



**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
1623 Carmel Road \* Charlotte, NC 28226  
[StJE.org](http://StJE.org) \* 704-366-3034

## The First Sunday in Lent

8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

March 9, A.D. 2025

**Welcome to worship!** We pray that our time of worship will express praise and thanks to God for the gift of Christ, and help you live a more faithful and abundant life.

**If you are a visitor,** please know that we are delighted that you are here. We know that following the beautiful and ancient worship of the Episcopal Church is not always easy for those unfamiliar with the Anglican tradition. Please do not feel obligated to do anything but to enjoy the service reverently and expectantly.

**We invite newcomers** to fill out a visitor's card, found on the table in the back, and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of our ushers or clergy.

**If you have young children,** please know they are more than welcome at St. John's. Changing stations are available in the bathrooms. A nursery for children ages 3 and younger is available in Room 208 on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please see an usher to help you locate the nursery.

**Please be advised** that the 10:15 Sunday Service is live-streamed to St. John's web site, Facebook and YouTube accounts.

**8:00 & 10:15 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist: Rite I**  
**The Word of God**

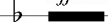

Organ Voluntary

*O Man, bewail thy grievous fall*



J. S. Bach

The Great Litany (Responses sung by ALL)



Book of Common Prayer, Page 148

*Officiant*  *People* 



O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People* 


O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People* 


O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant*  *People* 


O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* 


Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

*People* 


preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

*Officiant* 

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the



devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

*People* 

Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

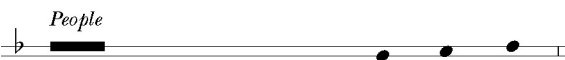
From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,  
**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,



We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,  
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

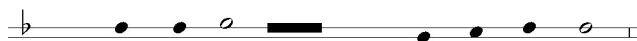
**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John the Evangelist, and all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

**We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**



*Officiant* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

*People* Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

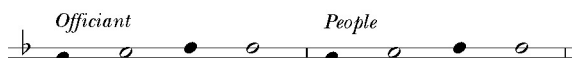


O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.



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



O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



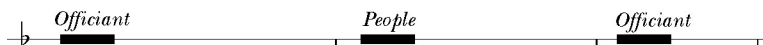
*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*People* Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Officiant* Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

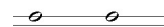
## The Collect of the Day

Page 166



The Lord be with you. And with thy spirit. Let us pray.

*Celebrant* Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



A - men.

## Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

NRSV

Moses said, "When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall

make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 *Qui habitat* (spoken at 8:00) Page 719

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the /Most High, \*  
abides under the shadow of the Al/mighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,  
“You are my refuge and my /stronghold, \*  
my God in whom I put my /trust.”
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your /refuge, \*  
and the Most High your habi/tation,
- 10 There shall no evil /happen to you, \*  
neither shall any plague come near your /dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels /charge over you, \*  
to keep you in all your /ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their /hands, \*  
lest you dash your foot against a /stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and /adder; \*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under /your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,  
therefore will I de/liver him; \*  
I will protect him, because he knows my /Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will /answer him; \*  
I am with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and bring him to /honor.
- 16 With long life will I /satisfy him, \*  
and show him my sal/vation.



© 1956, Jerome Webster Meachen.

New Testament Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

NRSV

“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God

raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

*Reader*     **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

(8:00) Verse: Man shall not live by bread alone, \*  
                  but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (*Matthew 4:4*).

(10:15) Hymn 142                    *Lord, who throughout these forty days*                    St. Flavian

**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.**

**As thou with Satan didst contend, and didst the victory win,  
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.**

**As thou didst hunger bear and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,  
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.**

**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!**

—*Claudia Frances Herneman, +1898. Public domain.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

NRSV

*Reader*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command

his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd

The Nicene Creed

Page 326

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.**

Rite of Welcoming and Enrollment of Candidates in the Catechumenate

*The candidates come forward with their sponsors. The senior warden presents the candidates to the Presider.*

*Senior Warden* Fr. Peter, I present to you the following candidates: Missy Farrell, Rick Farrell, Mary-Evelyn Floyd, Henry Horne, Lou Horne, Kathy Lampron, Patrick Lancaster, Joseph Linz, Shepherd Lofton, Rachel Michaels, and Deb Smith. They are baptized members of the Body of Christ who are growing in their understanding of our call as Christians and seeking to enter the Catechumenate, a period of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows.

*Presider* Candidates, what do you seek?

*Answer* **Deeper life in Christ.**

*Presider* In Baptism, you died with Christ to the forces of evil and rose to new life as members of his Body. Are you prepared to commit yourself to a life-long process of following the apostles' teaching, fellowship, and prayer?

*Answer* **I will, with God's help.**



*Presider* Will you attend the worship of God regularly with us to hear the Word and celebrate the mystery of Christ's dying and rising?

