



St. John's Episcopal Church
297 Lowell Avenue
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The Second Sunday in Lent
March 17, 2019

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To Our Visitors

Welcome to St. John's today! The Episcopal Church is rich in tradition and liturgy. This is a blessing, but it can be confusing for newcomers. If you are not familiar with Episcopal worship services, these notes may be helpful.

The service is taken from the red *Book of Common Prayer*, music is from the blue book, *Hymnal 1982* and from the green book, *Wonder, Love & Praise*. In the Order of Service, readings from the *Prayer Book* are identified by the abbreviation *BCP* before the page number; selections from the *Hymnal* are preceded by the word *hymn*, and from *Wonder, Love & Praise* by *WLP*. Service music is in the front of the *Hymnal* and is noted with an *S* before each number.

All who seek God are welcome to receive Communion. Children are invited to come to the rail to receive Communion or a blessing, at the discretion of their parents. At the rail you may stand or kneel. The priest will serve you the consecrated bread and then an assistant will serve the consecrated wine. If you need to remain in your pew to receive Communion, please make this known to an usher.

Many people kneel and cross themselves at various times during the service. This is each worshipper's personal choice. If standing or kneeling is uncomfortable, feel free to sit.

We love and welcome children. We provide professional nursery care downstairs for children to age 4, and Christian Education for children in Kindergarten through sixth grade. We hope your family will feel at home. If you would like to make use of the nursery during the service or enroll your children in Sunday School, please talk to an usher.

We hope you will join us in the Loring Room after the service for coffee. You can reach the Loring Room by using the door at the front of the church on the right.

Order of Worship

Prelude Prelude on “Leoni”

George Thalben-Ball

All rise when the procession enters in silence.

Hymn 401 “The God of Abraham praise”

Leoni

A Penitential Order, BCP, p. 351

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People: **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

The people kneel or stand.

The Confession

The confession is introduced by the lay reader saying: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,**

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Absolution

Hymn S-86 Kyrie eleison

David Hurd

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things 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.”

Psalm 27

Dominus illuminatio

Anglican Chant



- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then ' shall I ' fear?*
- the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then ' shall I ' be a'fraid?
- 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 en'camp a'gainst me,*
yet my ' heart shall not ' be a'fraid;
- 4 And though war should rise ' up a'gainst 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 up'on a ' rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts ' up my ' head*
 above my ' enemies ' round a'bout me.
- †9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
 with ' sounds of great ' gladness;*
 I will sing and make ' music ' to the ' LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O ' LORD, when I ' call;*
 have ' mercy on ' me and ' answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, ' "Seek my ' face,"*
 Your ' face, LORD, ' will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your ' face ' from me,*
 nor turn away your ' servant ' in dis'pleasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;
 cast me ' not a'way;*
 do not forsake me, O ' God of ' my sal'vation.
- †14 Though my father and my ' mother for'sake me,*
 the ' LORD ' will sus'tain me.
- 15 Show me your ' way, O ' LORD;*
 lead me on a level ' path, be'cause of my ' enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the ' hand of my ' adversaries,*
 for false witnesses have risen up against me,
 and also ' those who ' speak ' malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
 that I should see the ' goodness of the ' LORD*
 in the ' land ' of the ' living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
 be strong, and he shall ' comfort your ' heart;*
 wait ' patiently ' for the ' LORD.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

All standing, the Celebrant reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Nancy Gossling

The Nicene Creed, BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Leader: As brothers and sisters of Christ, let us do the will of God by interceding in a spirit of faith for the needs of all. For this holy gathering and for the people of God in every place;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all nations, peoples, tribes, clans, and families, that all may find the ground of their common identity in the risen Christ;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the work and witness of the church throughout the world; for the ministry and gifts of all the baptized; and for those who serve the church in ordained ministries: deacons, priests, Alan and Gayle, our bishops, and Michael, our presiding bishop;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all that is good and bountiful in the world;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all those in danger and need, the sick, especially **Michael, Edwin, Devon, Diane, Joan, Sara, Phyllis, Margaret, Cathy, Philip, Hank, Ann, Suzanne & Grant, Betsy, Peggy, Nick, Alyssa, Tom, Karen, Lee, Judy, Elizabeth, Phoebe, Barbara, Gary, Peter, Richard, Charlotte,** and the suffering, the hungry and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the dying and the dead;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love;

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint John the Evangelist, and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People: **To you, O Lord.**

The celebrant offers a concluding collect.

