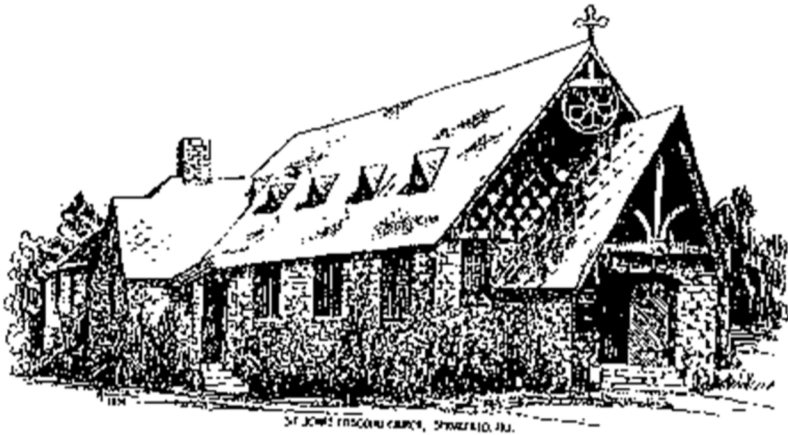


The Second Sunday in Lent

Mass ~ Rite I ~ Year C
March 16, 2025, 10:30 a.m.



Saint John’s Episcopal Church

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THE ENTRANCE RITE

Silent Processional

[standing]

Opening Hymn

“The God of Abraham praise”

Hymnal 401

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Salutation

Prayer Book 319

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People: His mercy endureth for ever.

The Decalogue

Prayer Book 317

Offertory Sentence (1John 1:8-9)

Prayer Book 320

Confession of Sin

Prayer Book 320

Kyrie eleison [Sung at 10:30 am, Music is in the pews.]

Prayer Book 324

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day [Kneel as able]

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

[seated]

The First Lesson Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half

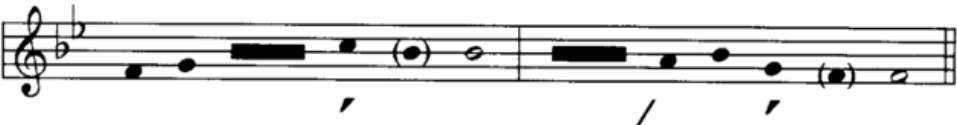
over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.”

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

The Psalm 27



- 1a The LORD is my light and my salvation;
— / whom then shall I fear? *
- † 1b the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then / shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who / stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart / shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I / put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the / days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him / in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me / high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies / round about me.

Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, holy, holy [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.]
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

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

The Lord’s Prayer [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.] Prayer Book 336
The Breaking of the Bread Prayer Book 337
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) [Sung at 10:30 a.m. only, Music in the pews.] Prayer Book 337

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

If you have been baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Communion Hymn [Stand as able.] “And now, O Father” Hymnal 337
The Postcommunion Prayer [Kneel as able.] Prayer Book 339

Solemn Prayer over the People
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.**

Closing Hymn [Stand as able.] “God of grace and God of glory” Hymnal 594

Dismissal
Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God

long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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

The Sequence Hymn “O Love of God” Hymnal 455

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Saint Luke 13:31-35 [Stand as able.]

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon [seated] Dr. Victor Matthews

The Nicene Creed [Stand as able.] Prayer Book 326

The Prayers of the People Prayer Book 328

Let us say together the Collect for Grace and Guidance for St. John’s Rector Search.

Lord of abundant love, Creator of all that is good and provider of all our needs, who has always raised up prophets and priests to lead your people, foremost of all, Christ the Good Shepherd. You have enlivened and surprised your people by the Holy Spirit and know better than we do the needs of this parish.

Bless and guide the hearts and minds of the search committee, the vestry, and the parish, granting us the gifts of wisdom, discernment, listening, trust, and mutual regard that we might be led to a faithful priest who will care for your people and equip us for our collective journey, guiding us closer to you through liturgy and service. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Silence.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Peace Prayer Book 332

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Anthem “O Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem” Moonyeen Albrecht
Offertory Hymn “O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns” Hymnal 590

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer Book 333
Eucharistic Prayer I

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gládnness; *
I will sing and make / music tó the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I cáll; *
have mercy on / me and ánsver me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, “Séek my face,” *
Your / face, LORD, wíll I seek.

12 Hide not your fáce from me, *
nor turn away your servant / in displéasure.

13 You have been my helper;
cast me nót away; *
do not forsake me, O God of / my salvátion.

14 Though my father and my mother forsáke me, *
the LORD / will sustáin me.

15 Show me your way, O LÓRD; *
lead me on a level path, because / of my énemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversáries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those / who speak málice.

17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LÓRD *
in the land / of the líving!

18 O tarry and await the LORD’s pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort yóur heart; *
wait pa/tiently fór the LORD. [Ant.]

The Epistle Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and