*Answer* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you join us in our life of service to those who are powerless and outcast and work for justice and peace?

*Answer* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you strive to set an example for us as a follower of Jesus?

*Answer* **I will, with God's help.**

*Presider (to the sponsors)* You have been chosen to serve as companions to these persons. Will you support them by prayer and example and help them to grow in the knowledge and love of God?

*Sponsors* **We will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you join them in deepening the promises made at their baptisms as they learn about the Christian faith and the Episcopal Church, its customs, history, theology, liturgy, and how it is a faithful expression of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church?

*Sponsors* **We will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you actively encourage them to attend worship regularly to hear God's Word and to give thanks for the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord?

*Sponsors* **We will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you help them nurture a life of service to their neighbors, especially the powerless, the outcasts, and those most in need, as they strive to work for justice and peace, respecting the dignity of every human being?

*Sponsors* **We will, with God's help.**

*Presider* Will you accompany these candidates on the Way and help them to renew their commitment to Christ?

*Sponsors* **We will, with God's help.**

*Presentation of gifts (Anglican Rosaries and Books of Common Prayer)*

*Presider* Let us pray. O God, who prepared thy disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of thy Son Jesus Christ: Ready the hearts and minds of these thy servants that during the Catechumenate they may be sustained by the grace of the Holy Spirit, persevere in the knowledge of Christ's love, and rejoice in all thy blessings on the day of their Confirmation, Reception, or the Renewal of their Baptismal Vows; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Sponsors for 2025 are Jackie John (Mary-Evelyn Floyd); Jamey Graves (Henry Horne); Chris Williams (Patrick Lancaster); Rachel Michaels (Lou Horne); Fr. Brad Smith (for adults).*

## The Peace

Page 332

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

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*(All gathered may greet one another in the Name of the Lord.)*

Birthdays/Anniversary Prayer—**O God, our times are in thy hand: Look with favor, we pray, on thy servant(s) as *they* celebrate(s) another year. Grant that *they* may continue to grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in thy goodness all the days of *their lives*; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(10:15) Children's Sermon

## The Holy Communion

(10:15) Offertory Anthems *Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord*

Richard Farrant

*Call to remembrance*

Hide not thou thyself from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servant in thy displeasure. For we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy's sake deliver us from all our sins.  
—*The Book of Common Prayer, 1559*

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindness, which hath been ever of old. O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to thy mercy think thou on me, O Lord.—*Psalm 25:5-6, Coverdale Version, 1535*

Hymn 707

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated*

Hollingside

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;  
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

—*Frances Ridley Havargal, +1879, altered.*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer II

page 340

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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 saying,

S-114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan, +1968. Copyright ©1928, 1956 by Oxford University Press.  
Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-711238.

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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Page 336

**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

Page 337

Fraction anthem: Agnus Dei

Page 337

S-158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
 world, grant us thy peace.

From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan, +1968. Copyright ©1928, 1956 by Oxford University Press.  
 Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-711238.

### Invitation to Communion

*All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to receive Communion. Please stand to receive Communion. The bread will be placed on your palm. Then you may depart or wait to receive the cup, grasping the base to guide it to your lips. If you want the minister to dip the wafer in the wine, please keep the bread in your hand, and s/he will dip the wafer and place it between your fingers or on your tongue. Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest. If you would like to receive gluten free bread, please tell the priest.*

### (10:15) Communion Hymns

Hymn 140

*Wilt thou forgive that sin?*

Donne

**Wilt thou forgive that sin, where I begun, which is my sin, though it were done before?  
 Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?  
 When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.**

**Wilt thou forgive that sin, by which I won others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
 Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
 When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.**

**I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
 swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore.  
 And having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.**

—*John Donne, +1631. Public domain.*

Hymn 150

*Forty days and forty nights*

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich

**Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild;  
 forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.**

Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,  
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call!  
Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fall!

So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;  
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side;  
that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

—George Hunt Smytton, +1870, altered. Public domain

*Jesus walked this lonesome valley*

Lonesome valley

Jesus walked this lonesome valley; he had to walk it by himself.  
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him; he had to walk it by himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley; we have to walk it by ourselves.  
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us; we have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial; you have to stand it by yourself.  
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you; you have to stand it by yourself.

—American folk hymn. Public domain.

Hymn 325

*Let us break bread together on our knees*

Let us break bread

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees;  
when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; . . .

Let us praise God together on our knees; . . .

—African-American spiritual. Public domain.