The Peace

The celebrant greets the people saying: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greetings

Offertory Anthem: Thou my everlasting portion

Opal Davis

Hymn 380 The Doxology (v. 3)

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Hymn S-124 Sanctus and Benedictus

David Hurd

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

The celebrant introduces the prayer saying: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: **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.**

Hymn S-161 Agnus Dei

Hurd

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace.**

- All people who seek God are welcome at the Lord's Table in this place. -

Communion of the People

Communion Motet: Ave verum corpus

W. A. Mozart

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn 571 "All who love and serve your city"

Charlestown

Lenten Prayer

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Dismissal

Silent Recession

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on "Turn back, O man" (Old 104th)

Healey Willan

Please join us after the service for coffee and light refreshments in the Loring Room, located via the door at the front of the church on your right. You are welcome to take this leaflet with you for your reflection on the scripture readings during the week and for a reminder of coming events.



Today's Woman in Music

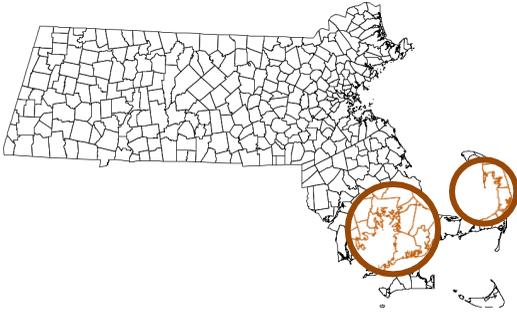
Opal S. Davis (b. 1952), the composer of today's offertory anthem, has been playing for church services since the age of nine. She has served as organist at First Christian Church, Hopkinsville, KY for over twenty years. She studied organ with the noted concert organist and pedagogue Wilma Jensen.



Prayer Requests

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham
St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet
Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole (Falmouth)
Diocesan Congregational Consultants
For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged



The Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the faithful in the following countries:
Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

Birthdays:

Everett Gilpin, 3/20
Hannah Goeselt, 3/20
Peter Brown, 3/22
Jennifer Morgan, 3/23

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer

We Pray for the Church of England.



Pray for Healing:

...remembering especially **Michael** Matuzek, **Edwin** Matuzek, **Devon** Merrick, **Diane** Joyce, **Joan** Schmid, **Sara** Winslow Adams, **Phyllis** Dumas, **Margaret** Fitzgerald, **Cathy** Gallant, **Philip** Lanyon, **Hank** Ullman, **Ann** Olson, **Suzanne** Seckel Rodkey & **Grant** Rodkey, **Betsy**, **Peggy** Mills, **Nick**, **Alyssa**, **Tom** Rieley, **Karen** Medin, **Lee** Barstow, **Judy** Stanton, **Elizabeth** Nill, **Phoebe**, **Barbara**, **Gary** Ruppert, **Peter**, **Richard**, and **Charlotte** Hudson.

Prayers for the Departed:

...remembering especially **MaryAnn** Wright Harding.

Lent at Saint John's Church

- March 17** **The Second Sunday in Lent**
8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- March 24** **The Third Sunday in Lent**
8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- March 31** **The Fourth Sunday in Lent • Refreshment Sunday**
8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- April 7** **The Fifth Sunday in Lent**
8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- April 14** **The Sunday of the Passion • Palm Sunday**
 No 8:00 a.m. Service
10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms, Procession, and Holy Eucharist Rite II
- April 18** **Maundy Thursday at Saint John's Church**
7:30 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 with Trinity Church and the Parish of Saint Paul
- April 19** **Good Friday at Trinity Church**
12:00 pm Good Friday, Prayer Book Liturgy
 with Trinity Church and the Parish of Saint Paul
 Good Friday at Saint Paul's Church
7:30 pm Voices from the Foot of the Cross
 with Trinity Church and the Parish of Saint Paul
- April 20** **Holy Saturday Evening at Saint Paul's Church**
8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter
 with Trinity Church and the Parish of Saint Paul
- April 21** **The Sunday of the Resurrection • Easter Day**
 No 8:00 a.m. Service
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Notices

Church School News:

This Sunday, the older children are learning about the Apostles' travels in the Gospel of Luke, and the younger children are learning about the life of Jesus. We invite children from preschool on up to join. If you have any questions or ideas about the program, or are willing to volunteer, please contact Jennifer Morgan at jmmorgan321@aol.com. If you have questions regarding the younger children's group, contact Jan Gilpin at jgilpin@gilp.net.

