to stand*

*You stood before my failure
And carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon Your shoulders
My soul now to stand*

*So what can I say
And what could I do
But offer this heart O God
Completely to You*

*So I'll walk upon salvation
Your Spirit alive in me
This life to declare Your promise
My soul now to stand*

*So I'll stand
With arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all
So I'll stand*

*My soul Lord to You surrendered
All I am is Yours*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; 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.**

CLOSING HYMN | A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v 1, 2, 4)

Hymn 688

*A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbaoth, his Name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.*

*That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is forever.*

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**



If you are a visitor or guest, we would love to connect with you! Please visit www.stjohnsnb.com/welcome to fill out a visitor card or email office@stjohnsnb.com and Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will contact you.

Sign Up for In-Person Worship

Use the link at stjohnsnb.com to register to attend in-person worship held each Sunday by midnight on the preceding **Wednesday**. Sign ups are required for a variety of reasons and we will not be able to accommodate anyone who arrives on Sunday morning without a reservation. Please arrive and be seated ten minutes before the start of the service.

Procedures in Worship

- All attendees are required to wear a face mask covering the nose and mouth. Face shields alone do not meet this requirement.
- An Usher will guide you to Communion. We are not using the altar rail at this time, so Fr. Ripp or Rev. Lucy will stand at the front to distribute Communion.
- You may drop your offering in the plate during Communion or after worship.
- Exit the sanctuary by guidance from the Usher, starting from the back.
- Please observe a 6-foot space between you and anyone not in your household.
- After worship, in the courtyard, please observe distance.
- If you discover that you have been infected with COVID-19 in the week after worship service, please let us know by calling the church office as soon as possible.

WORSHIP

Children's Chapel | Sundays during 11am Service

The children attending the service will meet outside (weather permitting) and we will be live on the St. John's Children's Ministry FB page so anyone can join us from home. Masks and physical distancing will be in place for in-person attendees.

Compline | Sundays during Lent at 8pm on Zoom

Compline can be found on page 127 in the Book of Common Prayer. Find Zoom call details in the eNews or by emailing lucy@stjohnsnb.com.

OUTREACH

SOS Food Bank Collection

If you are able to include some of the following items (cereal, canned peas, canned carrots, mac & cheese, hearty soups) when you pick up groceries, please drop them off outside the church office on Lee St during office hours Mon-Thurs 9 am- 3 pm.

First Footings Shelter Update

Due to the response we had on Sunday during the drive through donations, The Shelter is at capacity for storage of non-perishable food items at this time. We will keep you posted about food needs and other immediate needs on a regular basis. Thanks so much to the congregation of St. John's for their loving generosity to those in need.

NURTURE

The Stations of the Cross are drawings/paintings installed on large crosses that wrap around the curb of St. John's, beginning on Lee Street. The Stations will be available until Good Friday. Liturgy will be available as a print out and online. You may participate at your convenience, or you are welcome to join the Education for Ministry group each Friday at 6 p.m. to walk as a group.

No Greater Love | February 21 - March 28 | Sundays at 10am on Zoom

Why did Christ die for us? What did his death accomplish? What was the meaning behind the tearing of the temple veil and the crowning with thorns? Join Adrian J. Quintanilla, as he presents and leads discussion on the meaning of Christ's Passion and events centered around his death. Adrian will be presenting from the book *No Greater Love* by Edward Sri. No books are needed for this teaching.

Loving On Our Valentines

Grab a heart or ask for a name from Cheryl Smith. We are asking the congregation to place these special children on your "heart" and pray for them daily as we move towards Easter - pray for love of God, grace, joy-filled heart, warm caring relationships, etc. If you would like to send a card, reach out to cheryl@stjohnsnb.com for an address. You can drop the card off at the church and it will be mailed.

Children's Ministry Sunday School

Prerecorded videos will be uploaded along with some live offerings on the Children's Ministry FB page. Something new this year will be the opportunity to flower the cross the Saturday before Easter. Families can bring flowers along with their Alleluia butterfly and be part of Easter Sunday even if you do not attend in person. Times will be announced.

Children's Ministry Facebook Page

If you haven't joined this group, please request and I can add you. This is a closed group so children can post pictures, artwork safely and information about upcoming children's events is updated often. We will be using this page for some Lent and Holy Week activities. If you are not on Facebook and would like to receive videos/announcements in a different format, please reach out to me.

Youth Group | Biweekly on Sundays at 6pm

Youth Group is meeting biweekly on Zoom (March 7, March 21). Zoom details are sent in reminders and weekly emails from emma@stjohnsnb.com. Email Emma if you'd like to be added to her email list!

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