Commissioning of Home Communion Visitors

*When Communion is to be taken to homebound parishioners, Eucharistic ministers will be sent forth from our gathering with the consecrated bread using these words:*

*Celebrant:* In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Body and Blood of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share one bread, and one cup.**

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 Priest gives the blessing . . . Amen.*

Hymn 448

*O Love, how deep, how broad, how high*

Deus tuorum militum

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore;  
for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

—*Latin, 15th century; translated by Benjamin Webb, +1885, altered. Public domain.*

The Dismissal: **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

*If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Bach

<p><b>Looking ahead to the Second Sunday in Lent, March 16</b> Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35</p>
--

<p><b>Download all St. John's Lenten offerings here: <a href="http://StJE.org/adults">StJE.org/adults</a></b></p>
---

## LENTEN OFFERINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

**LATTES IN LENT—A Daily Zoom Gathering, Weekdays in Lent, 12:00-12:45 p.m.**  
ZOOM ID: 817 2388 4337

Though Easter (like Christmas) is often trivialized by the culture at large, it is still the high point of the Christian calendar. As such, there can be no Easter without Lent. A penitential time for self-denial, soul-searching, and spiritual preparation, Lent is often observed by daily reading and regular time for prayer and reflection. *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter* is a collection of Christianity's most profound contemplatives, thinkers, and scholars (past and present) that is sure to satisfy the hunger for a meaningful experience of the season.

Bring your lunch, a cup of coffee, or whatever you like, as we take a mid-day break from the daily routine and gather with others in sharing and reflection. No registration required—just show up. Go to [tinyurl.com/yck4jz3t](https://tinyurl.com/yck4jz3t) to order your copy.

**ADULT FORUM, 9:15 a.m.—Sundays, March 9-April 6**

For over 1,500 years, Christians have looked to St. Benedict, the patriarch of Western monasticism, for spiritual wisdom. And rightly so: his Rule has shown how one may experience a simple, holy, and common sense life, despite the increasingly busy pace of our daily existence. We'll be reflecting on Scripture readings for Lent and Easter and pairing them with a daily selection from the cherished writings of St. Benedict. We'll be encouraged to set aside time each day to reflect upon a specific Scripture passage while providing a suggested activity for Christian living during the Lenten season. In the Lent/Easter seasons when we focus on Christ's great sacrifice for our salvation, we can renew our alertness to the many ways in which our own lives can model his and be other-centered. And like St. Benedict we can come to know God's Spirit through the habit of prayer and meditation.

**WALK THE LABYRINTH—Available 24/7/365 on the patio outside the Parish Hall** The outdoor labyrinth is available as a tool for your spiritual journeying during Lent—or any time, day or night, given the illumination afforded by the security light mounted above it.

**LECTIO DIVINA—Thursdays, 9:00-10:00 a.m., Zoom, Fr. Brad Smith.**

“Divine reading” is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with the “ear of the heart,” as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. The method of Lectio Divina includes moments of reading (lectio), reflecting on (meditatio), responding to (oratio) and resting in (contemplatio) the Word of God with the aim of nourishing and deepening one's relationship with the Divine. This is a Zoom program. Contact Fr. Brad for an introduction and for the Zoom link.

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT DAILY MEDITATIONS IN LENT—[episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/](https://episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/)** Sign up to have a daily meditation delivered to your e-mail.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR  
PARTY WITH A PURPOSE SILENT AUCTION!

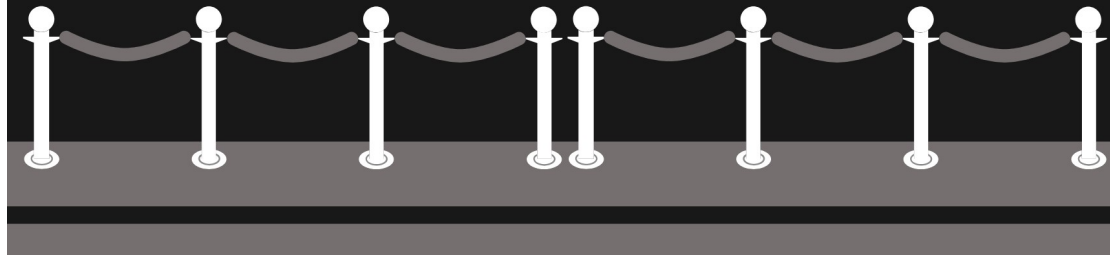
# LIGHTS, CAMERA... AUCTION!

Supporting our 2025 Belize Mission Team  
Saturday, April 26th 7:00-9:30 PM

25.00 in advance, 30.00 at the door!  
Light bites, open bar, and access to our silent auction!

Tickets available now on Realm!

WITH SPECIAL GUEST:



## PARISH LIFE at St. John's

News and Announcements

Priceless!

**The Great Litany** opens our worship today. The oldest liturgy in the English language, it was written five years before the first *Book of Common Prayer*. Once required for every Sunday, we pray it today to observe the beginning of the Lenten season.