Education for Ministry:

The Education for Ministry (EfM) seminar group will hold an open house on Monday, March 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Loring Room. Experience a taste of seminar life and Theological Reflection. The program is for adults who commit to a four-year program, one academic year at a time. Annual tuition, including all texts, is under \$400. Some scholarship funds are available. Each week, we spend time in study, worship, and reflection exploring how our faith can intersect with our day to day life. Please visit us to learn more!

St. John's Sermon Group:

Welcome to Lent. This is a pious time in our calendar and an ideal moment to meet and discern scripture. Laura has offered to preach Good Friday service, so we want to prepare her for this significant day. We will meet this Sunday (17th) after coffee hour in the rector's office and go over the readings for this service. These meetings are open to anyone wishing to participate in detailed parsing of scripture and how they relate to today's society. What are key points and what is scripture telling us what to do tomorrow?

Book Group Meeting:

The Next St. John's Book Group Meeting will be Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m. We will be discussing "Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk" and author Kathleen Rooney.

Please come and join us in the Loring Room for a lively discussion and refreshments! All are welcome!

Courageous Conversations:

Are you interested in learning more about racial justice? Courageous Conversations is continuing their "monthly series of dialogue-centered initiatives on racism and privilege...designed to address racial healing, equity, and justice." The events are in Milton, MA and Mattapan, MA. To find out about their upcoming programs, please visit their website: <https://www.courageousconversations-milton.org>



St. John's Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 17

- 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
St. John's Sermon Group (*Loring room*)
5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (*DiMauro hall*)

Monday, March 18

- 6:30-8:30 pm EfM Meeting & Open House (*Loring room*)

Wednesday, March 20

- 5:45-7 pm Girl Scouts' Meeting (*Lower hall*)
7:30-9 pm Boundless Way Zen (*DiMauro hall*)

Thursday, March 21

- 7:30-9 pm Choir Rehearsal (*DiMauro hall*)

Sunday, March 24

- 8:00 am Contemplative Eucharist, Rite II
10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II
5:00 pm OA Group Meeting (*DiMauro hall*)

Participants in this Sunday's service:

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Nancy Gossling
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Kate Reeder
<i>Lector</i>	Kevin McGee
<i>Acolyte</i>	Tristan McGee
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Cleo Messinger
<i>Music Director</i>	Jeffrey Mills
<i>Ushers</i>	Alastair Battson Nancy Bowler-Goeselt
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Marianne Bees
<i>Collections</i>	Kevin McGee Cleo Messinger
<i>Wardens</i>	Laura Brewer Brian Goeselt

Participants in next Sunday's service:

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Rev. Nancy Gossling
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Brian Goeselt
<i>Lector</i>	Jane Huston
<i>Acolyte</i>	Toby Gilpin
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Patty Schoeck
<i>Music Director</i>	Jeffrey Mills
<i>Ushers</i>	Tom Wood Alec Schoeck
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Rhys Bowen
<i>Collections</i>	Phoebe Robinson-Foley
<i>Wardens</i>	Laura Brewer Brian Goeselt



Saint John's Parish Directory

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The Rt. Reverend Alan M. Gates, Bishop of Massachusetts

The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris, Suffragan Bishop of Massachusetts

All baptized members of St. John's are ministers of the Parish

The Rev. Dr. David A. Killian, Bridge Priest

The Rev. Nancy Gossling, Supply Priest

Laura Brewer, Brian Goeselt, Wardens

Kevin McGee, Treasurer

Cleo Messinger, Clerk

Alastair Battson, Rhys Bowen, Phoebe Robinson Foley

Jan Gilpin, Kate Reeder, Alec Schoeck

Vestry Members

Jeffrey Mills, Organist and Choirmaster

Joshua Caudill, Parish Administrator

Licensed Lay Readers/Eucharistic Ministers:

Laura Brewer, Brian Goeselt, Marina Matuzek,

Abby Strayer, Tim Strayer, Jessica Zabchuk Dion