

Third Sunday in Lent | A Penitential Order: Rite I

St. John's Episcopal Church | March 7, 2021 | 8:45 A.M. and 11 A.M.

OPENING HYMN | Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (v. 1, 2, 3)

Hymn 690

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this harren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand; bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong deliverer, strong deliverer. be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee.

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

BCP p 317

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 BCP p. 320

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 consolution of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON BCP p. 324

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP p. 167

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING | 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.

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

PSALM 19 | in unison

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1 The heavens declare the glory of God, * and the firmament shows his handiwork.

3 Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

2 One day tells its tale to another, * and one night imparts knowledge to another.

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.

SECOND LESSON | 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.

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

GOSPEL HYMN | As Longs The Deer For Cooling Streams (v. 1)

Hymn 658

As longs the deer for cooling streams in parched and barren ways, so longs my soul, O God, for thee and thy refreshing grace.

THE HOLY GOSPEL | John 2:13-22

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Lucy Strandlund

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.

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.

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.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

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 | 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 BCP p 332

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

8:45am | He Love Me with A Cross (Joel Lindsey and Sue Smith) 11am | In Christ Alone (Keith Getty, Stuart Townend) 3350395 St. John's Worship Choir Ian Flores

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-129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

God of power and might,

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

heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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 Spark (Jason Saenz, Matt Bronleewe, Sara Haze, Todd Clark) 7023446

Is this the spark where it begins We find freedom from our sins Is this the place I finally trust Your presence is enough to

Speak light in my darkness Speak life till I know

There's strength for my weakness

Slow down oh my soul

You are where my soul finds rest You are where I lay my head Your grace lets me catch my breath Lets me fall into your arms again God, my life shall not roam

Lead me where your waters run

You, yourself and nothing less

All my life I'll fight to rest

Speak light in my darkness Speak life till I know

There's strength for my weakness

Slow down oh my soul Slow down my soul

You are where my soul finds rest You are where I lay my head Your grace lets me catch my breath Lets me fall into your arms again Tell me your love will never fail me I'm safe here in your mercy

You're keeping me alive

I need to feel your peace within me Calm the fears that haunt me

Clear away the lies

Tell me your love is in my bloodstream

It's burning up my heartheat Bringing me your light

You are where my soul finds rest You are where I lay my head Your grace lets me catch my breath Lets me fall into your arms again

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

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.

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 | How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord (v 1, 2, 5)

Hymn 637

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

What more can he say than to you he hath said,

to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;

that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

THE DISMISSAL BCP p 339

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 preceeding Wednesday. Sign ups are required for a variety of reasons and we will not be able to accomodate 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.

Vestry Meeting March 9, 2021 at 6:30pm on Zoom. Email office@stjohnsnb.com for details.

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

Camp Capers Nails and Prayers Retreat | April 9-11, 2021

A service-oriented weekend for men (ages 18 and up) to help Camp Capers and experience an enjoyable weekend away. Work projects may include grounds clean-up, trail maintenance on the Brinsmade Sanctuary and meditation trail, stocking firewood for campfires and Steves Hall, landscaping, and gardening. Register at dwtx.org/events

NURTURE

Newcomers Welcome Events are an opportunity for newcomers to get to know other newcomers as well as current members in a small group setting.

Virtual on Zoom (March 21 from 5-6pm)

In-Person in Church Parking Lot (April 11 from 12:30-2pm) Email heidiforgione@gmail.com for RSVP details.

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.

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 Cheryl Smith 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. The page will also be used for some Lent and Holy Week activites. If you are not on Facebook and would like to receive videos/annoucements in a a different format, please reach out to Cheryl at cheryl@stjohnsnb.com

Youth Group Holy Hikes | Today following the 11am service at Guadalupe State Park The youth will follow a Holy Hikes curriculum, which is a Bible Study and mindfulness practice that is completed outdoors. More details in the Children & Youth Newsletter that was sent earlier this week. Email emma@stjohnsnb.com for more information.

If you do not receive our weekly eNews via email, please reach out to office@stjohnsnb.com to make sure you're on our list.