**Each Sunday Breakfast** is offered 8:45-9:45 a.m. Christian Education for all ages is offered at 9:15.

**Children** (age 3 to first grade) are invited to meet in the Children's Chapel. **Explorers** (grades 1-5) meet in Room 208. Both groups meet at 10:10 a.m. and join the service during the Peace each Sunday.

**Operation Sandwich** – Join the Outreach Committee in Tilson Hall today at 11:30 a.m. to assemble sandwiches for the homeless.

**The Way Forward Presents Forward Facts:** “As an American, I inherit the magnificent tradition of an endless march toward freedom and toward the dignity of all mankind. My faith has been tempered in the crucible of a martial struggle for dignity. I have seen free men stand with courage and determination against forces of oppression. I have seen the humblest of men prove to be towers of strength when standing for the right as they saw it”—*The Rev.*

*Dr. Pauli Murray, Episcopal priest and activist.* The Way Forward meets the third Wednesday of the month. Join us on Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309 for a viewing of the movie “The Six Triple Eight” and a discussion on “Seeing Christ in the Other.”

**Wednesday Night Supper!**— March 12. Menu: minestrone soup, steak subs, salad, dessert. Supper is served 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

**Hagar's Basket** served 251 families February 15. Please help by giving \$money\$ or donating personal hygiene items or cleaning products. Collection bins are near the door with the blue awning. March's stocking day is Thursday, March 13; distribution day is Saturday, March 15. Contact Erin Richardson to volunteer.

**Nourish Up** (Loaves & Fishes at Galilee Center) needs canned goods and volunteers. Contact Louise Palmer to join.

**Centering Prayer** meets in the parish hall Mondays at 3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m.

**Merry Oaks Elementary** - Volunteer tutors needed for 10 students. Tutor in person or virtually 1 hour per week after 1 hour of training. For details see [heartmathtutoring.org/charlotte/#volunteer](http://heartmathtutoring.org/charlotte/#volunteer)

**Crisis Assistance Ministries** – Volunteers needed the second Wednesday of each month, especially younger participants! Contact Kay Norwood to help.

**Want to publicize something to the parish?** Send an e-mail to [communications@stje.org](mailto:communications@stje.org) to inform Jamey, Alan, and Louise, and get your information into the bulletin, the web site, and the e-ouncements.

**Newcomers Lunch, Sunday, March 23,** 11:30 a.m. in Tilson Hall. All newcomers are invited to meet staff and vestry and enjoy lunch together. Please register at [tinyurl.com/wr944ffk](http://tinyurl.com/wr944ffk)

**Lectio Divina** Bible study meets via Zoom each Thursday, 9:00-10:00 a.m. The Zoom link is in the weekly announcements.

**Let Us Pray** - The Intercessory Prayer Team would love to pray for you! Fill out a prayer card from the church pews or e-mail the church office. All requests are confidential. New team members are welcome.

**Wednesday Night Book Club, March 26,** 6:00-7:00 p.m. in Room 315. Discuss *Mr. Texas* by Lawrence Wright, as well as other books members are enjoying. This book club is open to all, so consider this your invitation to join us for our conversation and camaraderie!

## How to Receive Communion

To receive the bread alone.



To drink from the chalice, please help guide it to your lips.



To receive a blessing only (no bread or wine) or to decline the chalice.



### For Intinction

Please leave the bread in your hands. The chalice bearer will take it from you dip it in the wine, and return it to you. Do not attempt to dip the bread in the chalice yourself.



To receive gluten free bread, just ask the priest.



### Clerics

The Rev. Peter M. Floyd, Rector  
The Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, Senior Associate Rector  
The Rev. Wendy Merrill, Deacon

### Musicians

Mr. Alan C. Reed, Organist and Choirmaster  
Ms. Angela Swicegood, Assisting Organist  
Ms. Tracy Reed, Assistant for Children's Choirs  
Ms. Madeline Seconi, Soprano Section Leader  
Mr. Greg McAbee, Master of the Choirs of Bell and Chime  
Mr. Jamey Graves, Parish Administrator & Music Associate

If you would like to contribute digitally to the general offering, just scan the QR code below with your smart phone.



You may also pay from our web site or mail a check to the church office.

### Vestry

Fred Alexander (Sr. Warden), Brian Emigh, Mary Jane Gommel, Bill Grant (Treasurer), Kathleen Harrington, Grant Hawgood, John Horn (Jr. Warden), Suzy Johnson (Clerk), Greg McAbee (Endowment), Steve Nason, John Newton, Cindy Winslow (Pre-school board)



## St. John's Episcopal Church

1623 Carmel Road  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28226  
Web site: [StJE.org](http://StJE.org) 704-366-3034

March 9, A.D. 2025